

Galbraith extols 'new reality' in peace lecture

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They came 1,200 strong. The old and the young, from Dearborn and from Rochester Hills, wearing their Sunday best or most casual. They parked for blocks along Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads, made their own rows in the church parking lot and ignored "no parking on Sunday" spaces in front of Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

They sat in pews in the hallowed sanctuary until they spilled over into the aisles, where they sat on the floor made less harsh with kneeling cushions or leaned against a convenient pillar.

And they listened with their minds and hearts — to the words of a tall, lanky, nearly 80-year-old states-

man/economist of international stature who knows how to deliver the message of how to achieve world peace with wisdom — and with humor.

They were there to hear Harvard professor John Kenneth Galbraith deliver the inaugural Cranbrook Peace Foundation lecture on "Peace, Arms Control and the New Dimensions in East-West Relationships."

AND HE CHALLENGED them, although in measured tones, to adopt "the new reality" — a reality in which there are no longer two superpowers who must fear one another's political and social systems, economies or domination of other countries, a reality that the military establishment is no longer warranted by world events. "All three sources

of antagonism have diminished or dissolved." And the concept of the Soviet Union trying to take over the sophisticated Japanese economy is similarly ludicrous.

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making as a way of life." To Millie Janka of Dearborn, there with her husband and college-age son, "the most exciting part of the evening is to realize this many human beings would gather to talk about peace" as well as "the cross-section of life in this room."

"I was very moved," said Ann Diemer of Rochester Hills, who said she had read Galbraith.

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Slain nurse's goal was to help others

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Michelle Rougeau moved from her family's Southfield home to the east side of Detroit about 10 years ago so she could be closer to those who needed her help, her father said.

"She knew we were not happy with her being there, she knew we were uncomfortable," said Michelle's father Tuesday. The still-grieving Vernon B. Rougeau said his daughter "wasn't comfortable here in Southfield, because we had too much. She figured people down there needed her more."

It was in her outside Detroit apartment — close to the Church of the Messiah, where she did much of her work and where she was colonized Monday — that the 35-year-old Harper Hospital neurological nurse was brutally murdered.

The 1970 graduate of Farmington Hills Mercy High, the fifth of 11 children, may have unknowingly let her assailant in through the front door, family members theorize.

"She would have been secure in



Michelle Rougeau brought her work to people

the knowledge that not everybody is running through the building (St. Paul's Manor)," Rougeau said. "She opened the apartment door expecting it to be someone she would trust."

ROUGEAU SAID his daughter,

whose body was found fully-clothed on the floor near an open Bible, apparently was not sexually molested before the fatal attack.

"The person would have to be let in. It couldn't have been a person off the street," said Sister Madonna Rougeau, a St. Louis nun in Southfield for the funeral.

Police are still investigating the murder, which is thought to have taken place sometime around 2 p.m. April 7. Rougeau, who was set to start a new job this week at Children's Hospital of Michigan, was reportedly slashed in the throat and wrists and stabbed repeatedly.

The legacy Rougeau left behind was one of "totally giving," according to those who knew the religious woman.

Among her many gifts to society were: volunteering at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen; spending nine months in Nigeria as a medical missionary, and donating money to a Mercy High alumni association to help feed starving children.

She also saved time for her family.

DIVIDING THE FAMILY'S 16 grandchildren into three age groups, Rougeau regularly took them on field trips, such as Belle Isle or the Detroit Zoo.

"Last Monday, she took the 'A' group (ages 8-13) downtown to see Detroit," her father recalled. "They went for a ride on the People Mover, went to the Coney Island for lunch and Hart Plaza Zoo."

The youngsters were planning to reciprocate by taking her on a trip themselves, according to Sue Rougeau, the nurse's sister-in-law. FAMILY MEMBERS reflected on their loss.

"I'm going to miss her," said the younger Vernon. "She was a one-of-a-kind person. Everybody leaves a mark in life, but she left a very large one."

According to Michelle's father, "She lived a full life in her 35 years. I have complete faith that she sits with God today."

Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit. Contributing to this story was Robert Sklar.

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