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Susan Bauman, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bauman of 260 Picturesque Dr. and a fourth grade student at Mother of Sorrows School, won first place for 10-year olds in the United States Twirling Assn. statewide baton contest at Siena College, Albany on April 26. She also won the trophy in the juvenile division twirloff. Susan will compete for national honors at Troy, Ohio in August. She has made more than 500 appearances at churches, schools, clubs, hospitals and on TV.

Students To Participate In Festival

Students from eight parochial schools conducted by the Sisters of Mercy in Rochester will participate in an orchestral festival Saturday, May 16, at 10 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church Hall. The full orchestras from four schools will participate in the program: St. John the Evangelist, St. James, St. Salome, and St. Louis Schools.

The Holy Cross School Ensemble will play individually and combine with the others in the finale. Instrumental music students from St. Andrew and St. Rita School in Webster will also contribute to the program.

Sister Mary Barbara, music director of St. John the Evangelist School, will share the baton with Sister Mary Mercy of St. Salome's and Sister Mary Majella of St. James and St. Louis Schools; each will direct the combined ensemble for one of the last three offerings of the music festival.

Sister Mary Benedict, supervisor of music instruction, will direct the groups from Holy Cross and St. Rita Schools; Sister Mary Loyola, music director at St. Andrew School, will also participate.

Concert At Academy

ANNUAL SPRING concert of vocal and instrumental music will be presented at Nazareth Academy on Saturday and Tuesday, May 16 and 19 at 8:15 p.m. Representing the music organizations participating are Agnes Dimino, orchestra; Barbara Bowman, Fontbonne Band; Carolyn Adamski, Glee Club and Mary Whelehan, Perosian Choir.

'Madwoman Of Chaillot' Readied For Opening

A note of lightness and laughter marks Catholic Theatre's production of "The Madwoman of Chaillot" which will be seen May 22, 23 and 24 at 8:30 p.m. at CTR Auditorium, Hudson at Clifford.

Barbara Flanagan will be seen in the title role, the Countess Aurelia. Her three madwomen friends are to be portrayed by Jane Caine, Mrs. James Cantrell and Lorraine Smith.

THE WORLD OF the "Madwoman" is inhabited by a group of characters played by Carol Lee Baker, Ron Clawson, Jim Cantrell, Frank Reisenberger, Joseph Baranowski, June Hopper, David Hill, Eve Rosenbloom, Steve Tuttle, Hildegard Werner, Jim Mills, Brett Combs, Ken Bergen, John Horton, Wilford Scott, Roy Combs and Gloria Mueller.

Richard Mancini is directing the play which is the last offering of the season for Catholic Theatre.

Carl Zollo has created the settings, the costumes are by Callista Esterguard. Priscilla Parker is in charge of props.

Subscribers to Catholic Theatre are reminded that patron's season tickets not used for the group's last production "Othello" may be used for admission to "The Madwoman of Chaillot."

Concert Listed At St. Agnes High

St. Agnes High School Music Department will present a Spring Concert on Sunday, May 17.

The St. Agnes concert band will open the program at 8:15 p.m. under the direction of Richard McCrystal. The Freshman Chorus will sing It's a Grand Night for Singing, Deep River and several others. The Carol of the Angels will be the opening number for the St. Agnes High School Glee Club.

Carol Ballard, a music graduate, will be the piano soloist. She will play Fantasia in D Minor and the Brahms Lullaby. Dr. David Fetler of the Eastman School of Music will be the guest conductor for the Glee Club and the Freshman Chorus.

Among Women

A Better Focus

By MARY LENNON SNYDER

Within the past few weeks I have made several interesting trips to various groups about which I should like to comment. I am not the type of guest speaker whose joys and tribulations were wittily limned by Emily Kimbrough in "It Gives Me Great Pleasure"; however, while my experiences may be less mirth provoking than Mrs. Kimbrough's, hers could hardly be more pleasant or challenging than mine.

In April I paid a visit to the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers of Holy Rosary Church, Syracuse. This was in the nature of a return engagement, as I had previously spoken to this energetic and zealous group.

AS I REPORTED on the former occasion, I am tremendously impressed with the organization of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers and with the high level of spirituality on which it conducts its affairs. This particular group, in addition to the customary mothers' clubs' projects, operates successfully the school cafeteria and staffs it in part with volunteer workers.

One of the most rewarding effects of contacts with other organizations is, I believe, a better focus on our own work and problems.

So often the concerns, worries and frustrations which we experience in our own organization, may appear as unique; however, I have learned that the same problems beset us all. In the same manner, viewing the good works and accomplishments of others may have a salutary effect on us and increase in us the beautiful virtue of humility.

We come to see our own projects as worthwhile, even important, but looking around, we can always find someone doing just a little more.

In general I have observed that the splendid mothers' clubs I visit tend to have the same divergent ideas regarding beauty and utility in school uniforms and conflicting schools of thought concerning the conduct of school lunch rooms. This latter problem could be summarized as the "silence while eating" contingent versus the "let bedlem reign" faction.

ALL THESE problems while probably not completely vanquished, seems minimized at Holy Rosary. I have come to the conclusion that it is the high plane of spirituality, the identification of the mother's work as a vocation bestowed by God, the guidance of their spiritual moderator, the pastor, Monsignor MacDowell, which have molded this mothers' club into such an admirable organization.

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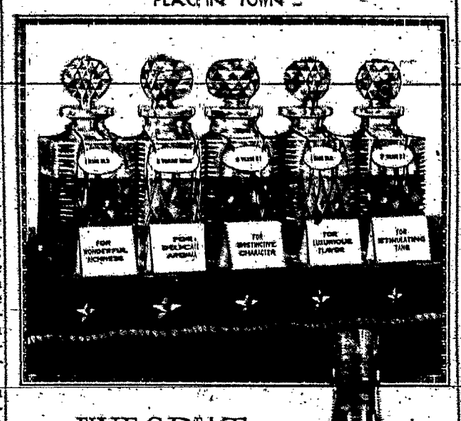

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Catholic Schools

By MARY TINLEY DALY

When is Catholic schooling the most valuable?

That question, unfortunately, is coming to the forefront among educators. At a recent convention of Catholic schoolmen, discussion of this became rather intense.

Faced with the possibility, and in many communities, the probability, that in the future the Catholic populace cannot support its own separate schools to give every child an education under the auspices of his own Church from kindergarten through at least high school, the educators are considering "Where to cut?"

SOME THINK that concentration of funds and facilities on the junior and senior high school level — a six-year span — would be most advantageous. Others believe that all-the-way-through Catholic training for a nucleus would be better. Still others are of the opinion that grade school Catholic training, costing less and spreading thinner, is to be preferred.

It's sad that it should be this way, but, educators say, we must be realistic.

Let's face it: in many communities, Catholic parents cannot afford school buildings, an adequate teaching staff, transportation — all required for proper education of their children — while at the same time supporting the public schools.

So far, very little has been heard from Catholic parents on this subject. Usually, however, Catholic parents are united only parochially, their voices drowned out of the national picture. As a parent, if you had to make the choice, what would you do? Perhaps soon the "iffiness" will be removed. Soon you may have to make the choice.

REMOVE kindergartens? Send your children to public schools up to junior high? Concentrate effort to maintain a fine six-year Catholic junior-senior high school? Keep the present system going the way it is now — but turn away many each year because "there is no room at the inn," i.e. room for only a percentage?

Whether that small percentage be chosen because their parents were first in line to enroll their children, or whether the line is drawn on a scholastic aptitude test-level, an I.Q. test, or whatever, means little. Net result is, many Catholic children cannot be educated as their parents would desire.

If you'll forgive the personal (and this column is not unknown for its personal character), granddaughter Lu Anne trots off gaily to a public kindergarten. She happily rides on the school bus — not realizing that in another year that same bus will whiz by her as she waits for a privately arranged ride to take her to a Catholic school for first grade. Though her parents pay taxes to buy that bus, pay for its gas and the wages of its driver, Lu Anne cannot ride on it.

RIGHT NOW, there are so many five-year-olds like Lu Anne in that public kindergarten (many of them Catholic) that the school has had to institute "drop days" — a four-day-week for each child, in other words.

When and if hordes of Catholic children must, of necessity, take their rightful places in the public schools, will there be "drop days" for all of them? What will be the effect of a four-day week upon the educational training of America's children?

Taxes for education will rise, automatically. Catholic parents, like all others, will share that increase in taxes, but this will be minimal in comparison to the high cost of maintaining their own school system.

It is a situation not to be desired.

On the higher education plane, particularly with regard to professional schools in universities, we have come to realize that all of our children, for one reason or another, have difficulty in going to Catholic colleges and universities.

Should the time come—and it may — that Catholic children are unable to attend Catholic schools all the way through . . . Well, then it will be more important than ever that religion be lived and taught at your house and at ours.

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