

Cathedral purchases Ladywood - St. Agnes, going coeducational



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Community honors Catholic Charities for work with refugees

BY RUTH ANN HANLEY

Reaching out to Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees with a "creative" and "forceful" effort, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis resettled 514 refugees, and in the process secured for itself a Community Service Council agency award.

A CASPER (Community Appreciation for Service in Public Enlightenment and Relations) plaque was presented at the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Indianapolis based group by Joseph Arredy, Chairman of the CASPER judging committee, who

cited the manner in which Catholic Charities "saw an urgent need and then set out to meet that need."

CATHOLIC CHARITIES mounted an interdenominational effort on behalf of Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees. Arredy said, "moving office routine aside to put 50% of its staff into a six month campaign which resulted in the resettlement of some 500 refugees in 39 counties."

To his audience, which included Mayor William Hudnut and representatives of the media and human service agencies, Arredy commented that in the opinion of the judges this effort "was evidence that the communication devices reached beyond the scope of Catholic Charities and into the community at large in and around Indianapolis."

Thomas Morgan, Associate Director of Charities, filling in for Father Donald L. Schmidt, Director of Catholic Charities, received the award for his organization.

He later detailed Catholic Charities work in the nationwide resettlement. "More than 52,000 refugees have been sponsored through the United States Catholic Conference," he said. "Throughout the country Catholic Charities Resettlement offices have played a major role, and Catholic Charities of Indianapolis is in the top 25% of Catholic participating agencies." Through this office 38 group and 29 individual sponsors were found.

A VIETNAMESE bilingual assistant, Nguyen The Nhan, is the newest aid to communication between staff, sponsors, and refugees. Morgan stressed, however, that the program, which began with the finding of sponsors, homes, and jobs, is now, and has always been, an ongoing one.

He said that Catholic Charities continues to extend help in many ways. These functions include job counseling, orientation to local communities, language training, assistance in meeting health needs, information for making the best use of government services, translation of pertinent information into Vietnamese (such as driver's manual, tax information, and Sunday liturgy), assistance in resolving difficulties between sponsors and refugees, planned religious and social events to preserve religion and culture (Vietnamese Masses, receptions and the like).

Shift to new campus slated this summer

Cathedral High School this week announced plans to relocate its facilities and establish a co-educational high school at the present site of Ladywood-St. Agnes School.

The property of Ladywood-St. Agnes School has been purchased by the board of trustees of Cathedral High School for \$1.8 million. The

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purchase is immediate, and the co-educational school will open in the fall of 1978. The property was purchased from the Sisters of Providence, who have owned and operated the North-side girls' school since 1928.

The Sisters placed the property on the market last fall, citing financial difficulties as the reason for seeking a buyer. It was reported at a parents' meeting on Tuesday evening of this past week that a projected operational deficit of \$154,000 would have to be incurred by Ladywood-St. Agnes in the coming year, if a buyer was not found.

RELOCATING CATHEDRAL High School was "a means of solving our own financial and maintenance problems," said Father Patrick Kelly, Cathedral board member, in an interview with the Criterion. "It would have cost us more to renovate and expand the present Cathedral property than to purchase the Ladywood property."

Father Kelly stressed the point that the transaction with Ladywood-St. Agnes "was not a merger," but that Cathedral will retain its name and entity as a separate school in a new location.

"We expect that a large number of Ladywood-St. Agnes students, however, will opt to enroll under the co-educational status," he added.

When the Sisters of Providence (Continued on Page 6)

Head of NCCB 'most influential'

WASHINGTON—The president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), the president of Notre Dame University and Pope Paul VI are the first, third and fifth most influential persons in the field of religion, according to a poll conducted by U.S. News and World Report.

Archbishop Joseph Bernardin of Cincinnati, NCCB president, was chosen as the most influential religious leader by his peers who participated in the magazine's annual survey of national leadership.

In second place was the Rev. Billy Graham, followed by Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University; William Thompson, president of the National Council of Churches; and Pope Paul VI.

The magazine asked 1,400 "key Americans" who they thought are currently the top decision-makers in the United States. The field of religion was one of 12 isolated for separate analysis.

Two Catholics are among the poll's "top 10" leaders among women. They are Gov. Ella Grasso of Connecticut and Phyllis Schlafly, the combative opponent of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment.

Indianapolis is host to Claver Conference

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indianapolis Hilton Hotel will be the site of the 38th annual Northern District Conference of the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver on May 7, 8 and 9.

Martin Strange and Mrs. Marie Cavanaugh have announced that some of the highlights of the conference will be a visit on Saturday to St. Maur's Priory, the Benedictine Monastery in Indianapolis, and a banquet and dance that evening.

On Sunday Archbishop George J. Blaisdell will be the principal celebrant at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, and Father Harvey W. Shepherd, O.S.B., Prior of St. Maur Monastery, will deliver the homily.

Registration will be held Friday, May 7 from 12 noon until 11 p.m. Most of the conference events are open to the public.



NEW ARCHDIOCESAN CYO OFFICERS—Above are the new Archdiocesan CYO Officers elected at the annual CYO Convention held recently at Secola High School. They are, left to right: Mike LaGrange, New Albany,

President; Gail Rissler, Tell City, Vice-President; Cindy Farquhar, Bedford, Deansery Coordinator; Coleen McNulty, Indianapolis, Recording Secretary; and Jane Fulmer, New Albany, Corresponding Secretary.

Papal message emphasizes faith in the Resurrection

BY JOHN T. MUTHIG

VATICAN CITY—In a solemn Easter message crowning Holy Week rites here, Pope Paul VI staunchly defended the truth of Christ's physical resurrection against "an army of critics."

Speaking at noontime from the Balcony of the Benedictions above the main portal of St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Paul urged those who doubt the "univocal real sense" of Christ's resurrection to embrace once again the Church's official teaching.

As about 200,000 pilgrims and tourists stood on the sun-soaked cobblestones of St. Peter's Square, the Pope proclaimed "the unheard-of, unthinkable but undeniable and unsurpassable victory of life over death."

Then before giving his blessing "Urbi et Orbi" (to the city and the world), the Pontiff asserted: "We cannot be silent that, in regard to such a great mystery, an army of deniers and critics has worked and is working to deprive it of its univocal real sense."

"But our certainty today is so full and so blessed that it desires only to be communicated with those who do not share it, in order to have them as partners in our faith and in our happiness."

IN RECENT YEARS some theologians have given various interpretations to the resurrection of Jesus. Some maintain that it is only the personality or the works of Christ—not his physical body—that rose from the dead.

The Pope, who minutes before had celebrated a colorful outdoor Mass on the basilica's steps, declared that no one will rejoice more than Christians

over an economic, social and cultural "resurrection" of society.

But he cautioned that the social resurrection is in itself incomplete.

"It would be an illusion to hope to attain that effective and transcendent resurrection to which the life of man profoundly and essentially aspires, if this life were deprived of that hope which does not deceive," the Pope asserted.

He said that men today must be warned about the "inevitable danger resulting from the blind craving for temporal prosperity alone." The craving "could bring man a greater unhappiness generated by the very expansion of his capacity to desire more and of his possibility to enjoy more," he said.

The Pope then extended Easter wishes in 12 languages, including Ukrainian and Chinese.

THE BLESSING, televised to many parts of the world, capped a week of solemn ceremonies led by the 78-year-old Pope.

At Saturday night vigil ceremonies, the Pope blessed the new fire in the basilica's atrium, then carried the paschal candle as he was borne on his portable throne up the main aisle of the Vatican basilica. At the chanting of the Lumen Christi, he dipped the candle toward the throngs who lit their tapers from its flame.

Afterward, the intoning of the Gloria at the papal Mass set into motion thousands of church bells announcing the resurrection to the city of Rome.

The Pope baptized, confirmed and gave first Communion to a Jewish convert from Los Angeles—Neil Barry—to two Korean women and to a man from Calcutta during the vigil service.

In a brief homily the Pope told Christians that the Easter feast carried with it two duties: the duty to witness to a profound joy and to live a strong, austere moral life.

The silent emptiness of Holy Saturday in Rome was preceded on Good Friday by the dramatic 9 p.m. Way of the Cross led by Pope Paul and his vicar from the city of Rome, Cardinal Ugo Poletti, in the heart of the pagan Rome—the Colosseum and Roman Forum.

The Pope, knelt motionlessly on a hill overlooking the Roman stadium until the 11th station. Then he led the rest of the procession carrying a light-weight dark wooden cross.

EARLIER THAT DAY the Pope had presided at Good Friday ceremonies in St. Peter's. Bareheaded, he knelt (Continued on Page 6)

Guatemala fund tops \$3 million

NEW YORK—U.S. dioceses have contributed more than \$3 million to the Guatemala Earthquake Fund of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Bishop Edward E. Swannstrom, executive director of CRS, announced here.

As of March 31, the overseas aid agency of U.S. Catholics had also received more than \$4.2 million in food and supplies from the U.S. government, Bishop Swannstrom said.

OF THE \$8.4 MILLION received by CRS since the early February earthquakes in Guatemala, all but \$193,699 has been spent or committed for rehabilitation projects there, the bishops said.

The CRS relief effort currently reaches an estimated 235,000 Guatemala earthquake victims.

In a report submitted to the CRS headquarters in New York, William Pruzensky, CRS Program Director in Guatemala, stated that unofficial statistics indicate about 25,000 dead, 90,000 injured and 1.25 million homeless as a result of the quakes.

PRUZENSKY'S report further stated:

"Surveys now indicate that 1,108 primary school buildings were destroyed in the earthquake zone, leaving approximately 94,840 children without classrooms. . . . More than 300 clinics, hospitals and health posts were also damaged, making it impossible to provide rapid and adequate care for the injured after the disaster. . . . Churches, public buildings, commercial establishments were destroyed or damaged. Over half the churches were damaged in this zone and some, hundreds of years old, were completely leveled. The magnitude of destruction is incredible."

Marian appoints new cage coach

Marian College this week named John Grimes of Olivet (Mich.) College as its varsity basketball coach.

Grimes, 31, who holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Indiana State University, is completing his fifth year at Olivet, serving as assistant basketball and football coach.

The Greencastle (Ind.) native was graduated from Germeyer Tech High School in Terre Haute, where he was an all-state athlete in the two sports.

Olivet College, which is affiliated with the Congregationalist Church, has an enrollment of 800, virtually identical with that of Marian. The Michigan college is a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and produced two championship basketball teams within the past five years.

At Marian, Grimes will serve as assistant professor of physical education in addition to his basketball coaching duties.

Varsity sports at Marian include basketball, baseball, tennis and golf. The school also fields a club soccer

team and maintains an extensive intramural program.

Grimes will succeed Ed Schilling, Marian coach for the past five years.



JOHN GRIMES



RECEIVES AWARD—In behalf of Catholic Charities Associate Director, Tom Morgan, left, receives the CASPER award from Joseph Arredy, Chairman of the Community Service Council of Metropolitan Indianapolis.

WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

BY NC NEWS SERVICE

Non-Catholic to teach in Rome

ROME—Rome's prestigious Gregorian University will "almost certainly" permit at least one non-Catholic to teach there next semester, despite rumors that Pope Paul VI had forbidden teaching by non-Catholic professors at the institution, Father Rene Latourelle, dean, confirmed here. But Father Latourelle would not comment on the rumors that Pope Paul had asked that no more non-Catholics teach at the Jesuit-run Gregorian, a pontifical university, at which many of Rome's seminarians, priests and Religious study.

Small farms extolled

OKLAHOMA CITY—The takeover of family farms by large corporations is like "trading off a good efficient Chevrolet for an Edsel," a consultant of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference (NCRLC) said here. Speaking on the virtues of small farms to a national Methodist workshop on farming here on the eve of Food Day, was Roger Blobaum, consultant to the NCRLC. He asserted that "family farms are more efficient producers" than corporate ones and "one- or two-person farms are the most efficient operations."

In capsule form . . .

The Bible is now available in 1,577 languages, according to an announcement made by the London-based World Federation of Bible Societies . . . The U.S. Catholic Conference has joined other religious, civic and labor groups in support of a bill which would guarantee every able-bodied American the right to a job. The measure also would mandate lowering the unemployment rate to 3% within four years . . . Leaders of the largest missionary order of priests in South Africa have taken steps to make the Church "become a visible sign of unity in an apartheid society." Provincials and other high officials of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate recently called on Oblates to serve, to listen to and to learn from black African people more than they have in the past . . . A fund-raising campaign has been launched in St. Louis, Mo., by Fairness in Education. All Catholic households will receive appeals in the mail from the nonsectarian group, which is seeking to change Missouri's present ban on aid to nonpublic school children . . . The U.S. Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling barring a priest-lawyer, Father Vincent LaRocca of Brooklyn, N.Y. from wearing a Roman collar during jury trials.



DIAMOND JUBILARIANS—Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Richart, members of St. Ambrose parish, Seymour, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with the traditional Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 2, followed by a family dinner. An open house will be held from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Elks Club, Seymour. Friends and relatives are invited. The jubilarians request that gifts be omitted. The couple was married May 2, 1916, in St. Joseph Church at Four Corners. The jubilarians have three sons, Bernard Richart of Hayden, and Donald and Paul Richart, both of Seymour; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Lane of Indianapolis and Mrs. Bertha Elsner of Juddah, Saudi Arabia.

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Harris claim draws reaction

BELLMORE, N.Y.—A syndicated column by pollster Louis Harris claiming that the anti-abortion candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, Ellen McCormack, has "apparently abandoned her candidacy" drew sharp rebuttals from Mrs. McCormack and her campaign manager. Saying Harris has "apparently abandoned his career as a scientific pollster for a new career as a political propagandist for those views in which he believes," the Long Island housewife dismissed Harris' conclusion that it is safe for politicians to favor abortion.

Recruit new students

CHICAGO—The chairman of the U.S. Catholic Conference's (USCC) education committee appealed here to every Catholic schoolteacher to recruit two new pupils each by next September. The 150,000 full-time Catholic elementary and secondary schoolteachers in the country can recruit 300,000 additional pupils by then, said the USCC committee chairman, Bishop William E. McManus, auxiliary of Chicago. "Our success will reverse the perilously downward enrollment trend which even more than the perennial shortage of funds threatens the future of some Catholic schools," Bishop McManus said.

Pope sends mission to Lebanon

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI has sent a special peace-making mission to troubled Lebanon, where civil war has been raging for the past 12 months. The mission is designed to: indicate the Pope's "paternal concern for the tragic situation in Lebanon, comfort the various communities tried by the conflict, and examine the possibility of meeting the growing needs of refugees and the families of the victims, regardless of partisan considerations," according to a Vatican announcement.

Advance young adult ministry

WASHINGTON—A national young adult ministry board—the first ever for the American Catholic Church—has been formed by the department of education, U.S. Catholic Conference. Aimed at the 18 to 35 age bracket, the board consists of 18 members who will formulate new and identify existing programs to meet the needs of American Catholics in this age group.

Names . . .

Father Robert I. Burns, S.J., of the University of San Francisco has been awarded the Haskins Medal of the Medieval Academy of America for his three-volume study, "Islam Under the Crusaders: Colonial Survival in the 13th Century Kingdom of Valencia."

The 32nd annual Gold

Medal of the Elre Society of Boston was awarded to a former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, John D. J. Moore. Jesuit Father Daniel E. Power, a retired Georgetown University professor and former director of public affairs at the school, died in Washington after suffering a stroke.

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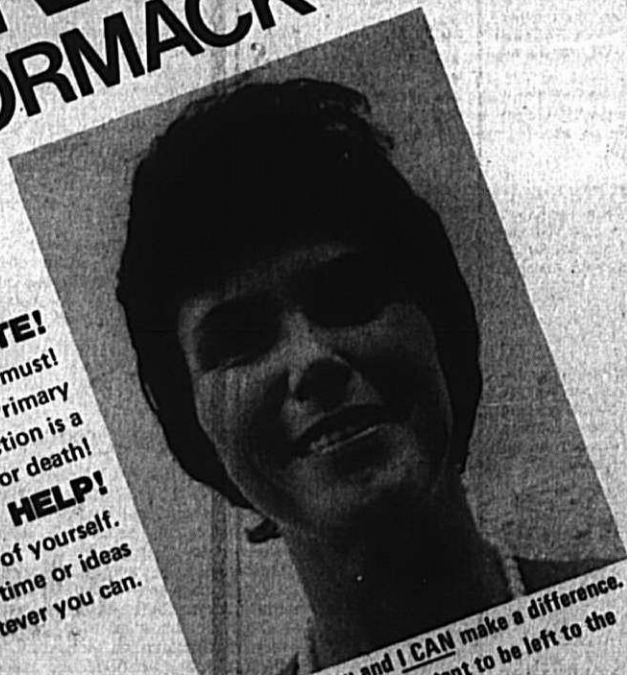
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Objection sustained

BY FRED W. FRIES

At the peak of the turmoil and confusion which accompanied the announcement of the Cathedral purchase of Ladywood-St. Agnes, we received a phone call from the principal of St. Mary Academy, Sister Carol Stinger, O.S.F.

She was protesting one of the local dailies' reference to the Northside school as "the only girls' college preparatory school in the Indianapolis area."

Sister Carol pointed out that St. Mary Academy—the oldest girls' secondary school in the Archdiocese—and Our Lady of Grace Academy in Beech Grove have prepared "hundreds of young ladies for college" down through the years, and certainly deserve to be regarded as "college preparatory" schools.

Several days later the "offending" newspaper carried the following paragraph in an update on its Cathedral-St. Agnes-Ladywood story: "The closing of Ladywood-St. Agnes leaves St. Mary's Academy . . . and Our Lady of Grace Academy as the remaining all-girls college preparatory schools in Marion County."

DIAMOND JUBILARIANS—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sahm, residents of Holy Name parish, Beech Grove, since the early 1920's, will mark their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, April 20. No special observance is planned. They are the parents of Carl, William and Larry Sahm. A daughter, Betty Jean, is deceased.

AROUND AND ABOUT—The Hispano-American Center in Indianapolis recently acquired a new van for transporting day care center children and clients to and from the center. It was financed through donations from various sources . . . Parochial schools in the Indianapolis area who participate in the school lunch and breakfast programs recently were allotted \$8,567.25 in aid by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education . . . State Senator Burnett Bauer of South Bend was recently appointed to the national platform committee of Citizens for Educational Freedom . . . Brother Fidelis Pomier, C.S.C., died at Notre Dame on April 11 at the age of 76. He taught at Cathedral High School for various periods from 1929 through 1951 . . . Sister Joan Kirkwood, S.P., of St. Mary-of-the-Woods was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the Conference of Religious Treasurers, Indiana-Michigan Region.

STOP THE PRESSES—An advisory cleared our teletype news wire as we went to press Wednesday afternoon. Informing Catholic Press staffers that delegates to the annual CPA convention in early May are invited to a "hospitality session" at NC News headquarters during their Washington stay. One eager editor from the West Coast filed an inquiry asking what would be served. A few minutes later the following advisory cleared the wire: "In response to an inquiry from San Francisco about NC hospitality during the CPA meeting, tea will be served."

CLASS REUNIONS—Two secondary schools in the greater Indianapolis area have announced plans for double class reunions this coming June. The graduating classes of 1966 and 1967 of Our Lady of Grace Academy will meet Saturday, June 26, at the Southside Knights of Columbus. Mary Anne (Gallimore) Schaefer is taking dinner reservations (May 1 deadline) at 783-4000. A similar combined reunion of the classes of 1966 and 1967 of Brebeuf Preparatory School is also on the docket. A gala reunion picnic at 12 noon on Saturday, June 19, at the Krannert Community Center will kick off the festivities. Details can be obtained from the school.

TOP PERFORMERS—Three eighth graders from St. Joan of Arc School, Indianapolis, set some kind of a record recently when they took first place honors in entrance exams for their respective high schools. The three pupils and the high schools of their choice are Martha Henn, Chatard (top girl); Tim Kelly, Chatard (top boy); and Julie Brady, St. Mary Academy.



Left to right: Martha Henn, Tim Kelly and Julie Brady.

Humphrey favors courts

WASHINGTON—Litigation in the courts, not a constitutional amendment, represents the best way to overturn the Supreme Court's 1973 decisions striking down most state restrictions on abortion, according to Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.).

Humphrey, widely regarded as an unannounced presidential candidate, made his remarks in a letter to Father Paul Zylla, chairman of the St. Cloud, Minn., committee for pro-life activities. Father Zylla criticized Humphrey for his "silence" on the abortion issue in an open letter last January.

IN HIS RESPONSE, Humphrey repeated his "personal opposition to abortion as a method of birth control."

He also said, "There may, however, be circumstances when medical procedures are required to protect the life or health of the mother."

Praising the Senate subcommittee on constitutional amendments for "an exceptionally thorough investigation of the proposed constitutional amendments" to reverse the Supreme Court decisions, Humphrey said the subcommittee had concluded that "those amendments would create more problems than they would solve."

"A more timely, effective and constructive course to follow lies in litigation now pending in the courts," Humphrey said. "This litigation process can help clarify certain aspects of the Supreme Court ruling

and resolve further abortion-related issues involved in the formulation of statutory law."

THE SUPREME COURT is now reviewing state laws including provisions for defining viability, prohibiting abortions after viability, requiring parental or spousal consent for an abortion and restricting Medicaid payments for abortions.

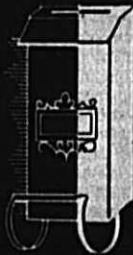
Humphrey also said, "We must make a common effort to strengthen both respect for life and for the rights of individuals."

A spokesman for Humphrey said Humphrey was interested in and probably would support legislation to provide federal funds for "life-support centers" which would provide help to teen-agers with problem pregnancies.

Moral rights

CHICAGO — A Lutheran sociologist here defended the right of Catholics to state their moral convictions on abortions and other issues and to organize politically on the basis of those convictions.

Dr. Pet Berger, professor of sociology at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., told a general session of the National Catholic Educational Association's annual convention that the Catholic witness to the fundamental philosophical questions involved in the abortion issue "is an immensely valuable contribution to the public debate."



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Valiant women

Speaking before a group of parents and friends of Ladywood-St. Agnes students this past week, Sister Mary Plus Regnier, superior general of the Sisters of Providence, revealed the strength and determination she has shown in the past in guiding her Order.

Sister Mary Plus heads a congregation of women which has been battered and bruised the last several years in its self-

renewal. Renewal has been confronted by the Sisters of Providence with a gusto and a dedication that suggests that the experience of Church is an everyday matter of living and dying.

As she stood before the group of Ladywood-St. Agnes parents and students, Sister Mary Plus appeared as the woman of faith, the valiant woman of which the Scriptures speak. She was firm, unapologetic for decisions, but able to recognize differences of opinion and willing to seek forgiveness for poor judgments.

It is no secret that the Sisters of Providence are in serious financial difficulties. It should be no secret that they have more than once taken on the burdens of educating and caring for people who have not always been thankful. Sister Mary Plus and the Sisters of Providence deserve the thanks and support of the entire Archdiocese.

Students who were present at the meeting seemed to reflect the kind of Christian attitude one hopes would be found in a Catholic school. It was a student who told parents that their bickering was senseless and achieved no purpose. It was a student who told the parents their talk was redundant. It was a student who encouraged everyone to build for the future rather than pick over the past.

And what does this all say for Catholic education? Surely the parents present at that meeting do not represent most of the parents of Ladywood-St. Agnes. One would hope not. For if Catholic education means only what some parents suggested they were losing, then we should consider closing down all of our schools and seeking the return of Jesus Christ himself. Are we only in the business of building basketball teams or are we proclaiming a life of faith?

At stake is the future of Catholic education. What Catholic education needs is more valiant women like Sister Mary Plus and more young people like the girls at Ladywood-St. Agnes. Catholic education needs vision.—T.W.

One can get used to having one's rights and assuming that everyone else has them too. But when one demands more that usually means someone else will have less. Since there is only so much food to go around, for example, it is likely that some will starve so that others can eat more.

Current history is showing us that human life is valued least of all by human beings. Human beings seem bent on abdicating their responsibility to be human. We demand rights but ignore needs. Rights are things for me. Needs are things for somebody else. Demanding rights selfishly means ignoring sacrifice for others. Has the American spirit gotten out of hand?—T.W.

College renewal: challenge to vocations

BY FR. THOMAS WIDNER

When he speaks about his work as Archdiocesan vocation director, Father Mike Welch radiates a liveliness and love of the Church. His animation is marred only by the seriousness he projects. Some consider this a liability. They would have him 'hang loose' more often.

Seriousness could be his undoing. Father Mike's job maintains a high level of frustration and a return which would not exactly place him high on the New York Stock Exchange. But that really isn't the point. A vocation director, recruits a very limited, but very special breed of men—the Catholic priest.

One program in which Father Mike has been engaged the past year is a cooperative effort on the part of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the dioceses of Lafayette and Evansville to reach college students at Ball State, Purdue and Indiana Universities. With the support of the Newman Centers on those campuses, Father Mike and a team of eight other priests and Sisters recently completed a campus renewal program.

"As far as I know, this cooperative effort of the three dioceses is the first time anything like this has been done anywhere in the country," he says. "Our goal is to make the program a state-wide affair."

To that end Father Mike and his co-workers have received invitations to return to those three campuses next year plus Indiana State University at Terre Haute. He is currently working to bring the program to four additional state colleges.

Father Mike's co-workers were: Fathers John Mannion and Pat Click of the Diocese of Lafayette; Father Richard Powers of the Diocese of



Priests and Religious who were part of a recent combined campus renewal program at three Indiana universities are: seated, Father Phil Bowers, M.S., Sister Ann Margaret O'Hara, S.P., Father Ervin Van Dorn, O.F.M., and Sister Nancy Perry, O.S.F.; standing, Father John Mannion, Father Mike Welch, Father Pat Click, Sister Joella Kidwell, O.S.F., and Father Richard Powers.

Evansville; Sister Joella Kidwell, O.S.B., Sister Nancy Meyer, O.S.F., Sister Ann Margaret O'Hara, S.P., Father Phil Bowers of Maryknoll and Father Ervin Van Dorn of the Franciscan Fathers.

Father Mike reflects, "On the campuses we found that the Catholic students show a great deal of faith, but they don't know why. Many of these students are what I call 'interim faith people.' They have a severe lack of knowledge of their faith. Their religious education obviously contained little content, and now they feel cheated. Many of the Catholic students feel put upon by students of other faith expressions. These are cradle Catholics who feel lost."

In the program Father Mike and his co-workers established, initial contact

was made through a liturgical service at the Newman Centers. At this service both the priests and Sisters spoke briefly. Then they were given permission to talk with smaller groups of students in the dormitories. A dorm host person advertised their presence ahead of time. At Indiana University, for example, the vocation staff met with 10-20 students in a group in each dorm.

The staff for each dorm included a priest and a Sister who spoke about ten minutes on a specific topic, e.g., "Jesus—Alive Now?"; "Will the Real Catholic Church Stand Up?"; "Sin—A Declaration of Independence"; "A Celebration of Healing." Then the discussion let the students take the vocation staff where the students wanted to go.

"The students showed a keen interest and a real faith," according to Father Mike. "We hit them on a deeper level. We didn't talk with a large number, but those we did talk with were affected more deeply."

Father Mike mentioned that at Ball State University the vocation staff spent three hours one evening responding to a student's question, "What right does the Church have in politics and telling us what to do about abortion?" The group was two-thirds non-Catholic. Father Mike feels strongly that the staff revealed a true concern of the Church to them.

At Ball State the staff likewise engaged in active recruiting. They set up a career display to which few students would venture forth to speak but which many observed from a distance.

What is necessary to seek out vocations on a college campus? Father Mike believes an active and vital Newman Center is essential. Moreover, the liturgical experiences at these Centers must be a plus for the student.

"The image of both the religious man and woman is needed at these centers," he indicates. "Then, too, we need a long-term follow-up program in which a small sub-community of students will become active."

In assessing the effort the renewal program had on the three campuses, Father Mike thinks "it was a drop in the bucket. Most of the students on those campuses wouldn't even know we were there. But it was a creative beginning. Our staff was very pleased with its initial thrust. Best of all, the feedback we have been receiving from the Newman center staffs has been excellent."

Father Mike's efforts prove that the Church of the future, indeed of the present, cannot depend on vocations just appearing. We must move out among the people and work for them.

DALE FRANCIS SAYS

Should First Communion be with family?

BY DALE FRANCIS

I keep watching the Catholic papers to see what the people are discussing. In one paper there has been a controversy over whether children should receive first Communion with their families or in a large class group.

I think it should be both ways. That's the way our youngest daughter, Rita, had it at St. Andrew's in Fort Worth, Texas.

Of course, there is only one first Communion so you can't really have it both ways. But the way it was done at St. Andrew's school it was almost like having it both ways.

First of all, children had their first Communion with their families. Rita's first Communion came on my birthday so we could both have something to celebrate. St. Bartholomew parish was meeting then in the chapel at the little rectory; the

church was not quite finished. The Mass was at five, and the chapel was always crowded on week days.

Father Cooney announced that Rita was receiving her first Communion, and Margaret and I accompanied her as she received at the altar. After Mass, everyone came to shake her hand and tell her how happy they were for her.

THAT WAS THE WAY ALL the youngsters received their first Communion—with their families. But then there was the day of the celebration of first Communion for all of the children together.

The little girls were in their Communion dresses, and the boys wore white shirts and dark trousers. There was a very special meaning for all of them, for a little boy in the school had died, his illness coming suddenly and unexpectedly. Monsignor King talked about that in his homily, in a beautiful way that didn't bring tears but joy.

I've seen a lot of first Communion days, and I think this was the best.

The children weren't nervous that they might do something wrong, since they had already received Communion. But this was their first Communion celebration, the first time altogether. They had learned some songs to sing, and they sang together in a wonderful way.

The whole preparation for first Communion had been perfect. They had a long period of preparation, but once a week all of us who were parents came to the parish and were given the very same instruction, so we would know what our children were being taught.

We were encouraged to talk to them about the preparations and the instructions. Since we knew what they were being taught, it was possible for the parents to carry on a discussion.

The children were prepared for the Sacrament of Penance, too, as the U.S. Bishops require that all children be before they receive first Communion. But in the instruction for first Penance, it was made clear to the children that they were not required to receive first Penance before first Communion.

I don't know for certain, but I think all of the children decided to make their first Confession before their first Communion.

We wanted to make it clear to Rita that the Sacrament of Penance is not necessary when there is not serious sin, although we explained even when you do not have serious sins, there is spiritual value in the Sacrament of Penance.

Rita said she wanted to receive

the Sacrament of Penance first. I didn't want her to be scrupulous, and I explained that it was not necessary. She just said, "I want to go to Confession, all right?"

Father Cooney, our pastor, heard her first Confession. He talked to her before hand, asked her some questions in a kind way about what she had learned about both Penance and the Eucharist, then he heard her confession.

Her first Communion came a couple of weeks later, and then a month after that there was the beautiful first Communion celebration.

I THOUGHT ABOUT THIS when I read that in an archdiocese there was a controversy about whether children should receive first Communion with their families or with their classmates. It seems to me that in this controversy—as in most controversies in the Church—the solution is to be found in providing a way to satisfy all. Both ways have value; so get the value from both.

The same is true on other controversies. If some like a quiet Mass and some like a guitar Mass, then offer them both. In Fort Worth, Bishop John Cassata provides a Latin Mass at the Cathedral once a month for those who wish it and in one parish there is a Latin Mass every Sunday morning.

The difficulties come when one particular way is forced on all in areas where differences are possible and permissible. The answer really is to be found in love for others.

When it is possible, we should want not just what satisfies us most, but we should want for others what satisfies them most, too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

John C. O'Connor addresses Cathedral purchase

To the Editor:

The recent purchase of the Ladywood-St. Agnes School and property by the Cathedral High School Board of Trustees has been met with a succession of confusing statements, distortion of the facts, and, I regret to say, many untruths.

I can personally vouch that much of what appeared in the two local newspapers, reporting the purchase, though possibly well-intentioned, was untrue because I, as well as many other board members of Cathedral High School, have been personally involved for several months in the negotiations and details of the purchase.

Instead of Robert Welch unilaterally purchasing the Ladywood-St. Agnes school and acreage, as early reports implied, the purchase resulted from a minimum of five special board meetings, attended each time by virtually all of the board members. During these meetings we considered many questions: Should Cathedral remain at 14th and Meridian and jump into an estimated \$2,000,000 renovation and repair program, or would it be more propitious to seriously consider purchasing the excellent physical facilities and beautiful surrounding grounds of Ladywood? Should we operate for virtually the same cost at the Ladywood-St. Agnes location as an all boys' school or as a co-educational high school? Would a tuition raise be deemed necessary? In the interest of all of the Cathedral and Ladywood-St. Agnes students, would it be wise to begin operations at the new location in the fall of 1978 or 1979?

These are all important questions. If any person believes that Robert Welch

made all these decisions alone, he is sadly in error.

To further dissuade those who are of the mind that Mr. Welch "did it all himself," permit me to say that another board member and I, along with Mr. Welch, with board approval, traveled to St. Mary-of-the-Woods and met with Sister Mary Plus Regnier, S.P., and her entire governing board when we first began negotiations to purchase the property.

To further evidence this point, my personal participation, from the very beginning to the ultimate purchase, also included the drafting of the various documents involved in the negotiations and eventual purchase. I might add here that none of the purchase documents provide for Mr. Welch to have an option to purchase the property should Cathedral ultimately dispose of it. Such a suggestion that the Cathedral Board as purchaser would simultaneously

entertain an option to sell its newly purchased property is patently absurd.

We certainly understand that the ultimate news of Ladywood-St. Agnes closing its doors and being operated as Cathedral High School would and should evoke many emotions among the students, faculty and parents of Ladywood-St. Agnes. The long and great history and record of the school, its dedicated Sisters, its fine lay faculty and its successful young lady graduates all give good reason for such emotional reactions.

We do earnestly hope that the smoke will soon settle and that the years ahead will find that this relocation of Cathedral High School, under a co-educational system, will prove a great plus for Catholic education on the secondary level in the Indianapolis area.

John C. O'Connor

Indianapolis

Reader protests ERA coverage

To the Editor:

I noticed that the Criterion gave front page coverage to the article announcing the formation of the "National Catholic Coalition for the E.R.A.," whose stated goals are ratification of the so-called Equal Rights Amendment, and (of all things)

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the ordination of women to the Catholic priesthood. Personally, I can think of loftier and more worthy goals that they could set for themselves.

Hopefully not too many of our good Fathers will allow themselves to be high-pressured into urging the faithful to work for the ratification of the "E.R.A." which (to my way of thinking, at least), we can well do without. If my memory serves me right, the National Conference of Catholic Women have repeatedly expressed opposition to that proposed legislation, and I prefer to side with them.

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NEW TESTAMENT

JESUS AND OTHERS

BY STEVE LANDREGAN

In the musical "Godspell" the show begins with the appearance of the solitary figure of John the Baptist, and the sounding of the shofar's (ram's horn) clarion call to repentance.

The Gospel is drama, with its vivid characterizations, conflicts, emotional impact, and powerful climax. And the character who sets the stage in this Divine drama is the mysterious, compelling John the Baptist.

There are other personalities whose relationship to Jesus help define the conflicts, frustrations and compassion that were part of His public life. The Pharisees who challenged Him at every turn, the women who ministered to Him and to whom He showed understanding and tenderness, and finally the Twelve, that unlikely collection of men who abandoned the world to follow Him and ultimately to die for Him.

There are more, but for now let us consider the Baptist and the women, then in our next article the Pharisees and the Twelve.

JOHN THE BAPTIST'S place in the prophetic tradition is firmly fixed by the announcement of his birth in Luke which echoes the Biblical birth narratives of Isaac, Samson and Samuel, all of whom were born of aged parents through divine intervention. His garb and desert

ministry recall the life and appearance of Elijah.

John stands at the end of an era and his mission is to announce the approaching reign of God, the fullness of God's revelation. He is the link that joins promise to fulfillment. That link is forged by John's Baptism of Jesus in which Christ is manifested as Messiah and the New Israel.

John's recognition of Jesus as "a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me" (John 1:30) is the beginning of the increase of Jesus and the decrease of John (John 3:30).

Scholars also see in the Gospel of John an effort to deal with the view of a few that both the Baptist and Jesus were messianic prophets and teachers of equal stature. There is evidence in the Gospels of disciples of the Baptist who questioned the role of Jesus (Mt. 9:14ff).

John the Evangelist puts great emphasis on the Baptist's role as witness to Jesus. In the prologue to his Gospel, John the Evangelist proclaims "There was a man named John sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the light, so that through him all men might believe—but only to testify to the light, for he himself was not the light" (John 1:8-9). In John's Gospel, the Baptist points out Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29), an act that causes two of John's disciples to leave him to follow Christ (John 1:35-39).

THE OTHER GOSPEL accounts relate how John's disciples, sent by the imprisoned Baptist to confirm that Jesus is indeed "He who is to come," (Luke 7:18-23) are answered in Old Testament terms (Is 35:5f) that clearly identify Christ with Isaiah's Servant of Yahweh.

With John the Baptist's death, the transition from promise to fulfillment is completed. The reign of God which he heralded has begun. Jesus told His disciples, "The law and the prophets were in force until John. From his time on, the goodness of God's kingdom has been proclaimed, and people of every sort are forcing their way in" (Luke 16:16).

Jesus' attitude toward women was revolutionary for the time. While there were many heroines of the Old Testament, Deborah, Ruth, Judith, Esther, and others, the role of the woman, though honored, was centered on the home and family and not on the affairs of God (Prov. 31:10-31).

It is not surprising that Luke, the only non-Jewish evangelist, is the one who provides the greatest insights into Jesus' relationships with women.

There are the women, whom Jesus had cured, who followed him on his journeys and ministered to him (Luke 8:1-3). Father Carroll Stuhlmueller, C.P., in his article on Luke in the Jerome Biblical Commentary observes that "Jesus imparts a new dignity and role to woman in granting her a right not only to learn the 'good news of the kingdom of God, but even to participate in the ministry.'"

Father Stuhlmueller points out that in Jesus' time some rabbis even doubted the ability of women to learn the "Torah," something required of every pious male.

Luke also relates Jesus' compassion toward the penitent woman (7:36-50) and the widow of Naim (7:11-17), and his commendation of Mary for not letting her household duties so preoccupy her that she has no time for the things of the Spirit (10:38-42), an incident that is in stark contrast to the description of the good wife in Proverbs 31 where the only spiritual reference is that the wife is "blessed."

THERE ARE MANY OTHER incidents where Jesus demonstrated an openness and respect for women—incidents which were uncommon in His time. He deferred to the perseverance of the Syro-Phoenician woman (Matt 15:21-28). He refused to let the ancient taboo against a menstruating woman keep Him from extending His healing love to the woman with a hemorrhage (Luke 8:40-48). Nor would He permit Pharisaic legalism prevent Him from healing the woman with a deformed back on the Sabbath (Luke 13:10-17).

In a man's world, Jesus used women and their work to teach the mystery of the kingdom in the parable of the leaven (Mt 13:13) and the love of God for the lost sinner in the parable of the lost coin (Luke 15:8-10).

Jesus accepted anointing from a woman (Mark 14:8) and women were the first witnesses to the Resurrection (Luke 24:1-12). There is no better illustration of Jesus' attitude toward women than this . . . the News . . . He is risen!

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In the musical, "Godspell," the show begins with the appearance of John the Baptist (right). In the Gospel, Steve Landregan writes, the character that sets the stage (for the coming of Christ) is also John the Baptist. (NC photo)

Jesus lived his life for others and thereby set us an example

BY MARY E. MAHER

Deltrich Bonhoeffer, the great Lutheran theologian, named Jesus "the man for others." His language seems obscure until we experience the Christian mystery as a giving of self for others. It remains relatively easy to give bits and pieces of self for others. A whole life itself is the journey into learning how to give ourselves to others while, at the same time, learning to respond to the invitation of the First Commandment: Love Thyself.

It is mysterious and exciting to think of Jesus' relationship with others. It is cleansing and healing to try to see how He might respond to segments of our society today. Was Jesus such an either/or person as many of us are? Where would He stand in relation to today's split Ireland, on the Catholic or Protestant side? Would He dialogue with Castro, knowing as He would that the Marxist critique excluded mention of his Father? Would He be silent or vocal at the United Nations recent statement that Zionism is racism?

How would He relate to Mr. Moon and the Unification Church which so attracts the young disillusioned of the formal churches? How would He respond to Moon's belief that His (Jesus') ministry was incomplete because He needed a female counterpart.

HISTORICALLY we know that Jesus

was not the John Wayne type. That is, He did not kill His opposition at their least provocation. He dealt with others who disagreed with Him. That sort of dealing was costly and risky. It meant suffering death. It remains clear that He did not destroy His opposition; for that matter, neither did He canonize or romanticize His followers. He did not engage in the pattern of behavior of avoiding conflict which many psychologists say that many of us do: fight and then flight.

Earlier spirituality, such as that of St. Francis of Assisi, approached faith in the style of imitation. Sometimes that seems terribly ajar with how we can live. We could want to accept and imitate Jesus' posture of letting others contradict us and of responding with meekness. For we all have our pharisees; that is, the opposition. Their difference from us does not make them bad. Jesus respected differences to the very point of giving His life to affirm them. He argued with His enemies, angered at them, dealt with what He called their "blindness." Yet He did not destroy His enemies. They destroyed Him. Sometimes I think that until we have faced that fact about Him we have not known the inner essence of His life.

The pattern of imitating Jesus' response to those who opposed Him may come hard for us. We live in an ecumenical age when it is intellectually stylish to affirm everyone and even to affirm the rightness of all differences. We have coffees and

musical gatherings to demonstrate how unified we seem to be. We know that religious politeness may not really mean failing to make distinctions. Yet differences and distinctions can be messy and indeed, our culture's capital sins. So often we claim no enemies. The error in that is the impotence we deal everyone by our failure to struggle and suffer at others' hands and to know that they, indeed, suffer at ours. It is very hard to accept that others suffer because of what and how we believe and live out our beliefs. Without that acceptance, the joy of differing remains shallow.

JESUS MUST HAVE known the suffering which he caused the pharisees, those religious giants of Jewish monotheism. He was radical enough to see the position of His opponents and, unlike pseudo-radicals, He did not wipe out His opposition. After all, these were the people His Father had first claimed as His own!

I feel often as I see older catechetical audio-visual materials how unlike the Gospel some of these presentations of the pharisees are. They are anti-Semitic to the bone. Faces long and sinister with evil eyes and condemning gestures are how the pharisees are often presented. Their corresponding voices rage and utter cynicism and hardness. Surely Jesus could not have reduced His own to such stereotypes!

We enjoy sports most where strength takes on strength. The Olympics were great viewing, for we saw beautiful strength pitted against its own kind of beauty. We love to see football where strength and not simply finding the opposition's weakness is most evident.

If Jesus is the man for others (by being Himself) that Bonhoeffer claimed He was, His life was indeed a growth in deep love of Himself, a love so deep that He could give Himself with assurance to His opposition. He had no need to pitch His curve ball at the weak angle of His opposition's posture.

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Cathedral purchases

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offered the Ladywood-St. Agnes property for sale this past spring. It was intended to keep the school open through 1977. A decision was later made, however, to turn the school over to the Cathedral board at the end of the current school year when they made an offer for immediate purchase. Sister Mary Plus, Providence superior general, explained in a letter circulated this past week throughout the Archdiocese.

Papal message

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before and then kissed a modern image of the crucified Christ.

The Pope listened as the official Vatican preacher, Franciscan Father Ilario da Milano, declared that the Pope himself, through 13 years of pontificate, "is participating in the agony of Jesus on the cross."

The Pope began the sacred triduum on Holy Thursday evening with a solemn consecrated Mass at his cathedral, the Basilica of St. John Lateran. In his sermon he called the Eucharist a "personal mystical and interior communion with Christ . . . and a communion of ineffable social efficacy."

He prayed for unity of Christians. Then, donning a white apron, he washed and kissed the right foot of 12 seminarians—two from the Latin rite and 10 from Eastern rites, including two Lebanese Maronite students. The Pope, by week's end, appeared physically worn out. He took steps with difficulty and shuffled his way through the festive outdoor Easter Mass.

But he spoke on Holy Saturday and Easter in a vibrant voice and seemed to be in a holiday spirit.

In the same communication, Sister Mary Plus stated that an alternate offer of \$2 million was made by a parents' group seeking to "save" Ladywood-St. Agnes as an all-girls' school, but that this offer was declined.

The letter stated, "The choice between the two potential buyers was painful and extremely difficult . . . Both offers were for cash—one immediate, and the other contingent upon ability to secure funds after agreement to purchase . . . the choice was made for what we thought to be the best interest of all concerned as well as the need which necessitated our transfer of ownership."

IN JUSTIFYING the move from the near downtown location, Father Kelly stated that "more than two-thirds of the present Cathedral enrollment live closer or as close to the new site at 56th and Emerson than they do to 14th and Meridian."

Asked about the projected enrollment next year, Father Kelly stated that, in his judgment, the new school will have a capacity of roughly 800, if all buildings are utilized to the optimum.

There are about 350 girls enrolled at Ladywood-St. Agnes this year, and there are slightly over 450 students at Cathedral.

REGARDING THE TEACHING staff, Father Kelly stated that he did not foresee any need for a radical change in the present set-up. (At the present time, lay teachers form the faculty with Brother Pedro Haering, C.S.C., serving as principal.)

"We see the possibility," he added, "of some of the Sisters of Providence remaining on the staff in view of the projected coeducational enrollment, though final details, of course, remain to be worked out."

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

By Father Donn Raabe

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Presence"

Acts 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

Huddling, afraid and leaderless were Jesus' disciples after the Resurrection. But he was with them and they gradually came to know it. His presence wasn't as before but real nonetheless. He was no longer seen but there nonetheless. It changed them so that they came to speak boldly and share what they had. The truth had set them free!



DANCE MARATHON BENEFIT—Marion College students are sponsoring a 24-hour Dance Marathon for the benefit of St. Jude's Children Research Hospital this week-end. Competition for dancing couples will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and continue through 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Naval Armory, located on W. 30th St. at White River, Indianapolis. General admission for non-participants is 25 cents. Live music will be provided by various local bands, introduced by DJ's from several radio stations. Among the guests expected are two stars of the network soap "As the World Turns"—Marie Masters and John Reilly (Susan and Dan Stewart). Miss Masters is an alumna of Marion. Shown above are Marathon committee members from Marion: (front row) Kathy Doyle and Sharon McCarthy; (back row) Don Beckwith, Elaine Watson, Mary Jo Kuehr and Noel Kurtz.



PUBLICATIONS CONTEST WINNERS—Above are the winners of the annual CYO Publications Contest. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are: Dave Spanke, Holy Spirit; Grace Kavanagh, St. Joan of Arc; Ellen Mackell, Our Lady of Lourdes; Debbie Cougan, St. Joan of Arc; and Carolyn Smith, St. Joan of Arc. In the back row, left to right: Chris Roberts, St. Lawrence; Ann Papeesh, St. Catherine; Dave Turner, Holy Spirit; and Sue Moran, Holy Spirit.



WRESTLING LEAGUE CHAMPS—Above are CYO Wrestling League champions from St. Simon parish, Indianapolis. The coaches are Bill Norton and Tim McGlinley.



WRESTLING TOURNAMENT WINNERS—These lads from St. Jude parish, Indianapolis, won top honors in the recent CYO Cadet Wrestling Tournament. The coach is Bill Pruitt.



JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS—Pictured here is the Junior Volleyball team from St. Jude parish, Indianapolis, which took the Indianapolis Deane's championship for 1978. This is the third year in a row St. Jude has taken the title. Pictured in the back row, far left, is John Kesterson, St. Jude coach.

Music contest draws bands and choirs

Musicians from throughout the Archdiocese will gather Sunday, April 25, at 1 p.m. at Roncalli High School for the CYO Organizational Music Contest.

Both bands and choirs will compete at Roncalli in three classes, A, B and C. Awards will be presented for Superior, Excellent and Good.

Seven vocal groups compete in two categories: Girls Choir and Mixed Chorus. Six bands are preparing for the contest.

CYO NOTES

Cadet Boys' Track and Field City-Wide entries have been mailed and are due Wednesday, May 12.

Schedules have been distributed to Baseball Coaches as the season begins today, Friday, April 23.

Boys' and Girls' Softball Entries have been mailed and are due May 18, in the CYO Office.

Woods to confer 4 honoraries at rites May 9

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, Ind.—A United States ambassador, a member of the White House staff, a noted expert on church-state relations and a nationally recognized educator will receive honorary degrees from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College during the 135th commencement exercises Sunday, May 9.

Sister Jeanne Knoerle, S.P., president of the college, has announced that honorary degrees will be conferred upon U.S. Ambassador to Zambia Jean Mary Wilkowiak, a 1941 graduate of the college; William J. Baroody, Jr., Assistant to the President for the Office of Public Liaison; Father Charles M. Whelan, S.J., Fordham Law School professor; and Sister Teresa Aloysie Mount, S.P., educator and administrator.

Previous SMWC honorary degree recipients include: In 1974, Sister Eugenia Logan, S.P., educator-author; Vivian O'Gara Weyerhaeuser, civic and cultural leader; and Dr. Monika Hellwig, theologian; In 1975, Mary Fendrich Hulman, alumna and patron of the arts; Abigail McCarthy, humanist and author; and Virginia Galvin Piper, civic and cultural leader.

Academy swims in water ballet

The Catalinas at Our Lady of Grace Academy, Beech Grove, will present their fifth annual water ballet show at the pool in the Student Center on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, April 24, 25, and 26, at 7:30 p.m.

This year's theme for the show is "The Wonderful World of Walt Disney." The students will present swim routines in costume and music adapted to the program theme.

Swimmers doing solo numbers are Nicki Williams, Cathy Pogue, and Monica Leonard.

Tickets are available from the Catalinas or from the school business office. Admission is \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for grade school children.

Directing the performance are Miss Diane Humphrey, Mrs. Steve (Nancy) Ball and Miss Jan Carroll.

Prelate raps

Red 'brutality'

WARSAW—In an Easter homily reflecting new tension between Polish authorities and the Catholic Church, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, of Warsaw, the primate of Poland, criticized the communist regime for tearing down an unauthorized church building in a Polish village.

The cardinal described the police action as "brutality."

Remember them in your prayers

BRAZIL

† **THELMA JONES**, 70, Annunciation, April 11. Mother of Mrs. Jane Richards of Yuma, Ariz.; sister of William Harden of Bradenton, Fla.

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† **PAUL SCHRAMM**, 69, St. John the Apostle, April 15. Father of Nila Inman and Mary Lynn Sample; brother of Joseph Schramm of South Bend; Edward, Bernard and Alfred Schramm, all of Darsel, Germany.

CONNERSVILLE

† **FRANK J. GLAUB**, 84, St. Gabriel, April 21. Husband of Barbara; father of Mrs. Robert Turner of Anderson; Mrs. Stanley Ripberger of Bentonville; Mrs. George Folzenlogi of Indianapolis; Mrs. Robert Lang of Hammond; Edwin and Louis Glaub, both of Connersville.

INDIANAPOLIS

† **WILLIAM T. HALL**, 83, St. Augustine Home Chapel, April 14. No immediate survivors.

MARY L. MARKS

† **MARY L. MARKS**, 56, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, April 14. Wife of Arthur E.; sister of Catherine Baxter and William Van Deran.

WILLIAM R. SINGER

† **WILLIAM R. SINGER**, 55, St. Mark, April 14. Father of Sandra Epler and Larry Singer; brother of Nettie Seshi and Loretta Dailey.

ROSE K. COX

† **ROSE K. COX**, 73, Holy Cross, April 16. Wife of Charles; mother of Norma J. Acup and John R. Kennedy; sister of Dorothy Dickey, Samuel and Evan Miles.

MICHAEL J. LENIHAN

† **MICHAEL J. LENIHAN**, 78, Our Lady of Lourdes, April 17. Brother of Clara Seifert and Mary T. Lenihan.

LUCILLE M. YELTON

† **LUCILLE M. YELTON**, 62, St. Luke, April 20. Sister of Mary C. Shaver.

NORA SANDERS

† **NORA SANDERS**, 88, Little Flower, April 20. Mother of Mrs. Floyd Miller and Donald Sanders.

JEFFERSONVILLE

† **JOHN FRANCIS SAMPLE**, 17, Sacred Heart, April 8. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sample; brother of Mary Ann Smith of Jeffersonville; grandson of John T. Sample of Louisville, Ky.

CHRISTOPHER W. WEIDNER

† **CHRISTOPHER W. WEIDNER**, 84, St. Augustine, April 9. Father of Clifford W. Weidner of Jeffersonville.

JAMES EDGAR PIERCE

† **JAMES EDGAR PIERCE**, 77, Sacred Heart, April 12. Brother of Carice French of Louisville, Ky.

JOHN M. KENNY

† **JOHN M. KENNY**, 88, St. Augustine, April 13. Husband of Louise; brother of Catherine Kenny, Margaret Doerr, and Ann Gray.

Holy Cross offers musical salute

INDIANAPOLIS—"The Holy Cross Address" is the title students of Holy Cross Central Elementary School are giving their musical performance that honors the Bicentennial. The program will be held in the Holy Cross Community Center, 126 N. Oriental Street, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 29. It will be open to the public.

Songs, dances, choral reading, and narrations highlight the program. Each pupil in the school, from first to eighth grade, has an active role in the musical tribute which is performed and managed by the students with the guidance of the school's principal, Sister Adele Beacham, S.P.

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VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

Film called 'tribute to fantasy'

BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

No Richard Lester movie is quite like the last. His new film, "Robin and Marian," seems like another Son of Three Musketeers, an affectionate, slapstick social satire built on a famous romantic legend. (It begins with two knights, bending over simultaneously to pick up the same rock, bumping heads and clanging helmets).

But "Robin and Marian" is something more. It's an elegy to the heroes of the past, an adult's tribute to his own childhood fantasy, and perhaps to the childhood of the world.

The film, which is inconceivable in its mixture of attitudes in any decade but the 1970's, is funny and sad. It presents a slowed-down,

ALUMNI BANQUET

INDIANAPOLIS — St. Vincent's Hospital Alumni Banquet will be held Thursday, May 6, at the Marten House at 1801 W. 86th St. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., and dinner will begin at 7 p.m. The banquet is \$10 per person. For reservations, call Evelyn Groves at 846-3175.

middle-aged Robin Hood, returning scarred and weary from the Crusades to the scene of his youthful valor in Sherwood Forest, yearning for home and vaguely for comfort and peace. He and his gruff, loyal sidekick, Little John, have just come from the funny-sad death of their old leader—the equally legendary King Richard the Lionhearted—felled by a hand-thrown arrow from a one-eyed old man, the sole defender of a seedy old castle that Richard was cruelly and pointlessly besieging. They no longer have illusions about holy wars and Camelots.

THEIR OLD TURF is overgrown, and everyone is 20 years older, but essentially everything is the same. Will Scarlett and Friar Tuck are still poaching in the woods, King John and his nasty nobles still tyrannize the ragged peasants, and Robin's old nemesis, the Sheriff of Nottingham, is about to throw his old girl friend, Maid Marian, into prison. Marian has become the earthy but zealous Abbess of Kirkley Hall, and the king wants to eliminate all his opposition in the higher clergy.

Before he knows it, Robin is doing the hero thing all over again. Riding in disguise into town to rescue the nuns and fighting his way out, ambushing the king's soldiers, staking out the forest as an oasis of freedom, drawing recruits from the countryside attracted once more by charisma and legend. This time, the derring-do is tougher and windier, but it's still effective. (The enemy, too, is middle-aged). Even Marian rejoins him, and begins housewifely talk about fixing up their old quarters in the woods.

ESSENTIALLY Robin discovers what heroes in westerns have always known—that you can't break the mold. A man who is both a believer and a champion is trapped in his destiny. But the perspective of advancing age adds poignance to this necessary role-playing. The end—on a dusty street or in a forest glade—is now not only inevitable but close.

In the last third of "Robin and Marian," Lester and classic scenarist James Goldman ("The Lion in Winter") simply and beautifully describe the end of the Robin Hood saga in a way that is compatible with both realism and romance. Hero and heroine die as one knows, in stories, they should.

enough to understand the madness of the old warrior-heroes, but human enough to love them. Here he is an odd but likeable combination of little boy, cynic and romantic.

While aging characters may have doubtful appeal to the younger movie audience, "Robin" overcomes this with both dry Keatonesque comedy and exceptionally attractive and gustily talented casting: Sean Connery and Nicol Williamson as Robin and Little John, Audrey Hepburn (coaxed out of retirement) as Marian, Robert Shaw as the sheriff, Richard Harris as King Richard. Goldman's dialogue is spare, but so poetic and witty that it is often of theatrical quality, and all the characters are multi-dimensional.

BUT THE MAJOR quality, as in all Lester films, is in the visuals. He and his favorite cameraman David Watkin—besides the good

slight gags, the crunching fights and the ironic social observation of 12th century life—have aestheticized Robin's forest forever as a place of beauty—an endless carpet of trees, shafts of sunlight, sweeping meadows and lush groves, swathed in John Barry's elegant music. There are extraordinary images—Tuck saying Mass in the smoky morning haze, Robin and the Sheriff in exhausting mortal combat in the middle of a vast field, watched by their armies and a herder tending his sheep.

Finally there is the moment of Robin's death—cleverly extrapolated from the famous account in the ballads—when he and Marian taste their last achingly moment of glory and love. And he sends an arrow into the sunny sky (a magnificent soaring shot): "Where this falls, put us close, and leave us there."

It's an ending to treasure, a memory that is worthy of the small but lovely legend. (Rating not yet available)



BALL TO KICK OFF '500' SEASON—The famed "500" Gordon Pipers of Indianapolis will open their traditional round of month-of-May activities on Saturday, May 6, with a performance at the annual Tartan Ball. The dance will be held in the Egyptian Room of the Murat Theatre. The band, which was founded by Dr. W.G. Diehl in 1952, has filled many engagements in this country and Canada. Membership is made up of local people of diverse ages and vocations.

Academy to present 'The Music Man'

BEECH GROVE, Ind. — Students at Our Lady of Grace Academy will present "The Music Man," celebrated musical comedy by Meredith Wilson, on three nights, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 6, 8, and 9. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Lead roles are played by Nancy Norris, Academy

junior, and Carl Bauman, a senior at Manual High School. Other schools represented in the cast are Cathedral, Roncalli, and the Latin School. The combined freshman and senior chorus at the Academy supply the background music.

Tickets are now on sale at \$3 for reserved seats, \$2 for adults, and \$1 for grade school and pre-school children.

The musical is under the direction of Sister Harriet

Woehler, Sister Eileen Price, Mrs. Sue Moore and Miss Ellen Williams.

PARISH SETS ULTRA

INDIANAPOLIS — An Ultra, or Day of Sharing with God, will be held in St. Bernadette Church, 4856 Fletcher Ave., at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25. Sponsored by the parish Adult Education department, the observance is open to the public.

The week's TV network films

HOW SWEET IT IS! (1969) (CBS, Friday, April 23): A cliché comedy about a couple of American innocents abroad (James Garner, Debbie Reynolds) who fall into the romantic clutches of some sexy Europeans before getting back to each other. If you've avoided this so far, it's no time to change your luck.

JENNY (1969) (ABC, Friday, April 23): A tender, unpretentious little love story about two troubled young people (Mario Thomas, Alan Alda) who meet in Central Park and decide on a marriage of convenience. Social and moral issues are not dodged. Satisfactory for adults and mature youth.

THUNDERBALL (1965) (ABC, Saturday, April 24): James Bond in the Bahamas, in this fourth film in the series, with the following results: four seductions; girls shot in the back; poisoned, tortured; men electrocuted, gassed, drowned, stretched, steamed, scalded, knocked

through plate glass, run down by a speedboat, burned, blown up, splattered on a roof, stabbed, eaten by sharks, and skewered by harpoons, filling the water with blood. Not recommended.

GOLD (1974) (ABC, Sunday, April 25): An occasionally spectacular adventure flick whose climax is the flooding of South African gold mines. The dramatics are dumb and amoral, and the image of contemporary South African society is hardly realistic. Not recommended.

EL DORADO (1967) (ABC, Monday, April 26): One of the last of the old-fashioned heroic westerns, with Howard Hawks directing Wayne and Mitchum (as well as a young James Caan) tinged with humor, affirmation of the spirit of adventure, and melancholy, the film is unfortunately a studio job, with a trite plot, characters and dialogue. The joy is in seeing the old pro cowboys hit the saddle one more time. Satisfactory, but chiefly for western buffs.

The beauty of the movie is in adding the reality of the human life cycle to legendary figures—who normally never age—playing it for good-natured laughter and then, shifting ever so slightly to romantic nostalgia and commentary on the eternal fate of the Hero.

Lester is modern

Sister Ambrose, Benedictine, dies

FERDINAND, Ind. — The Mass of the Resurrection was held on April 19 for Sister Ambrose Neu, O.S.B., 91, who died in the infirmary of the Convent Immaculate Conception on April 15.

Sister Ambrose spent 63 years in elementary classroom teaching and in addition taught summer sessions for Benedictine Sisters at St. Benedict College. Archdiocesan missions included Troy, Floyd Knobs, St. Joseph Hill, St. Mark in Perry County, Columbus and Bradford.

Nephews and nieces survive.

Donkey cage game on tap

INDIANAPOLIS — Scelina Memorial High School will sponsor a Donkey Basketball Game on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. The game will be between the Scelina faculty and the varsity basketball team.

Advance ticket prices are adults \$1.50, students \$1; at the door admission, adults \$2 and students \$1.50.

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