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FROM OUR PARISH TEAM

Fr. Finbarr writes

EACH PUPIL IS AN INDIVIDUAL

IN THE morning traffic report on RTE Radio, the Model Farm Road is once again being mentioned. The reason for this, of course, is that the schools have re-opened.

A new school year, a new beginning for so many children and young people. In a system where the scoring of 'points' seems to be the ultimate goal, let's all be aware that it is important to educate young people to take their place in society as well adjusted young men and women.

I would encourage parents, teachers, the students themselves, society to recognise that each pupil is an individual with a right to be treated as such and not just another statistic.

Christ was the master teacher. He gave time to all he met, he treated everyone with kindness and gave them hope. Maybe we can all follow his example, especially with the school going population of our community.

W. Sars Crowley C.C.

TRÓCAIRE APPEAL

If you wish to contribute to the fund for famine relief in Somalia, you can give your donation in to the Trócaire office at 9 Cook Street, or to one of the priests of the parish.

May you have

- Enough happiness
to keep you sweet,
- Enough trials
to keep you strong,
- Enough sorrow
to keep you human,
- Enough hope
to keep you happy,
- Enough failure
to keep you humble,
- Enough success
to keep you eager,
- Enough friends
to give you comfort,
- Enough wealth
to meet your needs,
- Enough enthusiasm
to look forward,
- Enough faith
to banish depression,
- Enough determination
to make each day
better than yesterday.

A PARISHIONER WRITES....

Aldon,
Wilton Road

Dear Editor,

During the summer, while the Bulletin was in recess, a statement was issued by the Vatican which I felt was unfair. There were certain situations in which homosexuals could be discriminated against and certain occupations (eg. teaching) were mentioned where non-homosexual candidates should get preference as job applicants - according to the reports I read in the newspapers.

I wondered where I should express my horror at this attitude and it seemed logical that

parish level was the best place because that's where I belong in the Church.

I've read that some experts feel that theological dissent is an important and constructive way of reaching the truth. (I'm sure other church experts don't agree) I feel that lay dissent can be very constructive and I hope I'm not dissenting for the sake of "knocking the system". If the laity are seen to disagree with the more conservative views that are presently emanating from the Vatican, then those who are looking at the Church from outside will not see us as an antiquated group who close ranks behind the leader.

Much of the fresh air that was to blow in after Vatican II is being blocked out. I'm not well up enough to know if this comes from the Pope or those around him, but I know that I can't pledge individual loyalty to much of what is being 'handed down'.

Yours sincerely,
Paddy Ryan



We welcome into our Christian community:

EMMA DANIELLE CRONIN
AMY MARIE O'CONNELL
DÁLACH Ó DEASMHÚNAIGH
JOANNE ELAINE DUGGAN
JOHN PAUL McNALLY-O'REILLY
ADELE FRANCESCA WALSH
TARA VALENTINA AGNES DOYLE
SEAMUS DANIEL BARRETT
MAIREAD SEOSAMHIN O'SULLIVAN
GEORGINA ANNA VERONICA MULLEN-
McKEON

CIARAN SEAN CURTIN
EMMET ANTHONY COLEMAN
THOMAS PATRICK CARR
DAVID FRANCIS LUCEY
JOANNA EVELYN MEEKE





COMMENT

MEDIA COMMENT by "LUKE"

ARE ALL THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES HIDEBOUND BY RULES?

A RECENT Church of Ireland 'GAZETTE' dealt with the differences between the various Christian Churches and with the whole area of ecumenism. One article in particular set me thinking.

A member of the Church of Ireland spent a Saturday night in a farmhouse B & B. On the Sunday morning he joined his hosts for a Gospel Service. He was politely informed, though, that he was not welcome to join them in the Breaking of Bread.

On another occasion, at

the wedding of friends (SHE was Catholic, HE was C of I) the priest, having emphasised the new ONE-NESS of the couple, then gave communion to the bride but not the groom.

The article concluded: 'How in the name of God can it have come to pass that religion, the thing that they keep telling us should bring people together, is the very thing which keeps them apart?'

WHERE did my thinking lead me? I recalled that Jesus, a Jew, had little regard for rigid Jewish Law: He healed on the Sabbath, His disciples ate grain on the Sabbath.

Are WE, in ALL the Christian Churches too hidebound with our rules and regulations? In the process, are we missing the 'One Christ' that is within us and who can break down the divisions that divide us?

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go to Fr. Seán Crean, Oblate Father, on his Golden Jubilee. Fr. Seán is a brother of one of our parishioners, Joe Crean, Farranlea Park, where he is a regular visitor.

Joe tells us the occasion was marked with great celebration in Inchicore, Dublin on August 29. There were in fact eleven Jubilarians, nine Ruby and six Silver. In all, Joe calculates, it was a celebration of 1060 years of dedicated service.

Bishopstown G.A.A.

We congratulate Bishopstown on their most successful season so far. Their Intermediate hurling side have reached the County final. The Junior footballers won the City Championship, as did the U-21 footballers, and the Minor footballers will be playing shortly in the City final.

The Senior footballers were beaten by a superb Nemo Rangers team in the County senior semi-final.

Best wishes to all teams in the coming weeks.



Announcements

Visitation

Fr. Finbarr will be visiting the Wilton Avenue and Bishops-court areas during the coming weeks.

Highfield RFC - Youth Section

Training for under 8 to under 18 takes place at the Club grounds every Saturday at 10.30. New members are welcome.

Adult Education Exhibition

The annual exhibition organised by Cork Adult Education Council will take place from the 8th to 10th September in the Conference Centre, City Hall. Over eighty organisations will participate providing information advice on a wide range of classes, courses and other activities.

There will be a special opening on Thursday afternoon from 2 - 4.30 for retired persons, to allow elderly people the opportunity to visit the exhibition at a more convenient time and in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Table Quiz

At the Doughcloyne Inn on Monday September 14 at 7.45 p.m.

Buion an Spioraid Naoimh

Brigin Company

Meetings will commence once again on Saturday morning, 12th September, at 11.30 a.m. in the Crypt.

New members (aged 7+) are more than welcome.

Anyone who has an unwanted Brigin uniform at home, please deliver to the Crypt any Saturday morning between 11.30 and 1.00 complete with name and address.

Ministers of the Word

There will be a meeting in the C.P. Centre on Monday 7th Sept. at 8.10 p.m.

Liturgy Group

Minutes of the last meeting are available in the Sacristy. Please collect.

Altar Servers

There will be a meeting on Saturday 12th September at 1.00 p.m. Full attendance please. Altar servers who wish to finish please contact Fr. John - those who wish to pass on (or sell) their servers' outfits let Fr. John know as soon as possible.

New altar servers are needed, especially in the boys section.

Evening Mass

7.30 p.m. Mass has re-commenced.

Pastoral Council

There will be a meeting of members on Monday 14th September at 8.00 p.m. in the C.P. Centre.

Somalia

If any of our readers have unwanted Plastic Flower Pots please bring them to the C.P. Centre this week. A donation will be made to CONCERN in lieu of all pots delivered, so please check your garage or garden shed now. *

Computer Courses

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