

Bishop Gumbleton In Lecture Series

Among the speakers in a new program in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Plymouth, will be the Most Rev. Thomas J. Gumbleton, auxiliary bishop and vicar general of Detroit. He will give his address Feb. 12.

The series dealing with "The Church Today" is being held Fridays at 8 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Christian Family Movement and

the adult education program of the church.

ALL of the scheduled speakers hold positions in the archdiocesan organization or affiliated groups, and they will describe current trends, developments and programs in the Detroit-area Catholic Church in the light of Vatican II and contemporary conditions and problems.

The speaker for Jan. 29 will be Mrs. Blanche Barber, president of the Detroit Council of Catholic Women, who will discuss "The Changing Role of Women in the Catholic Church Today."

SPEAKERS at future sessions will include Mrs. Jane Wolford, director of the Archdiocesan Institute for Continuing Education, who will be in Plymouth April 23. The sessions will run through May.

Everyone is invited to attend the free lectures. Each evening's program will allow ample time for informal discussions and a question and answer program.

Topics to be discussed in the series include the current crisis in religious vocations, the role of parish councils, the nature and scope of Christian social services in Detroit.



THE MOST REV. THOMAS GUMBLETON

50 Singers In Concert

The Moody Chorale of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, will present a program Sunday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m., in Highland Park Baptist Church, 28600 Lahser Rd., Southfield.

Edward German, the director, and 50 members of

the chorale, will present a program of major chorale works, both a capella and accompanied, and familiar church works.

Their visit is part of a 1970-71 tour.

The performance is free to the public.



A KIDNEY MACHINE — Dr. John Baker is shown with a kidney machine similar to the one which will be in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital thanks to the efforts of a lot of people. Shown with Dr. Baker are Mrs. Burdette Clark (left) of Timothy Lutheran Church, Livonia, whose members started the collection of the Betty Crocker coupons necessary for the drive, and Mrs. Marvin Frommelt of St. James American Lutheran Church, Detroit, representing one of many other groups which helped collect the 495,000 coupons needed. They celebrated at a potluck luncheon in the church. (Observer photo)

Fair, Supper Set By Group

A fun fair and pancake supper will be held in Orchard Methodist Church, 3050 Farmington Rd., Farmington, Friday, Jan. 29.

Sponsored by the Women's Society of Christ, the fair will run from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Pancakes will be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

Games will include a spook house by the Senior High M.Y.F.

Church Approves Girl Acolytes

With a nod from the 1970 Committee on Worship, the women's lib movement has a foot in the door of Antioch Lutheran Church, Farmington.

The committee has authorized all eighth and ninth grade girls who would like to participate to become part of the church's acolyte program.

The action came after many months of inquiry on the part of several girls who asked, "How come we can't be acolytes?" The committee decided that "there is certainly no reason why they can't, so now they can-and with our blessing."

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's Religion Update

Homosexuality is "coming out" (out in the open, that is) in the field of religion.

A new denomination especially for homosexuals was pioneered in Los Angeles by a homosexual clergyman of the United Church of Christ, and has since been established in major cities throughout the United States. An increasing number of clergy (both homosexual and heterosexual) are officiating at "marriages" of both male and female homosexuals.

THIS HAS evoked the expressed concern of the Vatican's daily newspaper L'Osservatore Romano. In an article entitled "Marriages Against Nature," theologian Gino Conetti conceded that "authorities may grant authorization sooner or later." But he added, "Neither scientific nor juridical progress will be able to modify by the nature of things, changing the establishment of marriage, which has as two protagonists two people of a different sex."

On the other hand, a Catholic teacher in England, Sebastian Helmore, has suggested a brief religious service for blessing the vows of homosexuals.

"Do you (name) give yourself wholly to (name), reserving for him (her) alone all your love, as long as he (she) shall ask for it?"

To which they reply by reciting the following:

"I vow to you that I shall ever love you alone, that I shall ever remain faithful to you and that never abandoning you I shall remain by you in all circumstances that it shall please God to place us."

AT CAMBRIDGE University, Anglican theologian Norman Pittenger has proposed a code of ethical conduct for homosexuals: (1) Never try to seduce or coerce an unwilling person—most especially a younger person. (2) Try to confine any such sexual activity to a love relationship, rather than as a means of sexual gratification. (3) Never engage in acts distasteful to the other person.

Dr. Pittenger also urged the homosexual "not to permit his condition and drive to alienate him from people he can receive from participation in the life of any religious community."

Such advice has been taken seriously in the establishment of a Gay Student Union at one of America's leading theological seminaries, century-old Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif.

"We have no reason to believe that Jesus was 'straight,'" contends the Union's co-founder, graduate student Nicholas Benton. "Two of the greatest love stories in the Bible concern David and Jonathan and Jesus and John. Besides, the Bible allows for both homosexuals and heterosexuals; it says 'Be fruitful—and multiply!'"

AT AN OPEN meeting to discuss the subject (which drew one of the largest crowds in the recent history of the interdenominational seminary), Benton affirmed that "homosexuality is rampant among ministers and seminarians... it just boggles the mind to imagine what would become of the church, even Christian theology, if all homosexually-oriented clergy were to cast off their repressions and become sexually free!"

Dr. Robert Fitch, professor of Christian ethics, responded that "homosexuality

can fit into a lot of institutions, but the parish ministry is not one of them. I recall the havoc created by a homosexual chaplain aboard a World War II troopship."

Dr. Fitch also cited "classical Athens, an intrinsically homosexual society; nowhere has the position of women been so low." He went on to mention the observations of New York Times drama critic Taubman, Kerr and Kaufman, in their having noted "the homosexual takeover of the American theater."

"Since homosexuality does not reproduce itself," concluded Dr. Fitch, "it must recruit."

"WE DON'T recruit," rebutted Prof. James Sorrells of nearby Starr-King Unitarian ministry (who identified himself as "a clinical psychologist and a practicing homosexual"). "Straight guys are a drag in bed!"

However horrifying to some church members, such public identification of homosexuality within ranks of clergy or seminarians, such candor can provide one distinct benefit. For just as the growing number of homosexual congregations would feel betrayed if their pastor concealed his heterosexuality (and, once installed as pastor, began denouncing homosexuality from the pulpit), so "straight" congregations deserve similar honesty from any clergyman they consider retaining as pastor.

Not all straight congregations would automatically disqualify a homosexual clergyman. For in such an honest relationship, there would appear to be no more reason why a homosexual clergyman would try to seduce than would a clergyman who is heterosexual.

CYO Now Choosing Summer Counselors

The hours are long, the job is challenging and the pay is hardly worth talking about, but the Catholic Youth Organization expects at least 200 applications for about 50 openings on the staffs that operate its summer camps.

"We'd have more than that," says Henry Vassel, director of the CYO camp division, "but we cut off the applications when we have all that we could possibly need."

The CYO is accepting applications for positions as specialists or counselors at its Boys Camp and its Girls Camp on the shores of Lake Huron. Each camp will be open for about 10 weeks this summer, from late June to late August.

APPLICANTS must be at least 16 years of age and a senior in high school at the time they assume their camp duties. Those accepted will be on duty six days out of every seven. They will be on call 24 hours a day to guard against emergencies. In actual practice, they will work 40 hours or more a week.

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high standards that are maintained by the counselors and specialists, and to their unflagging enthusiasm.

"We maintain a ration of one counselor to every four campers," says Bassel. "That may seem high, but we feel it is worthwhile. For the counselors set the style and pace for a camp, and invest the operation with warmth and understanding for the kids."

"Our counselors and specialists work very hard. They do a tremendous job, and they don't do it for money. The could find many summer jobs that paid much more. I am convinced that they do it because they are idealists, because they sincerely want to do something to help others. No other explanation makes sense."

VASSEL ATTRIBUTES the steady popularity of the camps, in great measure, to

The Universalist-Unitarian Church of Farmington is sponsoring a seminar led by members of the New Detroit speakers bureau.

The seminar will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month through April. Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the church, Halsted Rd., between Grand River and 11 Mile.

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Sisterhood Observes Oneg Shabat

Adas Shalom Sisterhood's Oneg Shabat will be held Saturday, Jan. 30, at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Manuel Katzman, 18920 Silvercrest, Southfield.

The program is entitled "Our Youth Speaks Out," moderated by Howard Beris. With Beris will be panelists Frances Pfeiffer, Gordon Full and Eric Shepman.

Members and friends are invited to the afternoon event by Sisterhood president Mrs. Isadore Goren. A social hour will precede the program.

Mrs. Harry Nachman, Oneg Shabat chairman, may be contacted for details at EL 7-1326.

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WESTLAND Summer Schedule: Westlanders service Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pastor: Paul A. Korte

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ST. MATTHEW 18360 Hubbard Road 421-8451

Holy Spirit, Westland 34645 Cowan Rd. 261-8490 (Serving Southwest Union)

St. Matthew Plans Party St. Matthew Lutheran Church will hold a luncheon, card party, and bake sale at 11:30 a.m. next Tuesday, Jan. 26.

The event will be in the church at 3885 Venoy, just north of Ford Road. There will be door and table prizes. There is also a donation.

Westland and Garden City families make up most of the church's membership.

New Minister The Rev. George B. Bretz will be installed as new pastor of Outer Drive United Presbyterian Church Sunday, Jan. 31. The service will be held at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church, 4849 West Outer Drive.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE -- Taking part in the ecumenical service in Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church were, (left) Clara Ebersole, the Rev. Richard Dunkelberger, the Rev. Andrew Forish, the Rev. William Lovick and James Mueller, Father Forish of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia led the service, assisted by ministers from the host church. Mueller represented the laity of St. Michael, and Ebersole of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian. The Christian Unity Service was held Jan. 17.

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