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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS: The Rev. Richard Herrmann will celebrate his 50th anniversary as a priest with dinners this month at St. Philip's Catholic church, Rudolph, and Holy Rosy Parish in Sigel.

Priest celebrates 50th anniversary

RUDOLPH — The Rev. Richard Herrmann will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his priesthood Sunday at St. Philip's Catholic Church and Oct. 23 at Holy Rosary Parish in Sigel.

Herrmann, 74, has served both churches for nine years.

The celebration Sunday will begin with a Mass at 1 p.m. followed by a reception and dinner. The Rev. Joseph Tetzlaff, first pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, Wisconsin Rapids, will give the homily.

Herrmann was born June 12, 1920, in Bryantown, Md., a son of Richard and Antonia Herrmann. When he was six months old, the family moved to Eau Claire and he attended Sacred Heart Parish there.

He studied for the priesthood at St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee and was ordained at St. John's Cathedral there Oct. 28, 1944. From 1944 to 1946, he was an assistant at St. Joseph Cathedral in La Crosse, and SS. Peter & Paul in Wisconsin Rapids. He also served at St. Charles in Chippewa Falls, St. John's in Marshfield, and St. Mary's in Wausau.

While at Chippewa Falls, he taught religion at McDonell High School and served as deanery director of displaced persons.

From 1952 until 1972, he served in the diocese of Superior at parishes in Boulder Junction, Sawyer, Presque Isle and Ladysmith.

In 1972, he returned to the La Crosse diocese and served a short time at St. Wenceslaus in Milladore before being named pastor of Holy Family in Poniatowski. From 1975 until 1985, he was pastor of Holy Rosary in Lima.

"I never left a parish in debt," says Herrmann. "I was brought up in the depression years and that carried over." During his tenure, he built one school, two churches and

one rectory."

He bowled and golfed until about three years ago and has several trophies for his expertise in bowling. He enjoys driving around the state visiting friends and parishes where he has served. "I usually put 40,000 miles a year on my car," he says.

When asked if he plans to retire he responds "when the devil dies, but he's not sick yet."

"I enjoy preaching the gospel," he says. The biggest change in the church during the past 50 years was going from Latin to English in the early '60s. "Some of the priests were ultra conservative and others were way ahead of it. I tried to stay in the middle," he says.

When he was assistant at SSPP, Herrmann was chaplain for the Knights of Columbus Council 1558. He returned 45 years later to be their chaplain again. He also is chaplain for the Serra Club.

The KCs are invited to the celebration on Sunday and members of the Serra Club are invited to Sigel.

Herrmann served for six years on the pastoral staff of the Entrance-Exit program for Wood County United Services in Port Edwards.

Members of the Herrmann family who will be here to celebrate include his sister, Marie Tomashek, Eau Claire, nieces and nephews, Marie Tomashek and Bernard Falkner, Eau Claire, Anita Tomashek, Altoona; and Victor Falkner, White Bear Lake, Minn.

Moral clarity is difficult to find

By KEN AND TERRY RAHN
Baha'i Faith

WIS. RAPIDS — Historically, the religions of the world have been a fertile source of moral and ethical principals and practices. But today we live in an age which has lost moral clarity and religious conviction.

Religion, morality and ethics cannot be entirely isolated from each other in neat compartments. We usually think of morality in terms of our relationship with other human beings. On the surface at least, morality may be viewed simply in terms of practical activities in the daily lives of human beings everywhere.

A normal person faces moral problems and makes moral judgments virtually every day of his life from childhood onward. If he were to keep a record of the nature, importance and frequency of his judgments of good or bad, right or wrong, during a single day, even though the exercise might be far from easy, the results could be very enlightening and a spur towards improvement.

We cannot, like ostriches, stick our heads into the sand and refuse to recognize that the world is changing rapidly.

In the past, moral relationships existed between the members of relatively small, often isolated social groups, often with one set of moral obligations for relationships with one's own limited group and another set for "outsiders." There may even have been little or no moral obligation felt toward "outsiders" at all.

In the one case, the stage was set for rewards, brotherhood and mutuality, while in the other, revenge, retribution and feuds were the order of the day. But in the

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modern world, a radical change is taking place as to whom we are to behave morally. Man is emerging from tribal brotherhood through brotherhood within the nation towards universal brotherhood.

Older, limited ties of clan, tribe, cast, class, etc. are disintegrating. The number and variety of persons and groups with whom individuals have moral relationships is proliferating every day as the world towards a greater degree of unity. The old set of moral obligations suited for relationships between "us" as against those felt towards "them" is badly in need of an overhaul.

The Universal House of Justice of the Baha'i Faith has stated, "The proper education of children is a vital importance to the progress of mankind, and the heart and essential foundation of all education is spiritual and moral training."

Children cannot learn to live or work in a social setting as a team before they have learned to respect the rights and feelings of others. Parents, schools, the community and non-formal educational institutions are involved in the process, with parents playing a key role. We can use and teach the Golden Rule successfully in its various versions over and over again in our everyday lives.

And what of the masses of mankind? Will future generations exemplify the rule in their lives to a much greater degree than we? But more relevant, are we in Wisconsin Rapids living by the Golden Rule in our daily lives?

Pope may have influence in naming of successor

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Despite doubts about his health and his future as a global traveler, Pope John Paul II still has full control over the major decision that will shape the church of the future.

It is the naming of two dozen new Roman Catholic cardinals who will be among the men who will elect his successor. The issue has come into the forefront as the 74-year-old pontiff appears increasingly frail.

During his 16-year papacy, John Paul has named 79 of the 98 cardinals eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a pope. The pontiff has chosen many of those men in his image as a conservative interested in social justice.

It is impossible to predict how the cardinals might vote once locked in to the Sistine Chapel.

But Vatican insiders are certain that the pope will name yet another group of cardinals by the end of the year, a move that will heavily in-

crease the odds that one of "his men" will be the next leader of the world's 950 million Roman Catholics.

The pope is likely to want a successor who would continue his conservative philosophy, holding back demands by some for women priests and any changes in church policy against contraception and abortion.

With death and old age reducing the number of eligible voters, John Paul can name up to 22 under rules set by Pope Paul VI excluding cardinals over 80 from the conclave and setting a limit of 120 on the number allowed to vote.

The once-vigorous John Paul has been beset by illness over the past two years and forced to cut back on his foreign tours, a hallmark of his papacy.

There have been months of rumors that the pope was suffering from a serious ailment, such as bone cancer or Parkinson's disease.

In brief

AAL to honor area volunteers

PORT EDWARDS — Volunteers from Trinity Lutheran Church will be recognized Sunday by Aid Association for Lutherans Branch 3695.

Honored will be the Rev. David Bray, Judi Bray, Ralph and Deb Totzke, Brian and Joanne Illingworth, Danielle and Deanna Laedike, Richard Casper, Rodney Cook and John Schultz.

They traveled to Mexico and helped in the building of a school and parsonage. Another trip is scheduled for Oct. 28.

Revival services at Victory Christian

WIS. RAPIDS — Revival Services with Steve Solomon will be Nov. 9-14 at Victory Christian Church and School, 3122 Highway 13 N. He will be joined by his wife, Diane, and Tom and Jane Autry.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. No child care will be provided.

Solomon is the host of a radio show broadcast nightly over WGNV in Milladore.

Special speaker will be at St. Luke's

WIS. RAPIDS — Eugene Sattler, founder and director of the Creation Education Association in Pine River, will present "Evolution: the Incredible Hoax" at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2011 10th St. S., at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 16.

Sattler has lectured for the past 25 years on creation versus evolution and related topics. He stresses the importance of Biblical creationism as the foundation of a good education.

There will be no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served.

Shrine anniversary today in Necedah

NECEDAH — The Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine will observe its 45th anniversary today. There will be a pageant on the grounds at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3 as part of the celebration. Admission will be free.

Today, there was a talk on the construction of the House of

Prayer that will seat 2,000 when completed. The shrine is a half mile east of Necedah just off Highway 21.

Speaker to be at UW-Stevens Point

STEVENS POINT — Dan Hayes, a nationwide motivational speaker, will be at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point at 7 p.m. Oct. 12 and 13 to speak on leadership and intimacy.

Hayes is a speaker for Campus Crusade for Christ and has been speaking for 26 years on college campuses. He will be speaking in the Wright Lounge at the University Center.

Foresters to install officers

WIS. RAPIDS — The joint installation of officers of SS. Peter & Paul Court 496 Catholic Order of Foresters will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at Lowell Center.

Open house set for Boettchers

PORT EDWARDS — There will be a farewell open house for the Rev. Kenneth and Ann Ellen Boettcher from 2-4 p.m. Oct. 30 at United Methodist Church.

Card parties at St. Wenceslaus

MILLADORE — St. Wenceslaus Church will host card parties this fall featuring sheephead, smear, pinocle and bunco.

Cards will be played from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 23 and 30 and Nov. 6 and 13. The cost will be \$3 and include lunch and prizes.

Chili supper set at Rudolph church

RUDOLPH — The Rudolph Moravian Church will host a chili supper from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 5.

The cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 6 to 12. Children 5 and younger will be fed free. Carryovers are \$3 a quart in your container.

Eckankar to host worship service

STEVENS POINT — Eckankar will host a worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Best Western Royale at the junction of U.S. 51 and Highway 10 East.

For more information, call 884-2763.

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