

Theology School Opening

A new Ecumenical School of Theology will begin operation this fall for laymen who want the tools to deal with today's theology.

Five courses will be offered one night a week for 10 weeks, starting at 7:30 p.m. Classes will be held at the Hartford Seminary Foundation, 55 Elizabeth St.

The school, which is an organization independent of the seminary, is being operated in cooperation with the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ and the Commission for Ecumenical Affairs of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford.

Directing the school will be the Rev. F. Earle Fox, the priest in charge of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in East Haddam. The Rev. Dr. Fox has a doctorate from Oxford in science and theology and has taught for three years in the Religion Department of Trinity College. He has also done extensive work in pastoral counseling.

Faculty

On the faculty will be the Rev. Richard T. Nolan and Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick.

The Rev. Mr. Nolan is currently directing the religious education program at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bristol and is assistant professor of philosophy and history at Mattatuck Community College in Waterbury.

He is also currently adjunct lecturer in theology at St. Joseph College in West Hartford. In the past, the Rev. Mr. Nolan was Academic Dean and lecturer in religious education at the Hartford Seminary.

Dr. Kirkpatrick is assistant

professor in the Religion Department at Trinity College. He received his doctorate from Brown University in theology and philosophy of religion and has also taught adult classes at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hartford.

Five classes will be offered: "Introduction to Biblical Theology" will meet on Mondays, starting Oct. 4; "The Knowledge of God" and "Religion and Social Change" will meet Tuesdays starting Oct. 5; "Seminar in Practical Religious Education" and "The Meaning of Life—Christianity or Existentialism?" will meet each Thursday starting Oct. 7.

Founding Purpose

The school was founded, says the literature outlining courses, for the specific purpose of "providing lay Christians with rational tools to grapple with

the challenges of the 'death of God' on one hand and the world denying mysticism on the other." The staff believes that it is necessary and possible to bring together Christian commitment with the search for truth, the literature continues. Using the intellect leads to Jesus, not away from him, it says.

The school is open to all persons interested in the Christian faith and its role in contemporary culture. Tuition will be \$50 for the first course and \$35 for each additional course, plus whatever books the student wishes to buy. Students registered in an accredited institution will pay \$25 in tuition.

Anyone wanting more information about the school or wanting registration blanks should contact the Rev. Dr. Fox at St. Stephen's Church in East Haddam.