

NOTICE BOARD

Thank You

TO ALL those of you who have already completed and returned the Questionnaire on Family Ministry.

If you were not at home when the collector called, we would appreciate if you would drop it in to your bulletin distributor this week-end. Thank you.

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

The aim of this course is to give participants a basic understanding of the background of the New Testament in all its aspects, political, cultural, social, economic and religious.

Dr. Sean Connolly, U.C.C. will give the Lectures which will be held on Tuesday nights commencing on Tuesday, January 26th, 1988 and will run for eight weeks on the same night each week at 7.30 p.m. in Lecture Room 1, Aras na Laoi. Course fee £16. Contact Department of Adult Education, U.C.C., Aldworth House, Donovan's Road, Cork.

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

Inter Church Service will be held in St. Finbarr's South Church, at 3.30 pm, on Sunday 24th. January.

COLASTE AN SPIORAID NAOIMH

A past pupils' Social for all past pupils will be held on February 13th. next. Tickets are now on sale at the school, at O'Donoghues Service Station, Bishopstown or at Cummins' Sport's Shop Prince's Street, Cork.



ACCORDING TO THY WORD.

Welcome to our New Primate, Professor Desmond Connell. As Archbishop of Dublin, we wish him every blessing. Let us pray to God and Mary, whose words he has taken as his motto, to help him in his most difficult task.



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PASTORAL COUNCIL *News*

AMONG the matters discussed at Monday night's meeting was the question of church door collectors. The Canon insisted that he had no wish to dampen the spirits of those who support so many worthy causes. However, only three collectors can be allowed at each Mass as some people feel they are being pressurised.

Why is there not a greater demand for the Diocesan Magazine, the "FOLD"? Suggestions were made for ways and means of boosting its sales.

The position of the bulletin distributors and dues collectors was re-assessed. What about some new blood? Maybe our parishioners are getting tired of seeing the same old faces! Any offers? A meeting of all those involved at some future date was suggested.

The Council members aired their views on the Family Ministry questionnaire. Fr. John clarified some of the issues. He also pointed out that Family Ministry is a sub-committee of the Pastoral Council. There will be more sub-committees - but that is in the future.

Sunday's Message for You



*"This is the time of fulfillment.
The reign of God is at hand!
Reform your lives and believe in the Gospel."*

«PARISH FACES»



BETTY GOLDEN, 1, The Road, Kenley, represents the Kenley Area on the Parish Pastoral Council. She is married with five children, three boys and two girls, aged 11 - 21 years. Betty is a native of Dripsey.

Rest In Peace

ON WEDNESDAY 13th. Br. Finbarr of St. Bonaventures went to his well deserved reward. He died during the recitation of the Holy Rosary before 9.00 o'clock Mass in the Church of the Holy Spirit. It was an appropriate conclusion for a man whose life was passed in sanctity and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Surely the Lord took him home before he had to leave his earthly home in St. Bonaventures where he had lived for the past few years. We offer our sympathy to his Community.

BAPTISED



The first child christened in 1988 was STEPHEN PATRICK COLEMAN, "Ca-Savio", Magazine Road, the first baby of Kieran and Fiona. Two days later we celebrated the Baptism of GREG JOHN O'CONNELL, 19 Greenfields, the son of John and Marian.



"AFTER COMMUNION" is a book of devotions based on the psalms, liturgy, spiritual writings and traditional prayers. The author is unknown. It is compiled from an original text found in a Dublin second-hand book shop. It probably dates from the 1950s.

The book is a convenient "prayer book" size with very legible print. Divided into two parts, the first is entitled "Prayers said at Mass" with a section for each day of the week. The second part has occasional prayers for every day.

Those who have become used to modern translations of the bible and a more familiar style of prayer may find the language in this somewhat stilted. According to the preface, "the publishers have decided not to tamper with the language of the text." Indeed many who miss this kind of prayer will welcome a book such as this.

I do ask myself is there any justification for paraphrasing the psalms? One could hardly improve on them! There are, however, many beautiful and varied prayers here.

"After Communion" is published by Four Courts Press, price £2.50, and may be ordered at the C.P. Centre.

E. Harris.

Focus On..... The Poor Clares

WHO FOUNDED THE POOR CLARES?
WHY? WHEN? WHERE?

"COME, help me build the Monastery of San Damiano, because there will live here some ladies whose fame and holy lives will glorify our Heavenly Father throughout his holy Church," (testament of St. Clare). Thus spoke St. Francis a prophecy foretelling the founding of the Poor Clares.

These words were fulfilled on March 12, 1212, when a young girl from a wealthy family in Assisi fled her home with a companion to follow St. Francis' call to risk everything and everyone for love of Christ.

At the age of 18 she came to the Monastery of San Damiano where St. Francis himself cut off her long beautiful hair and placed the veil on her head. Here she was to remain enclosed for the remaining 42 years of her life.

Clare's prayer and courage finally broke down family opposition and she her followers became servants and handmaids of God, living lives totally devoted to Jesus, united with Him in His sufferings, sharing in His work of saving souls.

MEDIA COMMENT

ISN'T IT GREAT to be able to laugh at yourself? On 'Saturday Live' Fr. Michael Cleary and his guests laughed at themselves, at each other and with each other, without inhibition.

Wasn't it enlightening to hear the positive aspects of celibacy for a change? We learnt that celibacy leaves one freer to love. Fr. Brian D'Arch noted the difference between sex and sexuality. To me the most profound statement was that of Fr. John Keogh; 'You can't love God if you don't love people.'

SO MANY TRIBUTES have been paid all week to the late Sean McBride. Enigmatic he may have been, but he defended fearlessly the causes he espoused. We could pay him no greater tribute than to pursue, with the same determination and COURTESY those causes we personally and collectively feel strongly about.

WE REJOICE in the freedom of Refusnik Josef Begun and his wife, Inna, to leave Russia and emigrate to Israel. Would that this new tolerance of the Russian leadership was matched by a similar tolerance on the part of the Israeli leadership for their Palistinian neighbours.
