

Ecumenical Service Is Planned

Celebration of both the sacred and secular aspects of Thanksgiving will be the theme of the annual ecumenical Thanksgiving Service for the Farmington area.

The service is set at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Powers.

Clergy and laity from several Farmington churches will participate, and an ecumenical choir under the direction of Don Zelinski of Our Lady of Sorrows will furnish the music.

THE REV. JOHN HOOPER, minister of Trinity Episcopal church, will be the speaker. His message will pick up the theme of the coming together of sacred and secular.

Other clergymen participating will be the Rev. Carl Kallreider, pastor of Antioch Lutheran Church and president of the Farmington Ministerial Association, and the Rev. Joseph Ines, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows. It is the first time that the service has been held in the Sorrows sanctuary.

The thinking behind the service was explained by the Rev. Meredith T. Moshauer, associate minister of Nardin Park United Methodist Church and chairman of a planning committee for the annual service.

"THIS YEAR'S service," he said, "attempts to acknowledge that there is a secular world which everyone is in, and in part also ventures into the sacred world."

"Our unit as a community lies more in the secular than in the sacred. We have thought that to have a Thanksgiving worship experience which does not present this may be avoiding reality."

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PREPARING for Farmington's ecumenical Thanksgiving eve service to be held in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church are the Rev. Carl Kallreider, the Rev. John Hooper, the Rev. Mer-

thanking that God has given up."

"IN THE SERVICE this year, through this setting, we are attempting to say that God is the one to whom we are thankful and that the world in which we exist is also a place in which God and man are acting out this thankfulness."

"We do not presume to say that the world is past redemption. However, we are

idith Moshauer and the Rev. Robert Rokusek, associate pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows. (Evert photo)

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Rev. Moshauer on the planning committee were Mrs. Edmund Whiting of St. Clare Catholic Church, the Rev.

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Rev. Lester Kinsolving's Religion Update

Football is still a wondrous thing at Notre Dame — but it is no longer holy, as it was in the days of the late Chaplain John O'Hara.

Father O'Hara (later cardinal archbishop of Philadelphia) used to issue bulletins carefully correlating the rate of student mass attendance with Irish touch-downs.

Along this line of reasoning, it could also have been contended that the gridiron gladiators of the golden dome almost invariably vindicated the Faith by conquering both the United States Army (West Point) and Navy (Annapolis) — although almost never contending with any other Catholic institution.

Hence, when one Notre Dame team snapped the 44-game winning streak of the University of Oklahoma, the captain of the Fighting Irish remarked to reporters:

"That victory was for every Catholic in Oklahoma!"

THIS COMMENT was described last week, however, as "perfectly horrible" by Father John O'Brien, one of Notre Dame's most venerable and revered scholars and one of the nation's most renowned Catholic spokesmen.

Father O'Brien hardly degrades football, having once played quarterback against the immortal Knute Rockne, who coached, won 105, lost 12 and tied 10 the year before Rockne and Gus Dorais introduced the forward pass.

A photograph of Father O'Brien's St. Victor's College team is in his study — with the written notation: "We scored against Notre Dame."

But Father O'Brien, a

leader in ecumenical cooperation, is glad that Notre Dame football is no longer a holy war — or in improper perspective for what has become a great university. He recalls, for instance, a 1953 West Coast press conference for the newly elected Notre Dame president, Father Theodore Hesburgh — at which nobody showed up but sports-writers.

FATHER O'BRIEN'S sense of proportion appears to be shared by that dark and devastatingly charismatic French Armenian Presbyterian whose Notre Dame coaching record is fast approaching Rockne and Frank Leahy (87-11-9). In an exclusive interview, Head Coach Ara Parseghian told this writer:

"We're really an educational institution with a religious affiliation. A football team is certainly not a religion. But I believe that we have demonstrated that a great university having a great football team can go hand in hand."

So in addition to obtaining a good education, the young football star who chooses the Irish can play on turf sanctified by more pros and All-Americans than any other college team in U.S. history.

He can also count on being fired up weekly by the mist spire-tingling of all football songs, as capably stadium crowds and millions of subway alumni still sing, at the top of their lungs:

"Shake down the thunder from the sky! What though the odds be great or small, Old Notre Dame will win over all."

ROCKNE, a Norwegian Lutheran, became a Catholic

after years of seeing his team go voluntarily to early mass — and subsequently showing far less pre-game anxiety than their coach.

Parseghian has denied recurrent reports of an invincibly recruiting system — allegedly operated by every priest and nun in the U.S. in order to supply football talent for the most victorious of Catholic colleges (won 532, lost 144, tied 38). "Priests are usually loyal to their own environment," he contended, "although some are sympathetic to us. But there are many more outstanding college teams today, so we really have to compete for the boys."

Parseghian has a distinct edge, nevertheless. Notre Dame has become the Catholic Harvard, among many other reasons because it has provided an academic refuge for such brilliant, if controversial, scholars as Fathers O'Brien, John McKeen (now at DePaul University) and James Burtchell.

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Methodist Ministers To Sing

The Light Company, a musical group composed of three United Methodist ministers, will lead worship services at both 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, in Newburg United Methodist Church, 35500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

The three are Dave Trout, Bill Hanlin and Bob Morley. With the encouragement of their church, they left the local parish ministry to experiment in a contemporary medium. Their emphasis is on the good things of life with which people of all faiths and ages can identify.

The Light Company deals in contemporary music, letting the songs that come from this generation speak to this generation about responsibility to life and to one's fellow man.

They are sponsored by the board of evangelism as a young group relating contemporary music to the worship of the church.

The Rev. Jerry B. Stroud will be installed as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, 14350 Worman, Redford Township, at the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Nov. 10.

The Rev. Robert L. Wietelman, bishop of the Michigan district of the American Lutheran Church, will conduct the service. A coffee hour will follow.

Rev. Stroud is a graduate of Capital University and the Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary at Columbus, Ohio. A native of Dearborn, he has served as assistant pastor of First Lutheran Church of Detroit Lakes, Minn., and as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Waukegan, Minn.

Pastor Stroud, his wife Anelle, and their three children, Holly, Laurel and David, will reside at 25551 Davison.

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Redford Churches Join In Annual Thanksgiving Rites

Following an annual custom, three Redford Township churches will join for a Thanksgiving Eve ecumenical service in Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church, 17116 Olympia.

The other churches participating in the service at 8 p.m. Nov. 24 are Good Shepherd Lutheran and Village United Presbyterian. A combined choir of 200 voices from the three churches will perform several songs of the season under the direction of Patrick Bellemann, choir director for Our Lady of Loretto, and Roger Phillips, choir master at Village church.

Margaret Williams at the organ and an orchestra of musicians from Our Lady of Loretto will accompany the group.

The Rev. David B. Antonson of Village church will deliver the sermon. Other clergymen participating will be the Rev. Geoffrey Albert of Good Shepherd, the Rev. James A. Crawford of Village, and the Rev. Tom Borkowski of Loretto.

The community is invited to join in the musical worship service of thanksgiving.

Krachenberg will be the soloist, with Mrs. Joan Yoakam as the organist. The service in Detroit will be conducted by John F. Benkelman of Livonia and Mrs. Chloara Austin of Westland. Mrs. Katherine Fox will sing.

Mrs. Ellistine Beall will be the soloist, and Mrs. Edris Neale, the organist, for the Plymouth service. It will be conducted by Alex C. Howell and Mrs. Fern Anderson.

Flowers are tokens of your respect and deserve our respect.

SPRINGBROOK GARDENS FLORISTS

481 W. Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth 455-9330

23614 Powers Road Farmington 474-0858

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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John O. Edgar, D.D., Pastor

Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church 26150 Evergreen Southfield 352-8928

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Area Deaths

PAUL E. NIXON, Services for Mr. Nixon, 82, of 34965 Wadsworth in Livonia, were held in Newburg United Methodist Church, 35500 Ann Arbor Trail.

Mr. Nixon died Nov. 17. He was a Livonia resident for 20 years and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Livonia.

He is survived by his wife, Winifred, two children, David Nixon of Hammond Ind. and Mrs. Joseph Tompkins of Union Lake. He mother, Mrs. John Lester of Escalon, Calif., a sister, Mrs. Earl Reinhardt of Escalon, Calif., and four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions should be sent to the Paul Nixon Music Fund, Newburg United Methodist

Church or the American Cancer Society.

MYRTLE G. BARNY — Services for Mrs. Barny, 82, of 7350 Brookville Road, Detroit, were held at the Schroeder Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul M. Cargo officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

A lifetime resident of the area, Mrs. Barny had served in Salem Township Clerk and Treasurer. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Livonia, the Waukegan County Farm Bureau and the Salem Farmers' Club. She died Nov. 15 in the Handy Care nursing home in Plymouth.