



POPE PAUL VI paid tribute to his predecessor, Pope Leo XIII, author of the encyclical on labor, *Rerum Novarum*, on the 75th anniversary of the issuance of that proclamation of the rights of labor, when he visited the hilltop village of Carpineto Romano, 50 miles south of Rome, where Pope Leo was born in 1810. (NC Photo)

Where the Action Is

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girls who got into trouble simply had no place to go for recreation.

So the Sisters obtained an empty storefront, named it "The Place," invited in all the girls of the neighborhood, and began using it as a combined clubhouse, study center, living room, fieldhouse, party place, dance floor, neutral territory for teenage gangs, art center and gallery for "Peanuts" posters.

Basically, however, "The Place" is run as a "home" where girls of the area can come to study, play or just talk with a nun.

The Sisters who direct "The Place" come from five orders and six convents: Notre Dame (two convents), Benedictines, Maryknoll, Helpers of the Holy Souls, and the Cenacle. Each convent volunteers two nuns one night a week for the center's six-night week.

Right now Sister Benet is making the rounds of government agencies to find continuing financial support for the program. "Our slogan is 'Fund or fold,'" said Sister Benet. "We tell them to fund us or we will go out of business."

—Chicago Heights: Probing by apostolate nuns disclosed that although children made up 54 per cent of the population of East Chicago Heights there was not one park, playground or library.

To remedy the situation, Sisters Louis Ann and Maria met with the mayor and obtained use of an empty storefront which used to be a laundromat. Where there used to be washers and dryers there

are now shelves of books, and East Chicago Heights has its first library-culture center.

"We cannot ram our middle-class values down their throats," Sister Mary Peter Traxler, S.S.N.D., of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice put it this way:

"Our middle-class curriculum is alien to the ghetto poor. They can't see how anything they are learning relates to them. We must find a curriculum that 'hooks' them.

Finding that curriculum is part of the job of Sister Rose Albert, who already has headed a \$60,000 NDEA institute for teachers of under-privileged youths at Dominican college, Racine, Wis.

She said she felt that in the future nuns may be asked to teach in the public schools of the inner city because not enough public school teachers want to teach there.

"I would teach there if it meant taking off my religious habit and being plain Miss Rose for the school day and then coming home to change into my habit again," she said.

Sister Mary Peter noted that nuns are women and women are born to serve. She went on:

"They must serve and they must be where the action is, the Gospel action—and that is in the inner city. When Christ asked 'Who are my mother and my brethren?' He did not mean the folks at home. He meant the people near Him at the time—and He was in the marketplace."

Today the Urban Apostolate of the Sisters is definitely where the action is.

Race Bias: U.S. vs. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa — (RNS) — Pastor Martin Niemöller, famed German Lutheran clergyman, declared here he had found more racial hatred in the United States than in South Africa. The racial situation was "far more dangerous" in the U.S., he said.

The World Council of Churches' co-president and former head of the Evangelical Church of Hesse-Nassau was here on a six-weeks visit.

Speaking at a public meeting sponsored by the multiracial Christian Institute, he said that "despite their difficult position, the non-whites in South Africa are not particularly possessed with hatred toward whites."

As regards the attitude of whites toward non-whites, he said that after having spent four weeks in South Africa, he was under the impression that "there is something essential missing."

CARA Official Weighs Religious Education

PITTSBURGH — (NC) — The our young people consider to lack genuineness."

effective religious educator must be aware of his pupil's culture and be able to build upon its contents, structure and underlying philosophy, Father Louis J. Luzbetak, S.V.D., said here.

The executive director of the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) in Washington, D.C., conceded at the 12th national and fifth Inter-American Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, that this was a considerable challenge.

"Youth today is honest, genuine and despises the least trace of phoneyess," he said. "Youth today wants to know why, and the religious educator must somehow provide genuine and honest answers to the most difficult of questions."

Father Luzbetak said part of the communication barrier with youth is "the fact that often the adult culture appears insincere, even hypocritical." He added that "formality and so-called ecclesiastical juridicism may be on the top, or near the top, of the list of adult behavior that many of

religious educator going to communicate to them the usefulness and necessity of canon law — whether it pertains to the formalities of the liturgy or to marriage impediments?"

He commented that "a historical explanation may help some youthful minds to understand, but more than anything else it is a structural analysis of our Catholic ways and values that promises the most and best genuine and honest answers."

Raleigh Knights

A highly successful "Open House" was held at the Columbus Club.

Thirty prospective knights attended and were greeted and entertained by 20 old hands.

The Country Club was the site of the Fathers-Sons tournament held on Sept. 23. Eighteen members and their sons were in competition.

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