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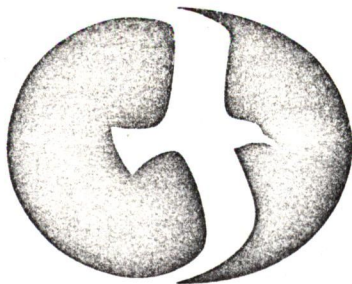
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"MINISTRY TO DIVORCED CATHOLICS" DISCUSSED AT SALVE

"Ministry to Divorced Catholics" will be the subject of a presentation by Reverend James Young, a counselor at the Paulist Center in Boston, Sunday night October 26, at 7:30p. m. in O'Hare Academic Center at Salve Regina College. His lecture is open to the public without charge.

Father Young, who spoke about his work with groups of alienated Catholics at a theology workshop at the College last summer, was invited back to Newport to speak by Salve Regina's Campus Ministry Department and the Newport Christian Action Center.

College Chaplain James K. Healy suggests there are two major reasons why Father Young's presentation on "Ministry to Divorced Catholics" is both relative and timely in today's society. The first reason, according to Father Healy, is that "many divorced Catholics are under the false impression that being divorced in itself alienates them from the Church, which is not true." Father Healy contends the second reason is that "while some Catholics who are divorced and remarried may be in marriage situations which the Church cannot officially recognize, they continue to be members of the Christian Community, and the Church wishes to reach out to them with compassion, understanding and encouragement."

"If there is an underlying principle beneath all of this," says Father Healy, "it can be simply stated in this way: the message of Jesus is above all a message to the oppressed and the alienated, to any and all people who are in difficult and troublesome life situations. His message is one of mercy and understanding -- not condemnation and rejection."