

# Father Of 13 Ordained As Deacon

Father of 13 children, grandfather of 10, supervisor of maintenance for the Wayne County Child Development Center, Stanley A. Belanger of Westland now has an official new responsibility.

He has been ordained to the Catholic Church's permanent diaconate and is assisting with the clerical duties in St. Theodore Church, 8200 Wayne, Westland.

Belanger has been studying two years to prepare himself for the diaconate, a part of the Catholic hierarchy that has been restored after an absence of 1,500 years.

The Belanger clan ranges from Mrs. Helen McGuire, of Northville, down through seven-year-old Renee, and John, Robert, Paul, Frances, Bernadette, Bernard, Annette and James. Another daughter, Theresa, died at the age of seven.

BISHOP Walter J. Schoenherber was presiding prelate for the ordination Sunday, Aug. 13, just three days after taking his final examination in Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, he now is authorized to perform many functions of the priesthood other than preaching.

"THE WORD deacon means servant," he explained, "and the apostles had deacons. Our purpose is like theirs—to take care of the details while they preach the word of God."

In the Archdiocese of Detroit, the diaconate is a part-time, unpaid ministry. So Belanger, like other ordained before him, will continue in his work in the Wayne County center.



DEACON STANLEY BELANGER, (left) assists the Rev. John Blaska with sacraments in St. Theodore Catholic Church, Westland.

and give the homily, participate in the liturgy and officiate at para-liturgical events such as wakes, prayer services, graveside rites and benediction.

He will continue his studies for another year in order to earn a license to preach. Belanger, a resident of Westland for 19 years, said he became interested in the diaconate program after serving on the parish council's education committee.

"It was a new program and I went to observe," he said. "When I decided to take the training, I received the complete support of Father Leonard Zak, former pastor

here, and later Father Blaska."

MRS. BELANGER said she also had found benefits in the program.

"One of the first requirements for a candidate is an interview with his wife to be sure she wants him to participate," she said.

## Hadassah Leader To Speak Monday

Mrs. Max (Pave) Schenk, immediate past national president of Hadassah, will be guest speaker at a luncheon for special gifts workers of Hadassah on Monday, Aug. 28. It will be held in the home of Mrs. Milford Golden of Birmingham.

The luncheon will kick off a campaign for special gifts for the Hadassah Medical Organization, which supports the Medical Center in Israel. Mrs. Schenk has held major positions in Hadassah for the past 35 years. While its national president, she served on the board of governors of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the presidium of the Zionist General Council.

She represents Hadassah in the conference of presidents of major American Jewish organizations, and was elected one of the two American representatives to the board of directors of the Karen Kaysen Le Israel. Born in Des Moines, Iowa, the daughter of the late Rabbi N.H. Zeichik, a noted Talmudic scholar, she is the wife of Rabbi Max Schenk, who recently retired as a leader of Congregation Shari Zedek, Brooklyn, N.Y., and former president of the New York board of rabbis.

Mrs. Schenk received her B.A. and M.A. from Drake University, where she taught science. From 1939 to 1949, the Schenks lived in Sydney, Australia.

A frequent visitor to Israel, Mrs. Schenk has also studied the problems of Jews behind the Iron Curtain when she visited Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia and the U.S.S.R. She recently visited Iran.

Mrs. E. Newton Rottenberg and Mrs. Irvin Meckler are chairmen of the luncheon.

## Rev. Lester Kinsolving's Religion Update

While morticians generally have an understandable aversion to being called "undertakers," the selected euphemism of "funeral director" has been a leading cause of strife with the clergy more than half a century.

It is no good in Manhattan during the '60s that a number of the leading pastors simply hired morticians as their assistants, with the rule that no other mortician could handle any funeral in the church.

This eliminated any mortuary interference with the appropriate clergy authority in any religious service, and there is no report that any clergyman ever designed to offer his church's mortician advice regarding such functions as embalming.

SINCE MORTICIANS handle a considerable number of unchurched, they could often retaliate by hiring the hungry clergy to do as told. Or they could frequently take advantage of clergy from distant areas who had no desire to argue at funeral time and in front of the bereaved.

One such instance took place when the late Oscar Green, a colorful and dry-witted clergyman from Palo Alto, Calif., was called to officiate in another county. As the family was approaching graveside, the mortician bravely thrust an envelope of rose petals into the hand of the Rev. Mr. Green. It was informing him that "It is our custom here to throw rose petals instead of earth upon the casket."

"I'd prefer dirt, thank you," replied the Rev. Mr. Green. "Oh, why be difficult?" countered the mortician, his voice thick with sarcasm.

"The rose petals eventually turn to dirt, you know!" "So do undertakers," shot back Green, "but we don't throw them on!"

Most morticians have a sense of humor and many are both cooperative and scrupulous in providing good and modest services when requested, without taking advantage of the unwary bereaved.

BUT THERE have been nearly enough of these to offend—or to police—the monumental scandals uncovered in such best sellers as "The American Way of Death" or "The High Cost of Dying," charged the Saturday Review of Literature, about those described by author Edwin O'Connor as "the death-bed

Revival Series Is Continuing

The revival which began on Aug. 13 in Covenant Community Church is continuing nightly at 7:00 p.m. at Drake University, where she taught science.

Attendance at the church is averaging about 500 persons and is open to everyone. The church is located at 2800 Student, Redford Township.

Assisting in the revival are two lay workers, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Teichroff of Regina, Sask. The main work of the Teichroffs is to conduct meetings for women and men separately where the emphasis is on fellowship and sharing.

The services will continue indefinitely.



REV. KINSOLVING

bandits." And U.S. Catholic magazine recently called not only for official Catholic approval of cremation, but for the elimination of both funeral homes and cemeteries.

The courage and persistence of a few state legislators like California's Sen. Anthony Beilenson (D-Los Angeles) promises at least major reform, if not the transformation of the burial business. After five legislative sessions in which he saw his funeral reform package trampled by powerful funeral lobbyist Danny Creedon with too few clergy giving him any real support, Beilenson finally has passed his bill which will require all morticians to itemize each and every service and cost—prior to any signing of a contract.

His bill also eliminates a long-standing and particularly insufferable outrage, in prohibiting crematories from requiring a casket for the corpse.

This should be a bonanza for the growing practice of

scattering ashes over the ocean (a service which a new group, the Flying Funeral Directors of America, is providing Californians for \$25). And a growing number of clergy are suggesting that memorial services without casket are most appropriate, with the liturgy minutely and appropriately altered regarding final disposition.

WHILE ALL usable organs from heart to cornea should be utilized wherever needed, there is far less objection nowadays to cremation—especially when followed by ashes being scattered on the ocean. Certainly the mystic majesty and beauty of the sea would appear to exceed even the most manicured or scenic "memory garden" or, certainly, the many cemeteries which don't even deserve the epithet "marble orchard," because they are so grotesque in monumental variation.

The ocean is not in need of any "perpetual care," nor is there any chance that, like most cemeteries, it will have to be moved—although settlement can postpone this for several generations if not permanently.

At Georgetown University, for example, there is a Jesuit graveyard located somewhat incongruously in the midst of a conglomerate of new dormitories. Explains one faculty member—who has asked to remain anonymous:

"We thought of building the girls' dorm right on top of the cemetery, because so many of those priests had said, 'Georgetown will go coed over my dead body!'"

## Church Hosts Student Choir

The Reflections, a choral group specializing in spiritual and gospel messages in song, will appear at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8200 Wayne Road, Livonia, at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27.

The Reflections is a group of 40 high school students from 12 American Lutheran Church

congregations of the Maumee Valley Conference in Northwestern Ohio. Pastor Ned Newlin of St. Mark and Bethel Lutheran Churches is in charge of the group. Arrangements for the concert were made through Pastor Terry Reuther, formerly of Timothy Lutheran Church. The concert is open to the public. A free will donation will be accepted.

## Bar Mitzvah Set In Kol Ami

Jeffrey Weintraub, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Weintraub of Farmington, will celebrate his bar mitzvah in Temple Kol Ami Saturday, Aug. 26, by assisting Rabbi Ernst Conrad with the morning Sabbath service. Also participating in the service will be his sister, Hope, and his mother and father.

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Temple Kol Ami holds its Sabbath services at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, Lone Pine at Woodward at 10:30 a.m.

## Planning Sale

St. Alexander Catholic Church, 2785 Shawwassee, Farmington, is holding a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16.

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## WEDNESDAY TESTIMONIAL MEETINGS HELD AT 8 P.M.

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10:00 a.m. Kindergarten

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30450 Farmington  
Between 13 and 14 Mile  
10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship & Church School (Thru 2nd grade)  
451-4544

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20150 Middlebelt, Liv. GR 4-3553  
10:00 a.m. First Worship Service  
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6:30 p.m. Youth Meetings  
7:30 p.m. The Evening Service  
Rev. J. M. Howell  
Rev. Howard F. Shaw

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33112 Grand River GR 4-8573  
Worship, Church School and Nursery  
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**EVANGELICAL COVENANT**  
24331 W. Eight Mile Road  
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In Livonia  
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church  
1818 Farmington Rd.  
Pastor: Rev. J. M. Howell  
Worship Services 8:30 and 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

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CHRIST THE KING  
9300 Farmington Road  
427-2100  
The Rev. J. M. Howell  
Worship Services 8:30 and 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION**  
30333 W. 10 Mile Road  
476-3335  
Pastor: Rev. J. M. Howell  
Worship Services 8:30 and 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

**ST. JOHN'S**  
13542 Mercedes  
Trotterville Rd. 421-4182  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Folk Service  
Wed. Evening 8 p.m.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST**  
Missouri Synod  
48250 Ann Arbor Road  
(IM-14 City of Plymouth)  
Rev. Kenneth E. Ziegle  
453-6252

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN Church and School**  
(Missouri Synod)  
Middlebelt at 8 Mile Rd.  
474-0875  
Pastor: Rev. J. M. Howell  
Worship Services 8:30 and 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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474-0210  
Rev. Victor H. Mesenbarger  
Worship Services 8:30 and 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
14350 W. 10 Mile Rd.  
Rev. Jerry Stroud  
9:30 a.m.  
534-3462

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