

Hope To Make Newman House Hub Of Culture

The young priest who has set up shop in the Newman Center in Schoolcraft Community College would like to see the center a hub of Christian culture in this area.

The Rev. James Varty is just back from Cuernavaca, Mexico, where he took part in a conference with more than 100 people involved in campus ministry work.

"I'm not the new director, but rather I see my job as a coordinator, providing continuity to the student-generated programs," explained Fr. Varty, assistant for the past three years to the Rev. Kesne Cronin who has moved from directing the Newman Center at SCC to coordinating the campus ministry for the entire archdiocese of Detroit on non-Catholic campuses.

"Since Schoolcraft College is becoming the cultural hub of this entire area, I feel we ought to make Newman Center a hub of Christian culture. The presence of the church on campus can help draw out the Christian implications of what is being accomplished in secular studies."

SO FAR he anticipates no demand for regular classes in religion but can see how interest might eventually lead to establishment of a chair of theology here as it has in other institutions of learning in Europe and parts of the United States.

"INFORMALITY and non-structured discussion groups appear to be what the young people find most helpful at this time," Fr. Varty said.

He called it "my special field," and added:

"But it doesn't work if other people don't want to be what the young people find most helpful at this time. What happens is that indirectly we get into examining the Scriptures on this or that or another topic and then the study takes place naturally."

Looking like an undergraduate despite his four years of graduate study at Gregorian Institute in Rome and five years teaching seniors at St. Agatha's High School in Redford Town-

ship, the young priest views his responsibilities toward the 4,500 students he contacts in a school year most seriously.

"At this time of life between high school and for most of them, marriage and parenthood, is crucial," he mused. "It's true that most of our learning and character shaping takes place very early in the home, but at this age decisions are made that probably fix many life patterns."

Along with his fellow chaplains who have been meeting during the summer, James Varty has prayed and worried and thought about the problems of student couples, both married and hoping to marry.

"THE REVERSAL of roles for the young married couple in school, particularly when the husband is pursuing professional studies, is just devastating," he said.

He told of reports by psychiatrists in medical centers having to spend large portions of their time trying to help the wives of their colleagues, the wives had dropped out of school to support their husbands who have extended studies for advanced degrees.

"They always think they've it fixed by deciding they won't have children in the first few years. But that's not the key to the problem. It's the difficulty of accepting the reversal of roles of breadwinner, the conflict of work and study schedules, the divergence of interests that continue to drive a wedge between them," the priest emphasized.

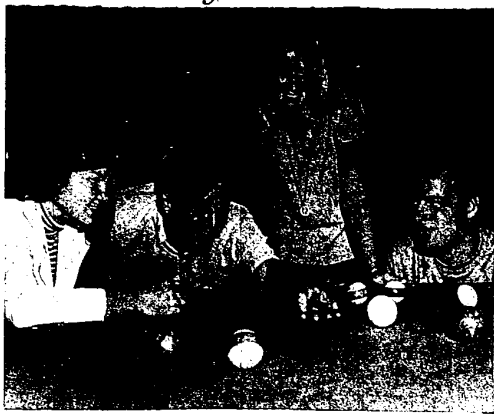
ANOTHER DILEMMA he finds of concern is the overt hostility of some of the 18 to 22 age group toward "their elders" and their inability to think beyond "the now."

"While some of this so-called generation gap has something to do with relations with their own families, more is probably a result of frustration over extended dependency and inability to change the many things they feel need changing. But in all my contacts with the high school and college people I've known these past five years, I've learned there are an awful lot of very good young people making a real effort to work for a better life for others as well as themselves," is his view of the new Catholic chaplain at SCC.

He cited examples of some of the action programs including projects by some of the students involving 60 youngsters from St. Boniface parish on the near-west side of Detroit. They brought the children out to Newman Center for a Christmas celebration. Another time

they staged an Easter egg hunt for children from St. Patrick's center near downtown Detroit just north of Vernor. Parties for children from Hawthorn Center also figure in the planning of the college people in the ever-changing Newman "membership."

These are questions for discussion groups and intraschool chats in Newman House, the rambling structure that welcomes students living in the area for study, recreation and easy access to a spiritual advisor who speaks their language.



FUN AND GAMES -- Ping pong, pool, record listening and dancing are available to the college student habitues of the Newman Center. Students have worked sporadically through the summer to improve their "home away from home." This quartet is testing a table that's undergone some repairs. They are (from left) Joyce O'Conahue, Ken Cey, Debbie Karr and Gordon Murphree (Observer photo)



REV. JAMES VARTY



RAP SESSION -- Discussion and dialog keep them coming and learning at Newman Center adjoining Schoolcraft Community College campus. A few of the regulars are (from left) Joanne Fakie, Tom Knapp, Mark McQuesten and Conn Collins. Tom and Mark have contributed many hours of effort on maintenance inside and out. One of Tom's artistic contributions is the mosaic enamel work on the wood cross mounted on the fireplace. (Observer photos by Craig Gaffield)



CHORE TIME -- Indoor and outdoor housekeeping absorbs a lot of energy of volunteers who use Newman House on Haggerty Road. (Observer photo)

Area Deaths, Funerals

ROSE MARIETTA WILSON, Services for Mrs. Wilson, 82 of 5901 Strawberry Rd., Whitmore Lake, were held at the Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Rev. Henry Walsh officiating. Interment took place at the Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson, a member of the senior citizens of Livonia, died Aug. 26.

She is survived by one son and a daughter. Two brothers and sisters also survive.

Picks Home Parish For Ordination

The Rev. Mr. John Anthony Kasperek, 26, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kasperek, of 3606 Pamela Court, Westland, formerly of 6705 Memorial, Detroit, will be ordained a Roman Catholic priest Friday, Sept. 5, at St. Christopher's Church, Detroit. He is a member of the religious order of the congregation of priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Mr. Kasperek's request for ordination at his home parish, rather than in a diocese where he will serve the order is one of the first such requests to be received in the Detroit archdiocese.

Mr. Kasperek will be ordained by the Most Rev. Walter J. Schoemher, auxiliary bishop of Detroit. He will celebrate his first mass two days later at St. Christopher's.

After attending grade school at St. Christopher's and high school at Divine Heart Seminary, Donaldson, Ind., Mr. Kasperek took his minor seminary studies at Kilroe Seminary, Honesdale, Pa., and his major seminary studies at Sacred Heart Seminary, Hales Corners, Wis.

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EDWARD DICKS, Funeral services for Mr. Dicks, 62 of 2260 Plymouth, were held at the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Robert George Neven officiating. Interment took place at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Dicks died Aug. 27.

He is survived by his wife, Clara; two sons, Oliver and Gilbert; and a daughter, Mrs. Alma Arnold.

KIEWIT PETER THEISEN, Services for Mr. Theisen, 69 of 2260 Ridge Road, Canton Township, were held at the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Burroughs officiating. Interment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn.

Mr. Theisen died suddenly Aug. 27.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two sons, Carl and Edward; three brothers, George, Walter and William.

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