

Euphemisms distort and deny life's realities

It certainly sounds like the right thing to do, coming up with a euphemism, that is.

Using a word or phrase to avoid saying something offensive or unpleasant. But all too often the words or phrases are not only imprecise but misleading as well.

Saying that someone has "passed on" or "passed away" or "gone to his rest" may avoid a lot of anguish in explaining what death and dying mean but the lack of clarity is obvious in those euphemisms only denies reality.

And notice all the effort we make to accommodate drunkenness. A person is "under the weather" or "under the table." He might be a "social drinker with a lot of friends." Getting out from under "something might be a remedy for drunkenness and cutting down on the number of friends might be a return to sobriety but drunkenness comes from drinking too much alcohol.

THE USE of euphemisms in sexual matters is equally distorting. "Having an affair" is used to describe adultery and makes it sound as harmless as an afternoon teatime.

There are many who would like to believe that but aggressive persons seldom confuse afternoon tea with the radical distortion of love and trust so obvious in adultery.

"Living together" is equally as distorting and misleading. "Playing house" might be more accurate because the mere juxtaposition of bodies is hardly living and the refusal to wed together in public form the lives involved is hardly being together. And further, the phrase is society's apparent stamp of approval on what is either adultery or fornication.

"SEXUALLY active" might describe the difference between teenagers who are promiscuous and those who are not, but it certainly does not



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help them understand or appreciate the nature of sex. Human sexuality is a lot more than sexual intercourse and to suggest that only those who do fornicate are sexually active is to deny and pervert our humanness.

The Free Speech Movement of the 60s may have unlocked our restraints in the use of words and now we can say anything we please. What is so distressing is when we use our freedom of responsibility to create words and phrases that say nothing at all.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 425 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, will host the fourth annual spring concert of the Detroit Mormon Choir at 8:15 p.m. Friday, March 24.

The free concert will include religious works including Randal Thompson's "Last Words of David," Sergei Rachmaninov's "Prayer" without Words" and the spiritual "My Lord, What a Morning!"

The choir is made up of about 80 voices representing Mormon congregations from the greater Detroit and Flint areas. Edwin Yeager is the director, and Alan W. Thompson is the accompanist.

choir at the organ.

ST. MARY IN THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 5512 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion, will sponsor a family potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, followed by a communion service at 7:30 p.m.

The church also will sponsor a continuous watch between the hours of 8 p.m. Thursday and 1 p.m. Friday, culminating in an hour of Good Friday worship 1-2 p.m.

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 3450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, hosts two events

during Holy Week.

"Prayer Vigil," commemorating the final 24 hours in the life of Jesus will take place in the chapel from 6 p.m. March 23, through 6 p.m. Good Friday, March 24. Meditation guide books will be offered to follow the Biblical account of the period.

On Good Friday, at 6:45 p.m., members and guests are invited to a Sacrificial Supper when proceeds will be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Sitar music and a film called "Beyond the Next Harvest" will follow the supper. The traditional Good Friday Telesac Communion Service follows at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Seminary seeks alumni for reunion

The Alumni Association of St. John Provincial Seminary in Plymouth has issued a call throughout the state for information on the whereabouts of former St. John students.

In making plans for an April 16 spring reunion day for alumni, former students and their families, the alumni group is asking all priests in Michigan to help locate former classmates.

"There are many men who attended St. John for a year or two, and then decided to opt for a calling other than the priesthood," said the Rev. Tom Thompson, alumni association presi-

dent. "Many of these men and their families are faithfully and effectively serving the church as laity while we alumni are serving as priests."

Fr. Thompson, pastor of St. John parish in Howell and a 1964 St. John graduate, added: "We share not only that part of our lives that we spent together at St. John's, but also many of the same hopes and goals for the church. We should have an opportunity to get together again, reminisce about the days at the seminary and maybe do some looking ahead together, too."

The association is urging its mem-

bers to send names and addresses of former classmates to Communications Officer, St. John Provincial Seminary, 46011 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

The reunion will feature an open house of seminary facilities, a buffet lunch (picnic-style if weather permits), tours of the buildings and grounds and opportunities to use the school's many recreational facilities, which include a nine-hole golf course, tennis and racquetball courts and a six-lane bowling alley.

Foot-washing involves youth

Youthful participants in an ancient rite of Christianity will feature the 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday services in St. John Armenian Church, 2201 North-western, Southfield.

Good Friday service set

Special services will be held noon to 3 p.m. Good Friday, March 24, in the Northland Center Auditorium.

Members of the Southfield Clergy Association will take part in half-hour segments with a theme centered around "The Hour is Come." Worshipers may enter or leave on the quarter-hour.

The schedule will begin with piano music from noon to 12:15 p.m.

Twelve boys from the St. John church school, all 12 years of age, will represent the 12 apostles of Jesus in a re-enactment of the events preceding the last supper when Christ washed the feet of his disciples.

The Most Rev. Sion Manogian, archbishop of the Armenian Apostolic churches in the Detroit area, will represent Jesus in the ceremony.

While the rite of foot-washing is one that has been performed every Maundy Thursday for many centuries in the Armenian Apostolic Church, the participation by young members of the congregation is fairly recent and special to the local church.

By custom, disciples have been represented by lower-ranking clergymen, deacons and other servants of the church, with the foot-washing always done by the highest ranking clergyman residing in the area.

St. John began several years ago to invite the 12-year-olds to take part. This year's "disciples" are Gregory Baylerian, Dikran Choukourian, George Fantazian, Brad Giragosian,

Jeffrey Hargraves, Charles Hovanesian, Jeffrey Kalajian, Jeffrey Kaloustian, Vahan Karabakjian, Gary Keoleian, George Tokatlian and Brian Tovanlian.

All will wear robes, white socks and slippers as the archbishop ceremoniously washes the feet of each one. Following the ceremony, each will write an essay describing his meaning in his life, and an award will go to the boy who submits the essay considered best.

The biblical basis for the foot-washing custom is found in the description of events the night of the last supper, when Jesus was about to share a Pass-over with his disciples.

According to the gospel of John, there was no servant on hand to wash the day's dust from the men's feet, as was customary, so Jesus performed the task himself, telling his followers that, "since I, the Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet."

The Very Rev. Paven Avetkian is pastor of St. John Church.

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