



SPARTANS ENCOUNTER DEACONS—Six Archdiocesan deacons were among 19 deacons from St. Meinrad Seminary School of Theology who presented a "Whoozit" for 175 students at Sacred Heart Central High School, Indianapolis, on Tuesday, Feb. 15. The informal was designed to provide

a religious experience for teen-agers, described by many veteran retreat masters as "difficult to teach." Rev. Mr. Kenneth Bechert, first photo, leads a group discussion on "The Importance of People" following a talk on the subject by two other deacons. Bechert is a member of St. Andrew's

parish, Indianapolis. In the second photo, Rev. Mr. Thomas Rutledge, C.P., interviews three Spartans on their opinions of teen-age problems. Rutledge is a member of the Passionist community at St. Meinrad. Guitars were much in evidence throughout the afternoon and evening, both for hootenannies

and the "folk-Mass" held in the cafeteria. Rev. Mr. Richard Keil is distributing Communion in the photo above. Keil is also from St. Andrew's parish, Indianapolis. Faculty members at Sacred Heart reported that student enthusiasm spilled over for several days following the "Whoozit." (Staff photos)

Experiment draws teen-age support

By PAUL G. FOX
An experiment in creating a religious experience among teenagers was rated "A-plus" by 175 Sacred Heart Central High School students in Indianapolis last week.

Help needy, Pope urges U.S. youth

NEW YORK—Pope Paul VI pleaded with the more than 5 million youngsters in U.S. Catholic schools to help poor less fortunate brothers and sisters, living in areas of need throughout the world by making sacrifices during Lent.

The Pope reminded U.S. youngsters that "in other parts of the world, there are children with lined and sorrowful faces, looking old before their time, their little bodies racked by disease and wasted by hunger, with no medicine to relieve their pain, no food to satisfy their hunger."

THE APPEAL was made in the traditional Ash Wednesday (Feb. 23) radio broadcast by the Pope, which inaugurated the school children's phase of the 19th annual Bishops' Overseas Relief Fund Appeal.

The general fund appeal for adult U.S. Catholics is scheduled from March 13 to 20.

THE FUND is the chief means of support of Catholic Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, overseas relief agency of U.S. Catholics and the largest private agency of its kind in the world.

The Pope's radio appeal to the school children was carried into classrooms and homes by the country's major radio networks.

ed a "seven-hour course" in Christian love, brotherhood and developing a sense of Christian community.

The Sacred Heart cafeteria, used daily by the Spartans to satisfy their nutritional needs, was transformed into a "religious workshop" where the students experienced a "folk-Mass" celebrated in the cafeteria, expressed their discussion summaries with crayons on poster paper, sang, explained their "art," sang, entered into impromptu crisis-dramatics, sang, and participated in an "Ev and Charlie-type" dialogue about love.

Halfway through the unique exercises, termed a "Whoozit" by the deacons of St. Meinrad School of Theology, the teenagers experienced a "folk-Mass" celebrated in the cafeteria by their superintendent, Father Patrick Kelly.

GUITARS accompanied the folk-type hymns, which were easily learned in a five-minute warmup session before Mass. The liturgical service also included an Offertory procession, during which the entire congregation placed their individual flowers in the ciborium, and a brief homily, preached by Rev. Mr. Richard Keil, of St. Andrew's parish, Indianapolis.

The youngsters also composed their own prayers of petition and recited them at the appropriate time during Mass.

Father Kelly later commented that it was the first time for many students to "talk and think about religion while having a good time."

Six Archdiocesan deacons were among the contingent of 19 who made the trip from St. Meinrad's, after following a regular schedule of classes there in the morning.

Serving as double masters-of-ceremonies for the event, the first in Indianapolis, were Rev. Mr. Larry Crawford, of St. Catherine's parish, Indianapolis, and Rev. Mr. Daniel Malain, C.P., pastor of the Passionist Fathers' Holy Cross Province from Texas.



THE WORD—Rev. Mr. Richard Keil read the Gospel during Mass and delivered the homily.

THOUGH FEWER than half of the 380 Spartans of Sacred Heart attended the "Whoozit," the number was gratifying to all concerned.

According to Sister Margaret Andrea, C.S.J., principal, the students were asked to make reservations earlier in the week, mostly to plan an adequate supply of food for their supper.

"Attendance was completely voluntary. We didn't dismiss classes early that day. There was no school at all. Only those who really wanted to attend did so."

The fourteen Sisters of St. Joseph on the faculty were not on hand for the "Whoozit." Sister Margaret Andrea later admitted that some of the students expressed their appreciation for the mass not attending.

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Breakthrough
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Two Franciscan nuns will teach visits to the Pontiff, and on philosophic thought and social philosophy at the Aquinas Newman Center at the state University of New Mexico campus here. In the unique plan the courses will be open to registration to all less of religious affiliation, and also to teachers seeking certification.

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Link penitence for Lent to charity, Pontiff urges

VATICAN CITY — Pope Paul VI in his wholesale revision of the Church's rules of fast and abstinence stressed that the goal of penitence is renewal and reform which is not only interior and individual but also eternal and social.

The Pope reduced the number of days requiring both fast and abstinence to two—the first day of Lent and Good Friday. But at the same time he restored the Church's teaching on the need for penitence, whose basic requirements consist of "prayer

fasting—charity." He therefore urged that the peoples of the world's richer nations practice self-denial and charity on behalf of "their brothers who suffer in poverty and in hunger, beyond all boundaries of nation and of continent."

The papal decree sets 14 as the age at which children are bound by the Friday law of abstinence from meat. The former law required children to observe the meatless Friday rule starting when they became seven.

The decree also does away with the old requirement that adults observe fast and partial abstinence on the normal weekdays of Lent and the quarterly ember days.

THE POPE'S new provisions, contained in an apostolic constitution on 11 Feb. 1963, which was dated February 17 and made public here the same day, keep the ancient tradition of Friday abstinence. And it repeats "all privileges and indulgences" of the past under which some categories of persons and even whole nations were released from the general fast and abstinence requirements.

A Vatican spokesman said this

mean the abolition of the centuries-old dispensation given to Spain — and by derivation to Portugal and countries formerly under Spanish or Portuguese rule — from the law of Friday abstinence. It would also repeal the dispensation from the meatless Friday rule enjoyed by members of the U.S. armed forces since 1941, and that granted in recent years to some travelers. However, this abolition does not go into effect until six months after promulgation of the document (Feb. 17), and sets out that it is "the task of episcopal conferences to:

"Transfer for just cause the days of penitence, always taking into account the Lenten season;

"Substitute abstinence and fast wholly or in part, with other forms of penitence and especially works of charity and the exercises of piety."

Thus, during the six-month period the episcopal conferences can determine what they wish to do on these special dispensations and then "by way of information . . . communicate to the Apostolic See what they have decided. . . ."

However, the Pope stated that "substantial observance" of the law "obliges grave."

PASTORS HAVE the right to give individuals and families dispensations from fast and abstinence requirements. Religious superiors enjoy the same right in regard to Religious under their jurisdiction.

The Pope's decree spells out that the law of fasting does not

mean the ancient total fast, but the more recent concept of the Church—that only one full meal may be eaten on a fast day, but that following approved local custom, "some" food may also be taken in the morning and evening. The constitution continues the former age bracket within which the fast law is obligatory—for persons from 21 until the beginning of their 60th year.

While technical and explicit in part, the papal document constantly stresses the spirit of penitence rather than simple adherence to the letter of the law of fast and abstinence.

The Pope warned against purely formal adherence to penitential laws, and said that the "spirit" of penitence is required. He stressed that the basic facet of penitence is not necessarily self-denial, but rather in the faithful performance of one's daily duties.

The Church insists first of all he said, "that the virtue of penitence be exercised in preserving faithfulness to the duties of one's state in life, in acceptance of difficulties arising from one's work, and from human coexistence, in the patient bearing of the trials of earthly life and of the utter insecurity which pervades it."

The Pope also urged more recourse to the sacrament of penance itself.

THE PAPAL document, totaling about 3,500 words, consists of an introduction and three parts.

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St. Meinrad seminar speakers announced

ST. MEINRAD, Ind.—A three-day seminar on liturgical art and architecture will be sponsored by the St. Meinrad School of Theology here March 3.

"Place: Space and Cult" will be the theme of the seminar, which will examine the relation of the Church's physical worship with the physical setting in which it takes place.

FATHER ROBERT Hoyda, liturgical author from Washington, D.C., will keynote the seminar. Other principal speakers will include Edward Sorkin, A.I.A., an architect from Northfield, Minn.; Father Quinn Kavanaugh, O.S.B., of St. Meinrad Archabbey; Patrick Quinn, architect from Berkeley, Calif.; and Father Aelred Tegles, O.S.B., editor of Worship magazine from St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.

Also participating will be Victor Christ-Janer, A.I.A., of New Canaan, Conn.; Robert Ransbach, of New York; Frank Kamarcik, of St. Paul, Minn.; and Robert Frei, of St. Louis. All are prominent architects or craftsmen.

TOPICS for discussions include: "The Altar and the Problems of Reservation of the Eucharist"; "Relationship Between the Presiding Celebrant's Chair and the Pulpit"; "Baptistry and Nave"; "Theological and Architectural Problems of the Day in Historical Perspective."

Anglicans approve fixed Easter date

LONDON—The assembly of the Church of England has voted overwhelmingly in favor of having the date of Easter permanently fixed as the Sunday following the second Saturday in April.

In proposing the change, Anglican Archbishop Donald Coggan of York said he hoped the move would encourage other Christian churches to do likewise and that it would impel the British government to implement legislation to this effect approved by Parliament in 1928.

Catholic authorities in Rome have indicated in the past that they are willing to accept a fixed date for Easter if all the churches can agree.



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NO MERE FORMALITY Canterbury's visit to Rome

By RUFUS S. GOODWIN

ROME—Anglican leader Michael Ramsey's forthcoming visit to Rome is being hailed as the cornerstone of official dialogue between the Anglican Community and Rome.

The chances are high, according to sources at the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity, that the two religious leaders

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level, together. The Archbishop of Canterbury will be in Rome for three days from March 22 to 24, as it was announced in January.

The contrast with the visit of his predecessor, Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher, who called on Pope John XXIII in 1960, is startling despite the demure way in which Archbishop Ramsey's trip is pictured as a "courtesy visit."

Much water has passed rather swiftly under the broken bridges since 1960 and especially during these last four years of Vatican II. Archbishop Fisher called on Pope John in an almost incidental way, on the way back from Constantinople where he saw Patriarch Athenagoras. It was a strictly personal call.

THE PRECEDENT breaking more demanded such screenings as Father John Long of the Christian Unity Secretariat put in a "artificial framework" to hide behind. The late Cardinal

Domenico Tardini gave strictest orders in the Vatican, for instance, for no publicity and no pictures.

Archbishop Ramsey comes instead with an official party of six, including Canadian Bishop Ralph Dean of Ripon. This is not just the English Primate's personal mission but an international Anglican delegation, and pictures, films and communications are already being planned.

In other words, Archbishop Ramsey at this time is in a position to make a full-fledged, open visit to the Pontiff, and even brave lurking prejudices by coming to Rome, rather than calling for a neutral ground. Having sounded out leaders of the 18-Lambeth Conference members, he comes in effect as their spokesman.

This visit is unique in other ways, all having import for future interfaith contacts. For one thing, the Pope is making the English Primate his "house guest," while at the same time

trimming much of the protocol that surrounds visits of official dignitaries.

This is a new departure at the Vatican. Pope Paul always has on such fine diplomatic distinctions, wants the Canterbury Archbishop, to focus the meeting in this way as a religious encounter—and to open the way to other such encounters in the future.

A PRIME question arises, of course, "Will the Pontiff return the visit in England?"

Vatican sources say there is a strong probability that he will, although no one seems to know when. The trip to Liverpool for the consecration of the cathedral this year appears definitely off, despite Cardinal John Carmel Heenan's optimistic forecasts.

One reason given by the Secretariat for Christian Unity why the Pope will not pick Liverpool is that it would leave him open to many invitations — which he

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VIGO COUNTY 'QUEEN OF HEARTS'—Carol Mathison, a freshman at Schulte High School, Terre Haute, was named the first "Queen of Hearts" by the Vigo County Heart Association. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mathison, Carol was a victim of rheumatic fever several years ago. She presided over the 1966 fund raising campaign conducted in Vigo County during February.