

St. Damian Parish Plans Crystal Ball

To mark the 15th anniversary of St. Damian Catholic Church, the parish will hold a Crystal Ball dinner-dance Saturday, Oct. 3, in Roma Hall, Schoolcraft and Inkster, Livonia.

The dinner will be held from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by dancing to the music of Tom Houghton's Band. Invitations have been extended to all former parishioners, as well as to new members.

Reservations may be made by calling Ray Burns at 421-5559 or Mary Gately at 421-4410.

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Included in the parish facilities are the main church and attached community room, a 24-classroom school and library, a convent, the rectory, parking facilities and a playground.

Landmark dates in the growth of the parish have been July 3, 1955, when the first Sunday mass was offered in Cooper School; Jan. 29, 1956, when groundbreaking ceremonies for Ray Burns at 421-5559 or Mary Gately at 421-4410.

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Each One Teaches One

Antioch Lutheran Church will begin a class to train volunteer reading aides at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Mrs. Donald Weber of Southgate, working on behalf of the Lutheran Church, Women of America, will be the instructor, using Laubach literacy materials for teaching adults to read on a one-to-one basis.

After 10 hours of classwork, adults will be able to tutor non-reading adults or persons with a reading ability of less than fifth grade level.

Those interested in attending the class, or adults in need of tutoring, call Mrs. Chaplin Cook, 476-2164. There is no charge for either class or tutoring.

The church is located at 13 Mile and Farmington Road.



NEW BOOK — Jean M. Pitrone, Detroit writer and sister-in-law of Mrs. V. F. (Jack) Richards of Meridian Road, Livonia, is shown discussing her latest book, "The Touch of His Hand," with the Rev. N. Maestri (left), director of PIME Missions in the U.S., and Father Cesar Colombo, the subject of the biography. Father Colombo is a missionary-doctor in the jungles of Burma. Mrs. Pitrone and Mr. and Mrs. Richards will be on hand for the annual fiesta and dinner of the PIME Mission Headquarters, 9800 Oakland, Detroit, on Sunday, Sept. 27.

ECCLESIASTICAL REFLECTIONS

*(Ecclesiastical Reflections is a column in which Observer-led clergymen and lay leaders are invited to present their ideas on church and religious topics of general interest. Anyone interested is invited to participate. Contributions should be one to two pages of double-spaced typing and may be mailed to the Church Editor, Observer Newspapers, 271 S. Main, Plymouth, 48170.)*

BY WILLIAM A. RITTER  
Newburg United Methodist Church

The brotherhood of a shared vision is generally a strong bond. Doctors do not like to be drawn into disputes with other Doctors; lawyers much prefer silent internal responses to public, external responses of another member of the bar.

Likewise, ministers customarily assume that the things we have in common far outweigh the things we have in conflict and avoid the washing of dirty linen in public.

In most cases, this is all to the good. However, there are other times when our code of respectful silence creates problems for the vocation as a whole too large to ignore. Such a case concerns the Rev. Carl McIntire, fundamentalist, radio preacher, and his "United States March for Victory" scheduled for the Washington Monument on Oct. 3.

McIntire envisions an attention rally of 500,000 people in which he will demand that the President Nixon order a military withdrawal from Vietnam. His corollary message has been that if only President Nixon would grant the right of his military strategists, the war "can be won in eight weeks."

He equates such a program with the "Providence of God," likening America's role in Southeast Asia to the biblical precedent of the Good Samaritan. Keynoting the October rally is expected to be South Vietnamese vice president, Nguyen Cao Ky. It is becoming increasingly apparent that the proposed visit of Vice President Ky is becoming an anathema to the White House, which would rather not have the chief beneficiary of American aid exposed to the national public in such a bizarre context as is likely to be the rally of Rev. McIntire.

THE PURPOSE of this writer is not to debate the wisdom of Vietnamese involvement in proposed strategies for ending the war, nor is it to imply that only certain forms of dissent are to be tolerated as part of the American character.

This is simply as a Christian minister to say in the strongest language possible that the Rev. Carl McIntire does not speak for a significant portion of the Christian church. He is, in fact, regarded in many of our minds as little more than a charlatan.

REV. MCINTIRE has filled countless hours of radio programming with the kind of material that has done more to demean the unity of the Christian faith, than all the false prophets, who pass from the scene like shooting stars, put together.

On the strength of small but continuous contributions from loyal listeners, McIntire has engaged in a three-decade hunt of communists, liberals, and traditional churchmen, all of whom, within a McIntire polemic, end up confused with the other.

There is no organized denomination or national church body that has not felt the sting of his attack. He has created a climate of opinion in which the National Council of Churches is suspect over an entire portion of our prayer.

No preacher can be faulted for biblical inaccuracy or short-sighted theology, but when continual polemical of the body of Christ is the result of one man's polemic, then it is time to openly test that rhetoric and see if the spirit that motivates it is indeed the spirit of God.

ALL OF US are entitled to think what we want of the war. Indeed, it is good to stand in the midst of rational disagreement and conflicting logic.

But speaking as one Christian, I feel the rally of Rev. McIntire will come nowhere near introducing a meaningful option into our current dialogue. Quoting TRO in a recent Washington column, it may reduce the remembrance of 40,000 young men to a sickening recitation of their sacrifices. Dissent may be healthy and dialogue may be essential, but "bureaucratic" may be the only end result of the joint forces of Rev. McIntire and Vice President Ky.

It is tragic to say that we must still occasionally beware of people with worn leather Bibles. Carl McIntire does not speak for me.

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**For Information Call Miss Kathy Porter 422-3175**

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Worship: 7 p.m.

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34341 Five Mile at 1/2 Mile West of Farmington Rd.  
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**Sunday Is Rally Day**

A rally and promotion day will be held Sunday, Sept. 27, in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Middlebelt and Eight Mile, Farmington.

The Rev. W.F. Rutowski will be the speaker at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services, and the adult and junior choirs will supply special music, under the direction of John Walter and Kathy Buck.

Sunday marks the close of a week-long observance of Christian Education Week in the church, opening last Sunday with speeches by Dr. M.J. Steinhilber, superintendent of Detroit Lutheran High Schools.

St. Paul conducts a Christian day school with an enrollment of 150 students, kindergarten through grade eight. Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 a.m., with an enrollment of 250. There are also weekday religion classes for grades three through eight Thursdays from 4:15 to 6 p.m.

Adult Bible discussion classes meet 8:45 a.m. Sundays and at 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

The public is invited to the services and classes.

**North Women Plan Card Party**

The Women's Association of North Congregational Church, 26275 Northwestern, Southfield, will sponsor a fall luncheon and card party on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Reservations should be made by calling the church, 356-1650, by Oct. 4.

**AREA DEATHS AND FUNERALS**

**MRS. LYDA H. THOMPSON.** Funeral services for Mrs. Lyda H. Thompson, 68, 2145 W. 10th Ave., Detroit, were held Sept. 25 at the Alban and Son Funeral Home in Berwyn, Ill. The Rev. Meyer of Berwyn Congregational Church officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery in Willow Springs, Ill.

**Mrs. Thompson died Sept. 25 at the Oakwood Hospital after a long illness. She is survived by her son, James H. Thompson, 40, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Detroit; her daughter, Mrs. Catherine Reed, 38, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Detroit; her son, James H. Thompson, 40, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Detroit; her daughter, Mrs. Catherine Reed, 38, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Detroit; her son, James H. Thompson, 40, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Detroit; her daughter, Mrs. Catherine Reed, 38, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Detroit.**

**STANLEY A. GRACE.** Funeral services for Stanley A. Grace, 68, 2130 Omsu Ave., Farmington, were held Sept. 25 at the Thayer Funeral Home in Farmington. The Rev. William H. Inter City Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

**He died suddenly Sept. 18 in San Antonio, Texas. A 35-year resident of Farmington, he was a retired Diesel Engine Inspector for General Motors Corp.**

**He is survived by his wife, Marie, 68, 2130 Omsu Ave., Farmington; his daughter, Jeanne Hiley and Mrs. Hiley; his son, James H. Grace, 38, 2130 Omsu Ave., Farmington; his daughter, Mrs. Catherine Reed, 38, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Detroit; his son, James H. Thompson, 40, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Detroit; his daughter, Mrs. Catherine Reed, 38, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Detroit.**

**LILLIAN M. PAGAN.** Funeral services for Mrs. Lillian M. Pagan, 50 of 1101 N. Plymouth, were held in the Plymouth Memorial Home in Farmington, with the Rev. Francis C. Byrne officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Memorial Garden in Livonia.

**Mrs. Pagan, who lived in Plymouth for 21 years, died Sept. 25 at Oakwood Hospital after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, John; three daughters, Mrs. Catherine Reed, 38, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Detroit; her son, James H. Thompson, 40, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Detroit; her daughter, Mrs. Catherine Reed, 38, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Detroit; her son, James H. Thompson, 40, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Detroit; her daughter, Mrs. Catherine Reed, 38, 1000 E. 10th Ave., Detroit.**

**IVAN F. COLLINS.** Funeral services for Mr. Collins, 48, of 4388 Ford Road, Farmington, were held in the Thayer Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. William Marshall officiating. Burial was in the Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

**Mr. Collins, who lived in Plymouth for 13 years, died on Sept. 22 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Mary; his mother, Julia; four brothers, Charles, Robert, Murphy, and Kenneth; and two sisters, Mrs. May Mongeau and Mrs. Louise Grant.**

**Rev. Lester Kinsolving's Religion Update**

**MT. FUJIYAMA, JAPAN**

At the foot of this historically sacred mountain are six unpainted concrete three-story, modernistic, barracks-like buildings which house a penitentiary designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Each of these buildings has a large yellow number. And the bleak atmosphere of this building compound is further chilled by the sound of rapid and frenzied chanting which reverberates from within each of the buildings:

"NAM-MYOHO RENGE KYO! NAM-MYOHO RENGE KYO!"

Inside each building, three to four hundred teen and college age boys in white shirts and trousers kneel in front of an altar, roll prayer beads in their hands and shout this chant — at least 3,000 times per day.

This chant (meaning "Devotion to the wondrous law of life: cause and effect") is hardly meditative in the traditional sense — although the boys are assured that such chanting will ensure perfect health and a firm bank account.

To witness the volume, rapidly and frenzied, self-chanting and to see the countenances of young chanters, inevitably recalls the ecstatic countenances of other large groups of young people who once shouted "Banzai!" "Siege Hell!" or "Death Due!"

THESE BUILDINGS are part of the international headquarters of a ferociously militant religious-political organization called Soka Gakkai ("Value-creating Academic Society"). In just two decades this organization has grown from 5,000 to more than 11 million members.

Soka Gakkai is technically a Buddhist layman's organization. But it thoroughly dominates its parent religion, a Buddhist sect called Nichiren Shoshu.

Nichiren was a 13th century Buddhist priest who fancied himself greater than the original Buddha, Gautama Siddhartha, severely denounced existing Buddhist sects as traitors and devils, he was exiled after warning the government that "I am the riddgepole of Japan — to lose me would mean felling the pillar of the country."

In spite of rumored power to predict the future and to effect miracles, died at age 60 — of chronic diarrhea.

His following persisted however, until in 1928 it was taken over by an appropriately intolerant, thug named Joshi Toda.

"We must consider all religions our enemy and we must destroy them," said Toda, leading the sect's younger followers into widespread attacks upon other Buddhist sects, Christian churches and many of the more than 100 new religions which have sprung up in Japan since the end of World War II.

On Sept. 27, 1952, Toda and 4,000 young Soka took over the principal Nichiren temple at Fujiyama, by assassinating the aged priest Jimon Ogawara.

In the vanguard of these Buddhist storm troopers was Daisuke Ikeda, who has succeeded Toda as president.

**UNDER IKEDA, the organization has:**

- Created its own political party, Komeito, which has since 1954 won 71 seats in Japan's Parliament (Diet) and is presently the third largest party in Japan.
- Built up a publications empire including the daily Seikyo Shinbun, which has a circulation (3.5 million) which is larger than any newspaper in the U.S. (This and other publications bring in "about \$100 million annually, so that only a few of our well-to-do members are asked to contribute," according to Jimmy Akiyama, chief of the organization's Foreign Relations Bureau.)
- Expanded to 11 million members, through the extremely aggressive conversion technique known as Shikabaku ("Break and subdue") in which potential converts are hounded, threatened and brainwashed in what the Japanese Ministry of Justice has described as "a semi-gangster organization using a military organization."

**IF SOKA GAKKAI is ever able, through its awesome economic power and highly disciplined religio-political structure, to win a majority of seats in the Diet, the consequences to Orient, as well as to the world, could be great.**

**And the organization by no means confines its conversion objectives to Japan. It points out that Soka Gakkai has founded, threatened and brainwashed in what the Japanese Ministry of Justice has described as "a semi-gangster organization using a military organization."**

**On March 8, The New York Times reported that the number of Soka Gakkai members in the United States amounted to more than 200,000.**

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