

Lay 'witness' and critic to lecture at Duquesne

One of the most outspoken members of the under-40 crop of Catholic intellectuals will speak in Pittsburgh Friday night, February 7.

Philosopher, professor, author, columnist and critic Daniel Callahan will give the second lecture in a series titled "Five Witnesses" under the co-sponsorship of the Pittsburgh Conference of Laymen and the Duquesne University Student Union committee.

As a writer of articles for the independent, lay-operated *National Catholic Reporter*, Callahan sparked two major controversies.

Last year's condemnation of that newspaper by Bishop Charles Helmsing of Kansas City, Mo., was caused in part by an article in which Callahan denounced the papacy and suggested it be attacked. Earlier, in a full-page article, he stated that, contrary to what Vatican II's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* contended, realistically the liturgy cannot be called the source and the summit of the Christian life.

Acclaimed as one of the most articulate of the liberal Catholic voices, Callahan writes with a popular style and easy wit about practically anything that matters to him.

In his last two appearances in Pittsburgh, in March and May of 1964, Callahan spoke of lay involvement in the Church and the freedom of the Catholic press.

In a talk sponsored by the diocesan Lay Teachers Guild, Callahan said: "The Church cannot exist as a museum with the laity coming in from time to time to look at the pieties collected in glass cases. The Church cannot exist as a hierarchy only, or a teaching authority only. The sign of life in the Church is not just the fact that apostolic succession continues unbroken . . .

"Instead, the sign of life in the Church is that all its members are alive to the Church, are in fact witnesses to Christ in the world." Callahan said laymen should not be "carp-



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ing, nagging critics" but be willing to accept responsibility.

Speaking here on the Catholic press, Callahan compared it to the general press in one of its essential functions:

"As long as the secular authority knows that the press is looking at him, or knows that it will not be content to take everything at face value, it enforces responsibility. It makes it difficult for him to act arbitrarily. It forces him to have reasons for what he does and to make these reasons public. He cannot hide and he cannot run.

"The Catholic press can serve a like role in the Church. It can help induce Church authorities to lay their cards on the table. It can help induce them not to make decisions behind closed doors. It can help induce them to take into account public opinion in the Church."

Born in Washington, D.C., July 19, 1930, Callahan was educated in Catholic grade and high schools. He received his B.A. from Yale University in 1952, his M.A. from Georgetown University in 1957, and his doctorate in philosophy from Harvard. He has taught at the Harvard Divinity School as a teaching fellow in Catholic Studies, at Harvard College, and at Temple University as a visiting professor of religion. He was the first Catholic on the religion faculty of Brown University, and has taught at Union Theological Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union.

His books include *The Mind of the Catholic Layman*, a seminal study of the role of the layman in American life; *Honesty in the Church*, an analysis of Catholic private and public integrity; and *The New Church*, a collection of essays. Early in 1970 Macmillan will publish a book on abortion, now in writing and for which Callahan has received grants from the Ford Foundation and the Population Council.

He is also editor of other books, including: *The Generation of the Third Eye: Young Catholic Leaders View Their Church*; *Federal Aid and Catholic Schools*; *The Secular City Debate*; co-editor, *Christianity Divided: Protestant and Roman Catholic Theological Issues*.

Callahan is a former executive editor of *Commonweal* magazine, a lay-edited journal of opinion, and writes a regular column for the *National Catholic Reporter*. His magazine credits include *Critic*, *Commonweal*, *Cross Currents*, *Christianity and Crisis*, *Harvard Educational Review*, *Harpers*, *Commentary*, *Theology Today* and *Daedalus*.

He is married to Sidney Cornelia (deShazo) Callahan, author of two books, "Beyond Birth Control" and "The Illusion of Eve." They have six children and live in the New York City area.

Callahan will speak in Rockwell Hall on the Duquesne campus. Reduced rate season tickets for the lecture series are available from the PCL, P.O. Box 2166, Pittsburgh 15230. Single-lecture tickets will be available on the night of the lecture at the door.

The first speaker, Fr. James Groppi, drew an audience of about 1,800 on Jan. 13. The three speakers to follow Callahan are: Fr. Malcom Boyd, Episcopal priest-author of *Are You Running with Me, Jesus?*, Mar. 20; Jose Lemerrier, former priest-psychologist and peritus to Vatican II, Apr. 18; and Charles Davis, former English priest-theologian, May 25.

Religious psychology college topic

Two Jesuit religious psychologists from the University of Ottawa will speak at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at Mt. Mercy College's Antonian Hall.

Frs. Peter A. Campbell and Edwin M. McMahon, both doctoral researchers in religious psychology, will discuss "Human Self-Realization and God's Self-Communication."

The lecture will serve as a keynote for a two-day faculty and student workshop sponsored by the College's department of nursing "to promote an increased understanding of mental health within the context of increased understanding and development towards Christian commitment."

Only the Thursday evening lecture will be open to the public.

Entrance exam set for Brookline school

A combination entrance test and scholarship examination will be given at Elizabeth Seton High School, Brookline, at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1. Two full scholarships will be awarded. Registration for the tests should be made by today, Jan. 31.



For the strike

A benefit buffet for the grape strikers, held at The Oratory in Oakland last Friday evening by the Catholic Interracial Council, had as honored guests Albert Rojas, right, shown at the event discussing the strike; and his wife, above, shown there with VISTA worker Nick Dorosheff. Rojas heads a United Farm Workers organizing team which is in Pittsburgh to promote a boycott of table grapes in support of the Farm Workers strike against California grape growers for collective bargaining rights. CIC chairman for the benefit were the Misses Marilyn Rogers, Suzanne Polen and Kathy Mulvey.



CFL speech and debate trophy tournaments held

Central Catholic High School's speech team took first place honors at one of the two annual Catholic Forensic League Speech Trophy Tournaments.

St. Paul Cathedral placed second in the trophy tournament, held last week at South Catholic High School, and Peabody High took third place.

Individual winners include in oratorical declamation, Jim Maloy, South Catholic; Mike Rothaar, South Catholic; and Stephanie Wilson, Sacred Heart.

In original oratory, Robert Sciuillo, Central; Celeste Legas, Cathedral; Robert Morse, Peabody.

In drama, Gale Geroni, St. George; Judy Borelli, Immaculate Conception, Washington; and Charlotte Black, Canevine.

In oral interpretation, Mary Anne

Reuter, St. Elizabeth, Pleasant Hills; Penny Kundar, Quigley, Baden; and Donna Czarnecki, Cathedral.

In girls extemp, Carole Korenich, St. Benedict; M. E. Moore, St. Rosalia; and Pat Littlefield, Sacred Heart.

In boys extemp, Sanford Markowitz, Peabody; Robert Gentile, Central; and Anthony Crisafio, Central.

In the Catholic Forensic League Debate Trophy Tournament held last weekend at St. Raphael, Morning-side, St. Wendelin High School's team took first place, South Hills Public, second, and Sacred Heart, third. All three teams were tied for first place with five wins and one loss each. The tie was broken on speaker points.

This year the topic for debate is "Resolved that the United States establish a system of compulsory service by all citizens."

Moorhead says, 'get into politics'

U.S. Congressman from the 14th district, William S. Moorhead, told students and faculty at Mt. Mercy College this week that he feels the voting age should be lowered to 18 to encourage "active and intelligent" participation in politics.

Moorehead was the guest of Mt. Mercy College where he answered students' questions on everything from conscription to the "sick tax."

Elaborating on why he introduced a bill calling for the 18-year-old vote, the congressman said he was particularly interested in the young people who do not go on to college.

He said by allowing them to cast their first vote while they are still in high school, in an atmosphere of inquiry, they will continue to cast intelligent votes.

He also pointed out that those most effected by the current draft system, from 18-21 years of age, "have no representation in the government which decides their lives."

Following the general lecture, which was open to the public, the congressman spoke to a political science class at the school.

Basketball honors awarded

The winning schools and players in the 11th annual Catholic Grade School Boys Holiday Basketball Tournament were St. Norbert, Overbrook, Class A champions; Sacred Heart, East End, runner-up; St. Mary, Lawrenceville, and St. Francis de Sales, McKees Rocks, semi-finalists.

St. Michael, South Side, Class B Champion; St. Adalbert, South Side, runners-up; St. Agnes, Oakland, and St. Michael, Munhall, semi-finalists.

Danny Baxter of St. Norbert's was most valuable player in Class A and Ralph Ignasky of St. Michael, South Side, was most valuable in Class B. Tom Green of St. Francis de Sales was Class A foul shooting champion, and Tom Bozzick of St. Regis, Trafford, was Class B foul shooting champion.

Bishop Wright presented the awards. A total of 72 schools participated.

The Grade School Girls Basketball League, with 21 schools participating will hold play-offs for the diocesan trophy in March.

PCL to host forum for parish committees

All members of all parish committees in the diocese of Pittsburgh will be invited to a Parish Life Forum Sunday, April 13.

The event, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Conference of Laymen's parish life committee, is designed to help the approximately 2,500 parish committees "take a hard look at the multiple problems of parish renewal," according to Gilbert Levesque.

The PCL parish life committee chairman said: "Our goal is not to compile an indictment of parish life but to provide challenges which from a lay point of view must be discussed at the parish committee level if we are to take Vatican II seriously."

A draft of a paper, to be sent in March to all parish committee personnel who register for the afternoon forum, was distributed to some 40 persons attending the PCL meeting last Thursday night. The paper, which contains a series of questions in five categories, will be revised, incorporating additional questions from PCL members.

The five categories are concerned with doctrine and liturgy; parish as community and needs of special groups; religious education; parish communication and administration; and the parish within the larger community.

Those attending the meeting also heard a short talk by Gorman Johnson, a CCD teacher fired from his post in Sacred Heart parish, Emsworth, and an explanation of the diocesan planning office by its director, Kiernan Stenson.

Johnson cited as substantially correct the news accounts which appeared

in the *Pittsburgh Catholic*. He asked the PCL to "hold off on any official statement" until the mediator, Msgr. John L. Burton, had an opportunity to investigate the conflict and perhaps find a solution to it. He also stressed that the problem was "complex" and should be restricted to the single issue of religious educational content and methods.

(During his talk Johnson said a source of dissension within the parish was the planned construction of a rectory for four priests, which Johnson called "absolutely ridiculous.")

Kiernan Stenson, questioned about the Emsworth building plans, said he did not think it appropriate for him to comment. (He had stressed that all plans for parish construction had to go through a long channel of approval, beginning with the parish committee, and that such construction could not be undertaken by a pastor on his own.)

The planning office, Stenson said, is primarily concerned with helping to develop a "better delivery system for the word of Jesus Christ," and does this in various ways. He added that his "greatest concern" was a worry that his office "could become another bureaucracy" inserted between the bishop and the parishes.

"We must at all times remain accessible" to all persons, Stenson said, noting that he works largely with parish committees, not just pastors.

Although his office employs scientific methods to find facts and seek solutions to problems, Stenson said, "the parish committee initiative should not be shut off by computerized technology."

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