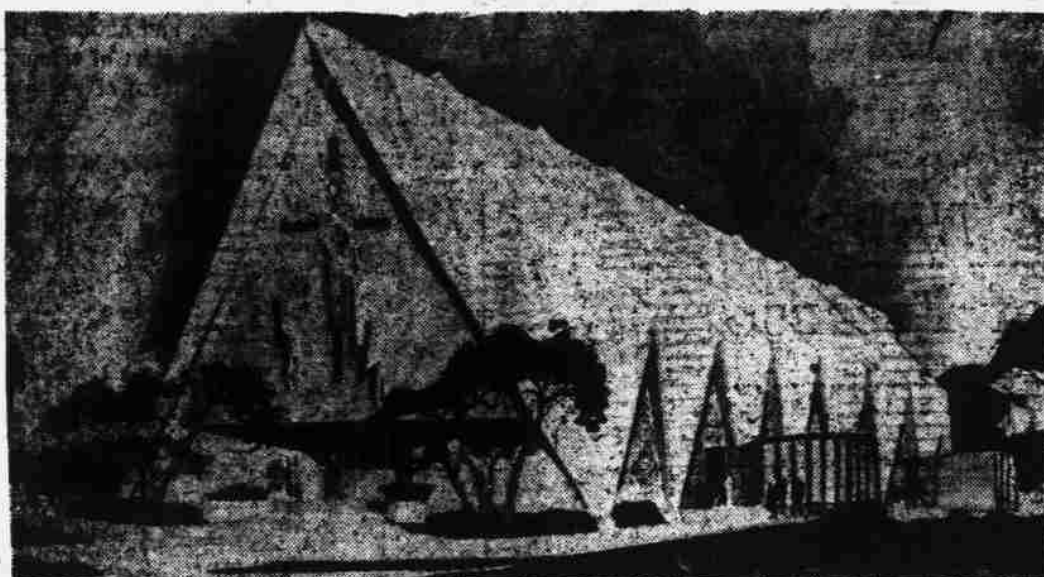


Catholics Are Gracious Hosts For A Day

OUR CATHOLIC FRIENDS
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private chapels for personal prayers and private devotions. Bob Green and Art Tanake were the guides at this point. Stop No. 2 was the Sanctuary or Altar area, considered the focal point of Catholic worship. Al O'Donnell and Larry Kreyer were on hand at this junction to answer all questions. Stop No. 3 was the Vesting Area where all items used in worship are stored. It was interesting to learn Vestments are in five colors, Purple during Lent and Advent; White for Christmas and for Easter; Red during Pentecost; Green for Sundays of joy and Black for times of mourning. We were told Gold may replace any color except black. Guides here were Bernie Cantwell and Joe Rodrigues.

Stop No. 4 was the Sacred Heart Chapel, the second of two private chapels, honoring the source of all Love. Exhibited over the altar was a recent painting of a modern, beardless Christ, with strong features, bloodless hands, etc. Artist Giovanna was commissioned to do the work by Mr. and Mrs. Cruzado, who along with Jim Sugden, were guides at this point.

Stop No. 5 was the center of the church, where Antonio Morelli rendered a delightful lecture explaining the designs in the colored windows of the church, still in the stage of completion. The windows will illustrate the



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14 stops made by Jesus on the way to the Crucifixion. It is state in a "Getting To Know You" brochure, that the 11th station, a window already completed, bears out the non-political truth that the Jews are not to be blamed for the death of Christ--all mankind share the responsibility.

Station No. 6 is the Baptistery, where stained glass windows are in three sections depicting events that lead Catholics to believe it is through Baptism that the church is entered. David Burnham and Jim Sauerwein call our attention to the 12 Apostles at the base of the third window.

The visit, the tour and the lectures were enlightening. The decorum of the attendants was impeccable. Explanations were given in sim-

ple, concise, understandable terms. All questions were answered without delay or qualification. Not once was there evidence of uneasiness from the tourists exploring a denomination other than their own.

Father Toomey's opening gesture in commencing religious friendship in order for better understanding, was, in this writer's and viewer's opinion, an overwhelming success. After the friendship and understanding are established, then will come the free exchange of comparatives and contrasts. The professionals will carry on in dialogue. The laymen, by illuminating his own belief and learning another's, will seek the Truth.

Although this is the first step in a vast general scheme for compatible understand-

ing among the religions, this writer is inclined to believe it will work. It will not, as some may fear, act as a means of conversion from one Faith to another.

On the other hand, if others in the thousand who were there were afflicted with the same reaction as this writer, this method of simple understanding of the others' manner and means of Belief can lead only to a strengthening of one's own Faith.

As we were driving from the Shrine, we felt we were a better Jew, with this meager, neophyte's understanding of Catholicism. It was a refreshing feeling. It made us desire to learn more about Judaism.

For this we can thank Father Toomey, and we do.

ISRAELITE ADS PAY

JERSEY CITY (WNS) Thirty-five years of continuous publication is being observed currently by the Jewish-Standard, local English-Jewish weekly which serves the Jewish communities of Hudson and Bergen counties. Marking the event will be publication in the near future of a special Jewish 35th anniversary edition, it was announced by Morris Janoff, editor-publisher.

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