

news

REFERENDUM NEWS

MANY CATHOLICS ARE CONFUSED ABOUT THE DIVORCE QUESTION, WE FIND. AND SO, WE ARE TAKING STEPS TO CLARIFY THE ISSUE FOR YOU ALL.

ON TUESDAY NIGHT AT 8.00 A VIDEO WILL BE SHOWN IN THE CRYPT. ENTITLED "DIVORCE - IS IT THE SOLUTION TO MARITAL BREAKDOWN?" IT WILL BE PRESENTED BY PROFESSOR MARY McALEESE, A LECTURER IN THE LAW SCHOOL OF TRINITY COLLEGE. ALL ARE WELCOME - ADMISSION FREE

DURING THE WEEK, A SHORT BOOKLET WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. TITLED "WHEN THE WIND DIED DOWN" IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN BY BISHOP JOE CASSIDY. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BUY IT OFF THE PARISH BOOKRACK AT THE SIDE DOOR. PRICED 15P.

MINISTERS MEETING

TO WRAP UP THE YEAR OF MEETINGS, THE JUNE MEETING WILL GIVE MINISTERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS ON HOW THEY THINK THE YEAR HAS GONE. SO A FULL ATTENDANCE IS VITAL.

THAT'S THE LAST MEETING BEFORE SEPTEMBER OF MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND EUCHARIST, IN THE CRYPT THIS MONDAY NIGHT AT 8.

Let us Forget....

LAST WEEK, the Editor forgot to note the 'great event of the previous Sunday. The Procession, that is.

An event that was a marvellous success, in the view of our Pastor, with five times as many as the previous year walking. The priests were deeply impressed by the faith of all! BRAVO!

notices

YOUR HEALTH...

GROW, THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH MOVEMENT, IS HOLDING AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 16TH, IN CONNOLLY HALL AT 8.00 P.M.

THE CHIEF SPEAKER WILL BE FR. CON KEOGH, AN AUSTRALIAN PRIEST AND FOUNDER OF THE GROW MOVEMENT. THE MOVEMENT IS NOW WORLDWIDE, AND IS ONE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES HERE IN CORK, WITH AN ADDRESS AT 11 LIBERTY ST. (PHONE 506520)

GROW IS A VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW THEY ARE INADEQUATE OR MAL-ADJUSTED TO LIFE (MENTALLY, SOCIALLY OR SPIRITUALLY), WHO EARNESTLY DESIRE TO CHANGE, AND ARE HELPING ONE ANOTHER TO GROW TO PERSONAL MATURITY.

GROW IS ANONYMOUS, NON-DENOMINATIONAL AND OPEN TO ALL.

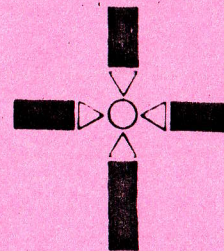
IN THE SUMMER-TIME...

JUST THE THING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, AGED BETWEEN 5 AND 14: THE BISHOPSTOWN SUMMER RECREATION SCHEME. REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER 11.00 MASS IN THE CRYPT ON SUNDAYS 15TH AND 22ND JUNE. (FURTHER DETAILS IN CHURCH PORCH)

OUR NEIGHBOURS' BIG DAY

THE S.M.A. OPEN DAY IS THIS SUNDAY, 15TH JUNE BETWEEN 2.00 AND 6.00 P.M. WE WISH THEM WELL, AND HOPE IT WILL BE FINE THIS YEAR!!!

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● SUNDAY 15TH JUNE 1986 ●

Church of the Holy Spirit Dennehy's Cross, Cork.

PASTORAL TEAM

PRIESTS:

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REV. BERNARD COTTER C.C. 41814
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REV. SISTER BRENDAN..... 41376

MASSSES

SUNDAYS:

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS - 7.30 P.M.
SUN. 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15.

WORKING HOLYDAYS:

EVE OF HOLYDAYS - 7.30 P.M.
7.30 A.M., 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.15, 7.30 P.M.

WEEKDAYS:

9.00, 10.00 AND 7.30 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAYS:

12.00 - 1.00. 7.00 - 7.30, 8.15 - 9.00.

EYES OF HOLYDAYS:

7.00 - 7.30. 8.15 - 9.00

WEDNESDAYS & EYES OF FIRST FRIDAYS:

8.00 P.M.

TWENTY QUESTIONS ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

1. WHAT DOES DIVORCE DO ?

DIVORCE ENDS A MARRIAGE IN CIVIL LAW.

2. ISN'T IT THE SAME AS SEPARATION ?

NO. DIVORCE LEAVES BOTH MAN AND WOMAN FREE TO RE-MARRY IN CIVIL LAW.

3. WHAT DOES ANNULMENT DO ?

IT SAYS, "THIS MARRIAGE WAS NEVER VALID". EITHER IT WAS DONE UNDER PRESSURE, OR ONE OF THE TWO PEOPLE INVOLVED WAS LACKING MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY.

4. AREN'T THEY ALL REALLY THE SAME THING ?

NO. DIVORCE ENDS A VALID MARRIAGE IN CIVIL LAW. ANNULMENT SAYS THERE NEVER WAS A VALID MARRIAGE. TWO MARRIED PEOPLE WHO PART THROUGH SEPARATION STAY MARRIED.

5. IS ANNULMENT A 'CATHOLIC THING' ?

NO. THE STATE GRANTS ANNULMENTS TOO.

6. ARE THERE 'STRINGS ATTACHED' TO CHURCH ANNULMENTS ?

YES. IN MOST CASES, THE CHURCH WON'T LET ONE OF THE PARTIES RE-MARRY, ALWAYS WITH GOOD REASON.

7. WHY IS THE CHURCH AGAINST DIVORCE ?

BECAUSE JESUS DIDN'T ALLOW IT. AFTER ALL, HE DID SAY, "WHAT GOD HAS UNITED, MAN MUST NOT SEPARATE...."

8. IS THAT WHY THE CHURCH OPPOSES THIS AMENDMENT ?

NO. THE CHURCH DOESN'T INSIST THAT THE LAW OF THE LAND SHOULD REFLECT CHURCH TEACHING.

9. WHY THEN ?

BECAUSE THE BISHOPS BELIEVE THAT DIVORCE UNDERMINES THE PERMANENCE OF MARRIAGE.

10. IN WHAT WAY ?

WHEREVER DIVORCE HAS BEEN INTRODUCED, IT HAS SOON BECOME ACCEPTED AS MORALLY RIGHT AND SOCIALLY NORMAL. THE MARRIAGE VOW THEN LOSES ALL MEANING.

*Excerpts from the
STATEMENT OF THE
IRISH EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE ON THE
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM
ON DIVORCE:*

"THE QUESTIONS raised in this debate are not simply political. They are also moral. Each voter is faced with a moral decision. For changes in civil law... affect the whole moral atmosphere.

WE ARE CONVINCED that the proposed Amendment would weaken rather than strengthen marriage and the family. While it would alleviate the pain of some, it would, we believe,...bring pain to a greater number. These are our considered convictions.

THE ULTIMATE DECISION rests with the people. May each individual make a reflective, prayerful, conscientious decision. May all be conscious of their responsibility to vote.

MAY EACH ONE weigh very carefully.. the consequences of his or her vote - or failure to vote - for the rising generation and for generations to come.

WE ASK OUR PEOPLE to pray that the Holy Spirit may guide all voters in the momentous choice facing them in the coming Referendum."

11th June, 1986.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE BISHOPS' STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY.

11.HAS THE CHURCH NO COMPASSION ?

IT HAS COMPASSION AND SYMPATHY FOR PEOPLE IN BROKEN MARRIAGES. IT DOES CARE ABOUT THEM. IT WANTS TO HELP THEM.

12. PROVE IT !

THE CHURCH DOES CARE. CHURCH AGENCIES OF COMPASSION INCLUDE THE C.M.A.C., ENCOUNTER, THE C.F.M., TERMON, BRUAC ETC.

13. WHAT ABOUT THE DRUNKEN MONSTER WHO BEATS UP HIS WIFE ETC. ?

DIVORCE WILL LEAVE HIM FREE IN CIVIL LAW TO MARRY AGAIN - CAUSING MUCH MORE SUFFERING AND PAIN.

14. WHAT'S THE CHURCH'S SOLUTION THEN ?

IN SUCH CASES, SEPARATION. BECAUSE THAT DOESN'T DENY THAT MARRIAGE LASTS "TILL DEATH DO US PART". DIVORCE, ON THE OTHER HAND, TRIES TO WIPE OUT THE MARRIAGE VOW.

15. DON'T PEOPLE DESERVE A SECOND CHANCE ?

PERHAPS. BUT WHAT ABOUT A THIRD CHANCE. AND A FOURTH ? AND A FIFTH ?

16. IF THE AMENDMENT IS PASSED, WILL A DIVORCED CATHOLIC BE ALLOWED RE-MARRY IN CHURCH ?

NOT A HOPE! THE CHURCH DOESN'T BELIEVE THE STATE HAS THE POWER TO BREAK THE SACRAMENTAL BOND OF MARRIAGE.

17. WHERE WILL THAT LEAVE CATHOLICS ?

STILL MARRIED TO THEIR ORIGINAL PARTNERS, IN THE EYES OF THE CHURCH.

18. ARE THE BISHOPS TELLING PEOPLE HOW TO VOTE ?

NO. ALL THEY ASK IS THAT EACH CATHOLIC VOTES, AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

19. WHAT ELSE DO THEY ASK ?

THAT WE ALL PRAY FOR GUIDANCE.

20. ANY FINAL WORD ?

THE WORLD WILL NOT END ON 26TH JUNE! ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, THE CHURCH WILL GO ON PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS.