

'Priesthood Today' Opens St. Agatha Series

"Priesthood: Is it a modern illusion or a fulfillment?"

What's the story behind the thinking of priests in this modern era?

Is celibacy a major issue in Catholicism throughout the world? These questions will be answered Thursday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. when the educational council of St. Agatha Church, Pembroke at Beech-Daily, presents the first of 10 community forum programs that will bring local, state and national figures to the area for lectures on subjects that have the attention of all.

THE REV. JOHN VILVERST, AHEARN, of Paterson, N.J., will headline the opening program, slated in St. Catherine Lecture Hall in the church complex in Redford Township.

Fr. Ahearn is one of the leaders in the group of modern-thinking priests and is considered an expert on the subject of modern ministry and its varied aspects.

The public has been waiting to learn the priests' side of the story and their thinking about

the many changes that have been introduced into Catholic Churches in the past two or three years.

Is celibacy a major issue in Catholicism throughout the world? The series will continue through April with one or two speakers each month, according to plans outlined by the Educational Council and the Rev. John Reid, founding pastor of the church 23 years ago.

Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton, vicar general of the Detroit Archdiocese, will discuss "Abortion" at the Oct. 28 program.

SHERIFF William Lucas of Wayne County is slated to talk on "What's Wrong With Our Jails," on Nov. 18 in a lecture that could fill the auditorium.

The Wayne County Jail has been discussed and cussed as much as any public facility in the state recently, especially in view of the recent happenings at the Attica, N.Y. penitentiary. Nearly 40 inmates and hostages were killed in the breakup of a prison riot there.

Barbecue Set For Lola Valley

A chicken barbecue will be put on by the Methodist men of Lola Valley United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, Redford Township, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26. The men have built up a reputation for delicious dinners after holding two bar-

becues a year since 1963. The menu consists of a half barbecued chicken, chips, cole slaw, a roll, home-made macaroni and cheese, and beverages for \$1.50. Carry-outs are available. Picnic tables will be set up outside and tables will be set up in the church dining room.

Then the Rev. Andrew Greeley of the University of Chicago will lecture on "The Non-public Situation" on Dec. 2, followed by Bishop William Enrich, the titular head of the Episcopal Church in Michigan, on Dec. 16. Bishop Enrich hasn't announced the topic of his talk.

There will be an admission fee of \$1 at all programs to cover the costs of the series.

Baptized

Dyan Marie Brotz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brotz of Kendall in Livonia, was baptized recently by Dr. William Mercer in Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington. Her godparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Firmont of Detroit.

Dyan's Keppake bonnet, given her by Mrs. and Mr. Robert Ackerman of Clawson, is designed to be taken apart to be used as a handkerchief on her wedding day.

Wives Meet

James M. Lyett, "Contact 10" editor, will be speaker for the first fall meeting of the Ford Wives Club at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, in the Ford World Headquarters building, Redford Drive in Dearborn.

Prospective members are invited to contact Mrs. Dolores Hausch, 2100 N. Martha, Dearborn.



Ward Will Host Viet Missionary

The Rev. Gordon H. Smith, author and missionary to South Vietnam, will be guest speaker at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, in Ward United Presbyterian Church, Farmington Road at Six Mile, Livonia.

Rev. Smith has worked for 43 years in Indo-China, serving in Cambodia, Annam and Vietnam.

He is responsible for establishing orphanages at Danang, Crescent Beach and Tam Ky, and also founded two leproisiums in the area and numerous schools and churches.

He is organizer of the United Welfare and Relief Services organization, and has trained numerous ministers for missionary service.

Rev. Smith is author of several books about the Indo-China area and is editor of the "Vietnam Reporter," a magazine published by United World Missions. He also has made several films depicting life in Indo-China.

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Rap Line Staff Holds Service

Staff members from the Rap Line, a drug and teen problem counseling group in

Farmington, will conduct the Sept. 26 to 10 a.m. service in the Universalist-Unitarian Church in Farmington.

The service will center on problems and feelings of youths as they relate to drugs, the adult society, and growing up in a confused and fragmented world.

A discussion will follow the service in the church located at 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington.

Maria Steiger, a member of the church's youth group, will coordinate the service.

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's Religion Update

The pressure of leading a denomination whose national structure is currently disintegrating may well have proven too much for the Episcopal Church's ranking prelate, the Most Rev. John E. Hines of New York. In one of the most furious outbursts of any Episcopal presiding bishop in the last two centuries, Bishop Hines recently declared:

"Opponents of the church program are simply not in their right mind... I hope these opponents of the church program are in their death rattle."

The church program which has drawn the most serious opposition is called the general convention special program. And the church critics is layman Antonio Ramirez (also of New York) who, after investigating GSCP funding in his area, asked a hearing at the denomination's general convention in Houston:

"HOW DARE we fund anti-Semites, racketeers and totalitarian propaganda? Episcopalians are the most notorious rich supporters of extremism in this country!"

The 3.4 million-member denomination in 1969 saw the rate of individual giving go down 20 per cent—a loss of \$60 million—in the same year that \$200,000 was raised in a special fund for the Black Economic Development conference. This organization which produced the notorious Black Manifesto, used the Episcopal \$200,000 to produce more hate literature.

Richard Ostling, "Time Magazine" religious writer, describes the situation as "The Radical Chic Goes to Church" and writes of "an institutional death wish in the Episcopal arc."

This death wish has been extremely well accomplished by a Brooklyn black militant named Leon Medsker, director of the explosively controversial GSCP funding program—which has very nearly

killed the entire national structure of the Episcopal Church.

HAVING WRITTEN that the church must "be willing to suffer and die," Medsker's funding of such triggermen as the followers of New Mexico's Rev. Tijerina may well enrage enough conservatives and moderates that they will quit the denomination in disgust.

Far from hurrying Medsker (50 per cent of the headquarters staff have been terminated in the financial crisis—but not Medsker) such an exodus would leave him and his fellow kamikazes of the far-left in control of millions of dollars worth of church property. (The Episcopal Church Annual for 1970, however, reports that there are now nearly 1,000 Episcopal parishes and missions than in 1915.)

Rank and file Episcopalians are particularly vulnerable to such a calculated erosion of their church, primarily because so many of them still believe that they will be provided the whole truth by such official press agents as John Goodbody of Hines' staff in New York or Robert Reagan of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.

They should know better. But many church members are still fooled by the euphemistic camouflage of such titles as "communications officer" thinking that such employees will communicate even bad news, a delusion which is almost as pathetic as considering Pravda to be a newspaper.

AS AN EXAMPLE, the secular press of Washington, D.C., headlined the opposition of their local Episcopal bishop, William Creighton, to Presiding Bishop Hines' campaign to get General Motors to withdraw from South Africa (where the non-white G.M. payroll is 66 per cent).

But despite the fact that Hines had appointed Creighton to go to South Africa to investigate, there was no mention of Creighton's opposition in the "news" releases from national Episcopal headquarters. Explained "Communications Officer" Robert Goodbody: "We just didn't think this was as newsworthy as they did in Washington."



REV. KINSOLVING

In Los Angeles, where Bishop Hines made his astonishing remarks which questioned the sanity of his critics and yearned for death rattle, the only reason anybody at the grass roots was ever heard about these wild antics was because they were headlined in two national (but independent) Episcopal journals, "The American Church News" and "The Christian Challenge."

One of some 40 clergy and laity who heard Hines' outburst was The Rev. George Clendenin of Glendale, who had insisted upon his right to tape record the meeting. He was subsequently censured by the Council of the Diocese of Los Angeles—which, if it had any real respect for the right of the people of the diocese to know the whole truth, would instead have fired "Communications Officer" Robert Reagan. For Reagan's extensive communicating of the details of Hines' visit was carefully castrated of the Presiding Bishop's unquestionably newsworthy remarks.

IRONICALLY, Hines told the Los Angeles gathering of the need for "a better line of communications from the presiding bishop's office to the rest of the church."

But Bishop Hines needn't try to replace Goodbody with Reagan (no relation to California's governor) of Los Angeles. For when this national war was vacant, Reagan told one clergy group: "They couldn't afford me—they'll probably have to hire some clergymen."

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Riverside Park Church
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Livonia 484-0990
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Rev. Robert J. Manning
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
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6:30 p.m. Evening Service

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Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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Divine Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Rev. Moody Day

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43055 Joy Road, Plymouth
Phone: 453-6749 or 455-0022
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Speaker: Rev. Fred Riech
Stephen Howells, Minister of Education
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34500 Six Mile
Livonia
1/4 Mile West of Farmington Road
Family Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:15 p.m.

Bethany Baptist Church of Livonia
34541 Five Mile Rd., 1/4 Mile West of Farmington Rd.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
A Church of Christ
Rev. B. C. Kott, Pastor
481-9933

Community Baptist Church
28237 W. Warren, GA 2-2226
Livonia
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
A Church of Christ
Rev. B. C. Kott, Pastor
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Ann Arbor Trail and Hubbard Rd.
Rev. Wayne J. Upton, Pastor
427-2820
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
A Church of Christ
Rev. B. C. Kott, Pastor
481-9933

Westland Baptist Church
35375 Westland Blvd.
Between Westland & Northland
Rev. Wayne J. Upton, Pastor
427-2820
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
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Kenwood Church of Christ
20200 Meridian, Livonia
South of 5 Mile Road
176-2222
Las Balle, minister

SUNDAY SERVICES
9:45 a.m. Bible School
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FIRST CHURCH, Plymouth 10:30 a.m.
1100 West Ann Arbor Trail

FIRST CHURCH, Farmington 11 a.m.
33825 Grand River A. Ave

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FARMINGTON
33000 Freedom Rd.
Overland Elementary School
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
East Davis, Minister
583-5878

GARDEN CITY
1657 Middlebelt Rd.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
East Davis, Minister
583-5878

LIVONIA
15431 Meridian Rd.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
East Davis, Minister
583-5878

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
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Nursery Provided
Cong. & Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
A Church of Christ
Rev. B. C. Kott, Pastor
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First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth
701 Church St. 425-4464
Rev. Wayne J. Upton, Pastor
427-2820
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
A Church of Christ
Rev. B. C. Kott, Pastor
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Farmington Road and Six Mile Road
422-1140
Worship and Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
A Church of Christ
Rev. B. C. Kott, Pastor
481-9933

ST. MARK'S Presbyterian Church
28701 Joy Road
Worship and Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
A Church of Christ
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10000 Westland Blvd.
Call Goodbody, Pastor
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11:15 Adult Bible Study
281-4844 477-0745

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Hubbard at Westland
Worship and Church School 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Pastors: Richard C. Dunkelberger D.D.
Arthur Beumler Jr., William T. Lovick

Peace Pilgrim Will Give Talk Oct. 3

The Peace Pilgrim, an elderly lady who has walked 25,000 miles for peace and who goes by no other name, will talk at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, in the Unitarian Church of West Suburbia, 30023 Curtis Road, Livonia.

The silver-haired woman dressed in navy blue slacks and shirt with a tunic saying "Peace Pilgrim" and "25,000 miles on foot for world peace" on the back. She is not affiliated with any organization and carries her only possessions in her pockets.

The Rev. Marilyn W. White, minister of the church, interviewed the pilgrim more than two years ago in Independence, Mo., on a radio program when he first became acquainted with her.

Her mission in life, she says, is to inspire people to work and pray for peace. In her travels, she speaks to individuals and groups along the way.

"I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking until I am given shelter and fasting until I am given food," she has said.

Her "magic formula" for resolving conflict involves "Having as your objective the

resolving of the conflict—not the gaining of advantage." For avoiding conflicts she says "Be concerned that you do not offend—not that you are not offended."

The anniversary service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the gymnasium of Northville High School, Eight Mile and Sheldon.

Dr. Hoffman's sermon will consider the anniversary year theme, "Blessed to Serve." Also featured for the special service will be music by the choir of the Concordia Lutheran Junior College of

Ann Arbor under the direction of Dr. Paul Foelber, a choir of children from St. Paul and neighboring congregations. The Rev. Charles Boerger, pastor of St. Paul, will serve as Hurgist.

Dr. Hoffman is known nationally for his 16 years' work on the Lutheran Hour and for several Vietnam trips to spend Christmas with American servicemen there.

Bar Mitzvah Celebrated

Myles D. Planko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Planko of Farmington celebrated his bar mitzvah on Sept. 24 in the Birmingham Unitarian Church.

Yom Kippur Services Set

Temple Kol Ami will blend the old with the new in three services this week to usher in Yom Kippur, the day of atonement.

Dr. Irving Friedman of West Bloomfield will chant the ancient, traditional Kol Nidre while Rabbi Ernst Conrad will incorporate into the service readings of contemporary prayers and poems.

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Lutheran Hour Head Speaks In Northville

Dr. Oswald Hoffman, regular speaker for the radio feature "The Lutheran Hour," will preach at a Sept. 26 service that will begin a month of festivities to mark the 75th anniversary of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Northville.

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Pattern For Sunday Mass Is Extended

Cardinal John Dearden, acting on a recommendation of the Archdiocese of Detroit vicars, has extended the new Sunday mass pattern to holy days.

Just as the Sunday mass pattern now begins at 4 p.m., Sunday, an observance of a holy day, such as Christmas, may begin with any mass after 4 p.m. the day before.

A single mass may sometimes cover two obligations. When a holy day occurs on Saturday, attendance at mass after 4 p.m. Sunday fulfills both the holy day and the Sunday obligation. Those who attend Sunday mass after 4 p.m. on Sunday next Oct. 31 will also be observing the Nov. 1 Feast of All Saints.

Besides Christmas and All Saints, U.S. holy days of obligation are the Solemnity of Mary (formerly the Feast of the Circumcision) on Jan. 1,

the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin on Aug. 15, the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8, and the Ascension, the date of which depends on the date of Easter.

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"The vicars reported that many difficulties would be overcome if Catholics had the opportunity to select either of two days to observe holy days, particularly when the feasts fall on working days. A reverent observance will in many instances replace worship disturbed by great numbers trying to crowd into mass on a holy day evening after work."

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