

# Catholic Father Talks Tuesday

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Those who heard the Rev. Martin Thielen repeat the words of Christ, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's," in summarizing his Tuesday evening address on "Religion in Government Affairs" heard one of the most colorful of Catholic men in the state.

Father Thielen is currently both priest to St. Stephen's parish in southeast Portland and director of education at the Roman Catholic Archdiocese in Portland. Addressing students is "old stuff" to the priest who spent many years as instructor and later principal at Central Catholic high school.

Formal education for Father Thielen began in the parochial elementary schools in Portland and concluded in Rome in 1935 where he was ordained.

### Religion's Place in Politics

Tuesday evening, at one of the smaller turnouts thus far during Religion Evaluation week, Father Thielen told his listeners that religion has just as much a place in government as in the family or the individual.

The trend a few years had been placing too much emphasis on the adage "separation of church and state," Thielen stated. People have been insisting on absolutely no relations between the government and the church.

### Religion Found in Courts

But, Thielen insisted, religion can be found in every phase of government affairs: in the court room, at the opening of legislature, or during a presidential inauguration address. These elements of religion reflect the United States constitution, which was set up by wise men united in the belief of God. Religion must not be forced upon any group or individual, Thielen went on, but the government should permit teachings of religion in the schools.

As supporting arguments, he read decisions of the Supreme Court and the New York Court of Appeals, which gave a definition of "Separation of church and state" which would permit released time.

Father Thielen, a speaker who often throws out ideas of his own faith to the minds of the mostly-Protestant listeners, speaks with great sincerity and soft, at times firm, and once Tuesday evening, when he was referring to the relationship of church and state in Europe, he emotionally and vociferously declared, "I, too, would go political if a force would come into my country and try to suppress Christianity. If this be treason, make the most of it."

## Author David Mark To Talk Thursday

David Mark, author of the play "Captive at Large," now being produced on campus by the University theater, will lecture on "The Struggle Against Sentimentality in American Playwriting" at 4 p.m. Thursday at the theater.

The talk is being given in connection with the Festival of Arts.

The New York playwright, who has won numerous awards for his writing, has been in the theater nearly all his life as a playwright, actor, director, producer, lighting designer, business manager and publicity director. His play "Captive at Large" was awarded the Illini Theatre Guild award in 1953.

## SU Currents



### Friday's Program Features Five Acts

Five acts will be featured in this week's Friday at Four program in the Student Union fish-bowl.

Sharon Beard, freshman in liberal arts, will perform a pantomime, and Ken Kesey, sophomore in speech, will present a ventriloquist act. Music for the program will be provided by the Downbeats.

Mark Tapscott, senior in speech, and the Melodaires, a vocal group, will both sing.

Rob Roy, freshman in music, will act as master of ceremonies. Darlene Leland, freshman in journalism, is in charge of the program.

### Killgallon to View Exceptional Child

P. A. Killgallon, professor of education, will speak in the browsing room Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

His topic will be "Providing for the Exceptional Child," and there will be a coffee hour following the lecture.

### Final Readings Set for 'Kiss Me, Kate' Roles

Final readings for speaking roles in "Kiss Me, Kate" will be at 4 this afternoon in Villard 102, according to Horace W. Robinson, associate professor of speech.

Robinson will direct the Cole Porter musical which opens in May. Those who read Monday may come and read again today, but particular emphasis will be placed on those who have not previously read, Robinson said. Singing chorus tryouts will be later this term.

## YWCA, AWS, WRA Petitions to be Filed

Petitions for offices in the YWCA, AWS and WRA are due on Feb. 7, Feb. 9 and Feb. 14, respectively.

Offices open in the YWCA include elective and appointive positions on the senior and sophomore cabinets. General Y offices which are elective include president, second vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Runner-up for president will be the vice-president.

AWS cabinet positions open are president, secretary, treasurer, reporter and sergeant-at-arms. Petitioners for president

must be juniors, for secretary and treasurer must be sophomores and reporter and sergeant-at-arms must be freshmen.

Elective positions on the WRA cabinet include president, secretary, treasurer and custodian. Runner-up for president in WRA also will become vice-president.

YWCA petitions should be turned in to the Y office in Geringer hall. AWS petitions may be given to Janet Wick, president, at the Pi Beta Phi house or may be taken to the AWS office on the third floor of the Student Union.

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