

Inner-City Project Is Planned

Meet Christ in the Central City is the invitation going out to inner city and suburban women from the urban affairs section of the Council of Catholic Women of the eight-county southeast Michigan "Archdiocese of Detroit."

To update concerned citizens on conditions and progress in family self-help projects and services developing for homeless girls and adults, a bus tour is scheduled at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24. It will be followed by lunch at the council's headquarters at 305 Michigan.

Knowledgeable volunteer guides from the United Community Services Women's Division will conduct the tour. The Rev. Richard Ward, founder of numerous central city shelters and instigator of ongoing programs for rehabilitation of victims of alcoholism and of broken homes, will talk with the women to enlist their aid or assist in their developing similar projects where needed.

Stoppers on the tour which will pass through most of the central city will allow the women to meet and talk with directors and aides at the Sacred Heart Center, Riverside Lutheran Center, Franklin St. (Hennepin House), St. Boniface Center, whose community development works range from emergency shelter, to regular health and health education programs, a homework study center.

Reservations are needed on or before Wednesday, Sept. 18, by means of \$1 check for the tour and \$1.50 for the luncheon, if desired, payable to DACCW and mailed to 305 Michigan, Detroit 48226.

College Benefits

A sale to benefit Michigan Christian Junior College, Rochester, will be held by the school's Plymouth chapter at 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 20 and 21, in the Plymouth Credit Union Hall, 500 S. Harvey.

Mrs. Wanda Pytkas is chairman and Mrs. Ruth Bashoff is treasurer.



COMMITMENT PLANNERS — A steering committee for the Project Commitment series of Sunday evening programs in Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church, Redford Township, includes, from left, Peter J. Kozlowski, Our Lady of Loretto; Rita J. Bober, of St. Valentine Catholic Church; Lee Hutchings, of Good Shepherd Lutheran and D. M. Hanson, of Village United Presbyterian. Next Sunday's session, from 5 to 7 p.m., will be on discrimination in education and employment.

Orthodox Church Sets New Schedule

The American Orthodox Church of Saint Innocent, 23300 W. Chicago, sets its fall schedule of services this week. Father I. Burdickoff, pastor, said services will be moved to 10 a.m. Sundays, with catechism school classes meeting at 9 a.m. Class levels range from nursery through adult. The church, organized for this area less than two years ago, is following a program of reinforcing class education through the church and at home. Father Burdickoff said the Orthodox Catholic Church "has maintained the original belief of the Faith unchanged in any way" and added: "While the so-called modern church, Roman Catholic and Protestant, seeks to make the church relevant to man by changing dogma and custom, the Orthodox Church maintains the faith and seeks to have man see its relevancy."

Catholics Welcome Diversity; Disagree On Its Methods

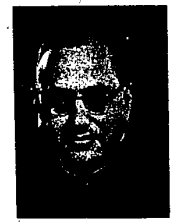
Although their forms of worship probably have changed more in the last five years than in the previous five centuries, the great majority of the 1,500,000 Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit look forward eagerly to additional diversity.

But the manner of change is open to vigorous contention. Ecclesiasticity in music, architecture, the manner of preaching, and the richness of church decorations.

The Rev. Ralph E. Kowalski reported this to Archbishop John F. Dearden, based on a study of computer-produced summaries of thousands of suggestions made for the Archdiocesan Synod, or general church conference, which has been in preparation since April, 1966.

Father Kowalski made his interim report as chairman of the Synod Worship Commission, one of nine bodies charged with hardening down over 100,000 ideas for church "renewal" into specific proposals for Synod action, hopefully by year's end.

SOME BELIEVED there would be a great demand for a return to the Latin Mass and to other traditional ritual forms. "The Synod has not said that," Father Kowalski said. "Instead the great demand seems to be for variety in the liturgy. If many had their way, each Mass would take on an individual character structured to the interests of the particular people participating in it. It may be that an evolution toward something of this nature already has begun."



REV. RALPH E. KOWALSKI

"THE SOLUTION may well come in diversity. In offering on appropriate occasions choices ranging from the great Latin compositions produced by the musical masters of the past through music comfortable to the great majority, to lively music appealing particularly to the young in heart. It is interesting that Sunday folk Masses arranged with the young in mind have attracted many of their seniors."

The Worship Commission is now engaged in seeking to sum up and make recommendations on 757 summations which the help of a computer produced from thousands of proposals. The commission will recommend adoption of some, rejection of others which appear contrary to universal Church standards, while referring some not suitable for Synod action to individual bishops for study and referring others not in complete form to study groups for development.

The Commission had to call for sociological help, as well as architectural, in attempting to cope with proposals seeking to strip places of worship down to bare essentials so that the church buildings could be used seven days a week, for cultural and educational, recreational pursuits as well as worship.

"The attack is on the sacred space," explained Father Kowalski. "The argument is that the building is made sacred by use, not by an architectural label. Some say this is the age to let big industry build 'cathedrals' while the Church builds simple structures adaptable and serviceable for multiple uses."

Jewish Book Collection Presented To St. John's

A collection of books and other materials concerned with synagogue and church administration, assembled over 40 years by Irving I. Katz, executive secretary of Congregation Beth El, Woodward at Gladstone, was presented to St. John's Catholic Seminary in Plymouth.

It is expected to become the nucleus of a special library open to representatives of all faiths across the nation.

"We are grateful for this generous gesture," said the Rev. Father Adeline Wright, S.S., rector of the post-graduate institution which educates most of Michigan's priests.

"ADMINISTRATION is an important but often overlooked part of the ministry. One aspect of it is illustrated by the fact that the synagogues and churches of the Detroit area must provide and maintain worship facilities and meeting places for millions of adults during each week. A specialized library in the field is a national need."

Included in the collection of books, pamphlets and periodicals is a book Mr. Katz wrote in collaboration with Myron E. Schoen on "Successful Synagogue Administration." Chapters include "Committee Structure and Function," "Security Funds for Capital Needs," "The Congregation Cemetery," and "Developing an Effective Board of Trustees."

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS include a 27-volume set on "Church Administration," bound volumes of the magazine "Administrative Management," and many works having to do with public relations, fund raising and operation of religious educational programs which are not now generally available to religious administrators.

In synagogue work for over 40 years, Mr. Katz is a nationally known lecturer and consultant. In 1941 he founded the National Association of Temple Administrators, an affiliate of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He was its first president and continues as its honorary president.

able church, a more serviceable church than we have been accustomed to. "As an example, vestments almost certainly will still be required but they will probably be somewhat simplified. Churches will be built in a fashion to facilitate gathering the people around the altar. Some believe that the pendulum has already swung too far and the time has come to retreat from the changes inspired by the Vatican Council, but there is no substantial sign of this in the proposals made to the Worship Commission. The only concern about the future is that there will be more change."

Other Synod commissions hard at the work of consolidation and consideration are Clergy, Religious, Laity, Education, Community Affairs, Ecumenism, Administration and Missionary Work.

"Compassionate Christianity"

What can religion do to meet today's problems? "The great need of mankind today," says Lela May Aultman, C.S.B., a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship, "is for love... love which is concerned with men's problems, love that is wise enough and strong enough and enlightened enough to help in solving them."

In this public lecture called "Compassionate Christianity," Miss Aultman shows how an understanding of God as divine Love makes religion a powerful force for good in human experience.

Installation Set

The Rev. Victor H. Mesenbrink will be installed as Pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church during a 7 p.m. installation service on Sunday.

Rev. Mesenbrink was called on Aug. 15, by the congregation of Prince of Peace, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington, to become its pastor.

Born in Young America, Minn., the clergyman attended Concordia Lutheran Academy and Junior College in St. Paul, graduating in June, 1945. He entered Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, and in 1950 accepted his first call to the Des Moines Deaf Field in Iowa which consisted of Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Des Moines and ten preaching stations in Iowa and Illinois.

In 1955 he was installed as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pomona, Ill., and in 1961 became the pastor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Lockport, N.Y.

The Mesenbrinks have five children: David, 17; James, 16; Thomas, 14; Kathleen, 11; and Steven, 8.

Following the installation service, a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Mesenbrink and family will be held in the church social hall.

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OCC Offers Religion Class

Great Religions of the World, a free short course for senior citizens, will be offered by Oak Lake Community College on five consecutive Thursdays, Sept. 26 to Oct. 4, in the Royal Oak Public Library, 222 East Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Cosponsored by the Royal Oak Public Library, the course will analyze and compare the great religions that have shaped the beliefs and life patterns throughout the world.

Coordinated by Dr. George Cole, Assistant Dean of Counseling at OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus, the course will deal with Hebrew, Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, and the Moslem religions.

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