

Father Roland Murphy, O. Carm.

Duke's Priest-Professor Views Campus Life



Father Murphy

A big (six, five) intellectual extrovert, came up with some positive suggestions affecting student life at Duke University, here.

He was Father Roland Murphy, whose parents were born in Ireland, who is a visiting professor at Duke University this year.

Father Murphy is the first Catholic priest to teach at Duke where affiliations have been markedly Methodist.

"I think the students have not been able to integrate their academic pursuits with their daily non-academic living," he observed in his office which adjoins the famous Duke Chapel.

Father Murphy teaches Old Testament in the Department of Religion and a walk with him to his apartment in York House, a brand new dorm, attests to his popularity with the students.

He is a faculty Fellow in that he lives in a dorm with students.

Father Murphy is on leave from Catholic University in Washington.

He is handsome with short wavy, gray hair, a mouth that tilts upward in the corners even at rest, and a contagious laugh.

He wears the black cloth of a priest and the white collar, but before he strolled over the icy sidewalks to his pin-neat apartment, he slipped on a dashing ski sweater.

"I never thought I would have any use for it coming South, but it has been wonderful during the snow," he commented.

CARMELITE FATHER

The scholar-priest is the son of a Chicago police lieutenant who grew up playing ball in the streets with priests of the Carmelite Order.

"I grew up wanting to be a priest," he related. And now he holds master of arts degrees in both philosophy and Semetic languages and the doctorate in sacred theology, all awarded by Catholic University.

A recent story in The Duke Chronicle, student newspaper, described Father Murphy as an "exciting addition to the Duke staff."

STUDENT ADVISOR

The Duke student writer described 50-year-old Father Murphy as "a progressive priest, or better yet, a thoughtful middle-aged adult."

The Catholic priest again mentioned the relationship between faculty and students.

"It already exists, but on ev-

ery level the contact has to be deepened," he said.

When he arrived at Duke a few months ago, he said he was surprised at the wide range of states represented by the student body and "pleasantly surprised by the high caliber of the students."

Father Murphy said his task is to minister to all who come, not only Catholics.

"The boys are mostly concerned about their relationship with girls or rather social communication . . . kids are so uncertain of themselves," he noted.

Also they are concerned about their academic performance.

"The pressures of pre-exam period has been brought on by students not making their performance consistent," Father Murphy remarked. "It's part of the ups and downs a kid has."

The LEADER asked Father Murphy about the recent controversy involving Negro students.

"The real problem is the acceptance of the Negro as a person," he said. "Some cannot; some do not. And that is true between whites as well as Negroes."

The priest is smart, articulate and full of affection for students.

KINDNESS OF YOUTH

"This generation of youth has a terrific amount of kindness and generosity," he said. "We oldsters have to keep our eyes open to that."

He had something to say on grading too.

EXAMS NECESSARY

"It's a necessary evil," he said philosophically. "Grading has to take in more than individual ex-

ams. A professor should also take in account classroom performance."

Father Murphy always asks questions in class. "That is simply a way of teaching which is a way of living and I believe in it very deeply," he said.

For relaxation and pleasure, he reads and studies. "And I like teaching and lecturing on the Bible," he added. "Don't forget that."

He has worked extensively in fields of Biblical archaeology, Old Testament history and more recently with the Dead Sea Scrolls.

His travels have carried him all over the world — Palestine, Rome, Paris, and of course more than a few visit to Ireland.

Father Murphy holds down several important editorial positions both nationally and internationally.

Also with Duke's New Testament scholar William David Davies, he serves as consultant editor for the Time-Life Illustrated and Annotated Bible.

By Margaret Knox
"The Leader"
Raleigh, N.C.

Women's Vocation Coordinator Named

San Antonio — (NC) — "If there was ever a time when vocation work was absolutely necessary it is now. We must show today's Catholic girls there is a definite place for Sisters in the contemporary world and that the ways Sisters serve the Church are changing with the times."

This serious look at the challenge facing the vocation effort was made by Sister Melita, O.L.V.M., who moved into her new office at the San Antonio chancery Feb. 1 as valid testimony to her own observation that "the ways Sisters serve the Church are changing with the times."

She will add a vital dimension to the vocation program of the archdiocese — that of guiding young women to the religious life.



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Roundup

Edited By Duane A. Russell
State Public Relations Chairman

Candidates from at least ten Councils in the State will make the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh their headquarters when they gather here for the exemplification of the FOURTH DEGREE on next Saturday, 24th of February. The colorful ceremony will be given by BISHOP McGUINNESS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Approximately 40 candidates are expected to be in the class.

All FOURTH DEGREE members attending will be required to have their 1968 Travelling Card and all candidates must have their current THIRD DEGREE card. Candidates, except the Clergy, must wear Tuxedo with black tie and white gloves at the exemplification; candidates who are members of the military may wear their dress uniform.

The schedule of events follows: Exemplification: 1 p.m. at Hotel Sir Walter; Set-Ups 6:45; Banquet, 7:30, and dance, 9 p.m. till 1 a.m. The cost to members is \$7.50 each. A list of all candidates and Councils represented, will be carried in this column on SUNDAY, MARCH 3.

FATHER O'BYRNE COUNCIL 3574 JACKSONVILLE is having exemplification of the FIRST and SECOND degrees of the Order this SUNDAY afternoon at the Infant of Prague School Gym, starting promptly at 2 p.m. Approximately 15 candidates are expected for the degrees. . . . ALEXANDER E. McLELLAN has been appointed as a two-year Trustee by Grand Knight Bob Foran. He succeeds Brother Raymond Richard who has moved to Moncks Corner, S.C. Brother McLellan recently returned from service in Vietnam. . . . Word was received this week of the death in battle of Brother WILLIAM G. FRASER, a First Degree member of this Council. "He was killed by a sniper's bullet while on patrol duty," the bereaved parents informed our Financial Secretary. Pray for the repose of his soul. Council Chaplain Fr. William C. Wellein, pastor of Holy Spirit Church, has said Mass for the fallen Brother Knight.

"THE RALEIGH KNIGHT" publication of FR. THOMAS F. PRICE COUNCIL 2546, announces a MARDI GRAS PARTY on FRIDAY, FEB. 23 at the Columbus Club starting at 8:30 p.m. It will be a costume party and will mark the last Council social event before Lent. . . . The KNIGHT OF THE MONTH is DON DUBOIS "for the outstanding job he is doing with the youth basketball program. Congratulations, Don."

Congratulations to Brother CAREY ILDERTON, JR., who was exemplified in the First Degree at BISHOP HAFEY COUNCIL HIGH POINT recently.

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