

Marriage in crisis

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THORNHILL — Among the many words we hear today, the word "crisis" seems to be ever present.

The marriage crisis is one which the Roman Catholic bishops of Ontario have recently faced in a 25 page resource booklet entitled: Christian Marriage Today.

There is much food for thought in this booklet whether one is Christian or not. It is practical in the sense that it lays down a means of dealing with the marriage crisis.

The turbulent state of marriage today has prompted the Ontario bishops to inaugurate a massive education program to strengthen the institution of marriage.

"Everyone knows that marriage — even Christian marriage — is under fire today" wrote the bishops in this booklet. "We see the marriages of relatives and friends breaking up. We hear of the rapidly rising divorce rate in Canada. And we live in a society that makes light of fidelity and permanence."

The statement goes on to say: "We share this anxiety and dismay and we ask you to join forces with us facing the whole question of marriage and the home."

After all, the family is the basic unit of society. Therefore, topics discussed include premarital sex, adultery, divorce, birth control and the changing role of women in the modern world.

It is obvious that what is needed here is the proper outlook towards marriage — that it is a sacred in-

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situation — that it is to be taken seriously — that there are steps to be dealt with as the years go by. In other words, there is an urgent need for an educational program to prepare and assist the couples involved.

To meet this need, the bishops plan to distribute the resource booklet to parishes and the clergy together with lay leaders in Ontario with the hope that the educational program to build strong marriages will be initiated at the local level.

The booklet provides basic information on marriage as sacred, communication, the morality of marriage, the importance of marriage and the family as the foundation of a truly strong and solid society.

The program calls upon all who are married to

renew within themselves an understanding of their role as husband and wife-mother and father. Further, that those preparing for marriage be given all the necessary help by their respective clergymen to prepare well.

The example of all truly dedicated married couples will do much to dispel the marriage crisis. An adequate and painstaking preparation for married life will go far to assist couples who plan to marry. It has been the conviction of the clergy of all churches and social workers involved in this area of assisting couples that there is a need to further educate along the lines mentioned in the bishops' resource booklet.

The resource booklet is a humble beginning and should serve as a solid guide in clarifying the true meaning of marriage.

In reality, it lays down a very ambitious program and one long overdue. It can only prove to be a step in the right direction.

Plant show Sept. 4

Regular Church service will resume at Maple United on September 12.

Don Gibson, teacher at Joseph A. Gibson School.

Power squadron

A Plant show and sale will be held at Maple United Church Sept. 14, 8:00 p.m. Admission of 75c includes light refreshments and a demonstration on plant care by Gina Gibson.

RICHMOND HILL—Power Squadron courses will begin Sept. 21 at Don Head Secondary School from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. Classes will be held every Tuesday night until March 1977.

Registration for the courses begins Sept. 7-14, 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

10 mile walkathon

The sixth annual 10-mile walkathon in support of the world wide work of the Canadian Bible Society will start at 9:00 a.m. Sept. 18. This venture is sponsored by the Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United Churches of Maple.

The walkathon begins at the Communith Hall pausing for refreshments at Teston United Church, St. Paul's Presbyterian and ending at St. Stephens Church.

The goal of \$1,200. will be toward the purchase of a Bible van for Bolivia.

Mrs. Gibson, has become quite well known for her work throughout Metro. She is the wife of

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7.00 p.m. — Evening Service

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