

Area Church Effects Changes

BY ELIZABETH WISSMAN

From the lofty atmosphere of Rome to the grass-roots of a local parish is a short distance as the Catholic Church travels.

Already, decrees promulgated by the Vatican Council are taking effect in Farmington, with one example at St. Alexander Catholic Church on Shiawassee.

At the directive of Archbishop John F. Dearden, St. Alexander's, guided by Fr. Albert G. Kolch, has instituted three innovations.

A 12-member parish committee which will have responsibility for administration of the parish. This is now being set up.

Project Commitment, a program intended to teach true Christian attitudes toward people of other races by instruction to improve individual opinion.

Inter-Parish Sharing Program, in which people in more fortunate parishes assist those in less fortunate such as DeLor's inner city. This will be a personal approach and call for a request for 10 per cent of the net income of the parish to operate it.

Fr. Kolch describes these new programs as direct outgrowths of the Vatican Council.

"The late Pope John had much to do with all of this," he says. "The church was becoming too intensive. It was felt it should become more extensive, that the view of the world and humanity had to be expanded to deal with the problems of man."

"The church could no longer be aloof from the world." Churchmen differ on what brought about current re-orientation in dioceses in all churches today.

Fr. Kolch attributes much of the activity in this line to the Protestant church.

"The ecumenical movement was begun initially more by the Protestant church than the Catholic," he notes. "It may have started by our coming out of one historical era into a new one. On why it happened now, it must be remembered that it wasn't until 1860 that anti-Catholic laws in England were repealed."

"Before that, a Catholic could not attend a Protestant church in England without the judgment being made that he had given up his religion.

"And," he goes on, "the Council did achieve its purpose of placing more responsibility for faith upon the individual. True, it does place the educational burden for this on the parish priest. It's a major job to get people to accept this responsibility."



FR. ALBERT G. KOLCH

"IN SUCH THINGS as not eating meat on Friday, there is less formalism now. People are still urged to abstain on Friday, however, and the church trusts that their faith will not let them lightly excuse themselves.

Fr. Kolch believes that Catholic young people make a mistake in not knowing how relevant the priesthood is to their church.

He doesn't downgrade secular faith, but admits, "It takes a higher degree of charity and commitment to meet the daily needs of the church."

"There are widely differentiated opinions on what leads one into the priesthood, but they are not as differentiated as extremists would have you believe, nor as soft as others would have you believe."

The local priest's own decision to enter the service of the church did not come easily.

"I had thought about it for a long time," he says. "But I was never able to make the necessary sacrifice involved to enter the priesthood. Finally I decided I had a vocation in the priesthood and should not duck it any longer."

He entered Sacred Heart Seminary when he was 22, attended Wayne State, obtained a Ph.D. from the University of Detroit in 1941 and an L.S.L. doctorate in theology minus the thesis from Catholic University.

His study major was English with minors in journalism and education for the Michigan Catholic.

FROM A NEWSPAPER office to a parish pupil wasn't far. Along the way he worked on the copy desk of the Detroit Free Press, wrote sports for the Detroit Times and worked on the exchange desk of the Detroit News.

He hasn't left his newspaper career far behind him. At one time he wrote a column for the old Detroit World, which took over for the defunct Times, and has written an occasional editorial for the Michigan Catholic.

Fr. Kolch may not be meeting deadlines now, but the busyness of life has not abated. While being interviewed, he was interrupted three times for matters requiring his decision. He was unable to escape the cares of the parish by getting out on the golf course, one of his chief delights.

Ecumenism applies here. He goes with the Rev. George Ramsey, of the First Presbyterian Church.

'Holy City' To Be Heard At St. John

"The Holy City," an oratorio by A. R. Gaul, will be presented by the combined choir of Antioch Lutheran Church and St. John Lutheran Church. The oratorio will be sung on Palm Sunday evening, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. John Church, located a half-mile south of Grand River on Gill Road in the City of Farmington.

The choirs will be under the direction of Mrs. Irene Winnie, choir director of Antioch Lutheran Church. Soloists, chosen from both choirs, will be Mrs. Sharon Basal, Mrs. Ruth Ensign, Mrs. Shirlee Korte, Mrs. Zelma Lloyd, Robert Miller, Harold Olson and Donald Otto. Accompaniment will be provided by Mrs. Roberta Kumm, organist at St. John Church, at the organ, and Mrs. Charlene Slabey at the piano.

The public is cordially invited to attend this special observance of the beginning of Holy Week. There is no admission charge.

Farmington Churches

Egg Decoration Rabbi To Be Discussed To Review At 1st Methodist

The lovely and traditional art of decorating Easter eggs, the ancient symbols of new life, will be the subject of the program when Mrs. William Volker tells about "Ukrainian Easter Eggs" at the monthly general meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service at First Methodist Church on Farmington.

On Tuesday, March 21, at noon, a luncheon will be served by the ladies of Mary Martha Circle, after which the program and business meeting will begin at 12:50 p.m., with devotions by Mrs. Eugene McAdams. All are welcome to attend by calling Mrs. Francis King at 474-2286. There will be a nursery for pre-school children.

The muskrat, unlike the beaver, does store food for the winter. He forages each night during the cold months to keep his family fed.

Bishop Pike To Discuss New Morality

The Birmingham Temple will conduct a Spring Literary Series with Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine reviewing contemporary drama and fiction in the Birmingham Unitarian Church starting Monday, March 20, at 8:30 p.m.

The first review will be of the play "Marat-Sade" by Peter Weiss.

The series will also include Bernard Malamud's novel "The Fixer" at 1 p.m. on March 27, Peter Shaffer's drama "The Royal Hunt of the Sun" at 1 p.m. on April 13, the novel "The Magus" by John Fowles on April 10 at 1 p.m. and the Bertholt Brecht drama "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" on April 17 at 8:30 p.m.

Admission for each session will be \$1 and coffee will be served. For ticket information call 626-1689 or 452-5491.

Bishop Pike To Discuss New Morality

Bishop James A. Pike will discuss "The New Morality" at 8 p.m., Monday, March 20, in the Southfield High School auditorium, 10 Mile Road and Lahser.

Rev. Pike, who has been accused of heresy on at least three occasions, but has always been exonerated before any issue went to trial, recently submitted his resignation from the post of bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California in order to join the resident date of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions.

Admission to the lecture is free and the public is invited. For tickets, send requests with stamped, self-addressed envelope to Oakland Community College, Community Services Division, 2480 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48013.

Attend Church This Sunday

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

Columnist Set For S'field Talk

Rev. Daniel Lyons, S.J., regular weekly columnist in the national Catholic newspaper, Our Sunday Visitor, will speak Tuesday, March 21, at 8 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 20755 Southfield Rd., in Southfield.

The Oakland County Conservative Club is sponsoring the talk, which is open to the public.

Fr. Lyons, a noted Asian authority, lecturer and author, will present the topic "When Are We Going to Win in Vietnam?"

A Jesuit priest, Rev. Lyons is a member of the Strategy Staff of the American Security Council, chairman of the Free Pacific Association and the East Asian Research Institute.

Proceeds Slated For Art Restoral

ROCHESTER—The proceeds from the March 22 performance of Bernard Shaw's comedy "You Never Can Tell" will go to the Oakland University Aid to Florence Committee.

The committee was formed earlier this year following the disastrous floods which ravaged Florence, destroying a large portion of Italy's art treasures.

Tickets to "You Never Can Tell" are available at the Oakland University Student Activity Desk or by calling 338-7211, ext. 2182. Tickets are also available at the Meadow Brook Theatre box office on Oakland University's campus.

Area Masons Plan Pancake Breakfast

The Farmington Masonic Temple Association will sponsor a pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 19, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Farmington Masonic Temple located at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road. Pancakes, sausages, butter, syrup, coffee and milk will be served.

Everyone is invited to stop in on their way to or from church services. Jack Curry, P.M., chairman of the Temple Association Fund Raising Committee, stated that all donations received will be used to furnish new kitchen equipment.

OES Chapter 239 Plan Rummage Sale

Lucille Hargrave, Work at Home Farmington Chapter 239 Order of Eastern Star, reported that all plans are complete for their annual rummage sale which will be held at the Wheeler Street Fire Hall, Saturday, March 18. There is a large collection of articles which will be available for sale from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and the public is invited.

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Date Of Easter Fixed By Full Moon In 325 A.D.

ANN ARBOR—The date of Easter, shortly after a full moon, was probably established early times to give pilgrims as much moonlight as possible for travel on roads to the Holy City.

According to University of Michigan astronomer H. A. L. Losh, Easter is one of the few things in modern life that goes strictly by the moon. This year it is March 26.

The date of Easter, Prof. Losh reports, was fixed in 325 A.D. when the church fathers gathered in council at Nicea. They set it as Sunday after the first full moon after the first full moon after the sun enters the equinox.

OF THE EQUINOX, which signals the start of spring. Prof. Losh said: "Contrary to what many believe, day and night are not exactly equal on the day of the equinox."

"Because of the refraction or bending of the sun's rays by the earth's atmosphere, the sun may be seen a few minutes before it actually comes over the horizon, and also be visible by a similar length of time after it drops below. The day and night are more nearly equal three or four days before the equinox."

However, when spring does arrive at 2:37 a.m. next Tuesday (March 21), it will be six hours later than it was last year.

The delay, according to Prof. Losh, comes from the difference in our calendar, 365 days, and the time used by the earth in traveling around the sun, 365 days, 5 hours, and 49 minutes.

THE FIRST DAY of spring, the sun will seem to cross the equator on its way north and both hemispheres will share sunshine about equally.

One stellar constellation reminding us that spring is just around the corner is Virgo.

Orchard Methodist Church

30450 Farmington Road Farmington Road between 12 and 14 Mile Roads FRANK A. COZADD, Minister - GR. 6-1070 Worship Service and Church School at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Nursery Provided Office - MA. 6-4820

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Northwestern Highway at Lahser Road EL 6-1660 and 444-4276 MARCH 19, 1967 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Service of Worship 11:00 a.m. Church School Classes from Toddlers through Twelfth Grade 8:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service Reception of New Members MINISTERS: Dr. Ralph H. Reed - Rev. Joseph G. Gregory Child Care Provided ALL ARE WELCOME

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Oakland at Gd. River Farmington SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M. ADULT BIBLE STUDY (Nursery) 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE (Nursery) 10:15 A.M. Parsonage GR. 6-4847 Church Office GR. 4-6880 Carl H. Schultz, Minister

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First Presbyterian Church

26165 FARMINGTON RD. (at Eleven Mile) MAUNDY THURSDAY (March 23) 8:00 p.m. Ecumenical Commemoration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper. The Congregations of Trinity Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church Join together for this service. EASTER DAY (March 26) Morning Services at 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. GEORGE W. RAMSEY Minister ROBERT N. SAWYER Asst. Minister Church - 474-6170

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23500 W. Thirteen Mile Road (just west of Orchard Lake Rd.) Affiliated with The American Baptist Convention and The Metro. Detroit Council of Churches. March 19, 1967 - "A SPIRIT OF EXPECTANCY" Worship Service 10:00 a.m. (Nursery) Church School 11:10 a.m. (All Ages)

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