

What Puts a Student at Top of Class?

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How do students get to the top of their class?

They need intelligence, obviously. A capacity for hard work. A penchant for good books. And, it seems, they have to be New York Yankee fans.

At least those are some of the traits shared by Mary Kay MacNamara of Nazareth and Frank Salamone of St. John Fisher. Those, and one thing more: perseverance enough to scale the academic heights in the face of family responsibilities which make heavy inroads into their off-campus time.

Both graduated with highest honors this week.

Mary Kay, who keeps house for her father at 83 Brookleigh Drive, won magna cum laude honors in history and a cum laude citation in sacred theology. She is a member of Pi Gamma Mu, National Social Science Honor Society.

Frank, who lives with his wife Julia and two children at 372 Glenwood Avenue, was the only magna cum laude graduate in his 75-member class. Previously he had been awarded the Zelda Lyons Medal, presented annually to the member of the senior class most proficient in the humanities.

And they did it while contributing heavily to the welfare of their respective families.

Mary Kay's mother died when she was in the second grade. An only child, she now keeps house for her father, the office manager of the Van Curler Trucking Company. During the school year she was making beds by 7 a.m., usually finished stacking the last dinner dish by 8:30 p.m. Most of her studying was done after that time.

Frank's other role was that of head of a household, which now includes his wife Julia and two boys, aged 2 years and nine months. (The Salamones are expecting a third child in December). The boys, especially the elder who has a particular liking for long evening rides in the family car, demanded much of their father's time—and got it. But what transformed these two from students to scholars? Is there an easy road to a magna cum laude citation? There are no pat answers, but here are a few of the characteristics that both students share:

Intelligence: both obviously have keen minds and have used them to the best advantage. Mary Kay graduated second in her class from Sacred Heart Academy, won a Nazareth College Competitive Scholarship. Frank ranked third in the Aquinas senior class, won a New York State Regents Scholarship and a Knights of Columbus annual history award.

Capacity for hard work: neither student coasted to academic honors. Mary Kay averaged between five and six hours a day on studies, Frank three or four. Add another six to eight hours on weekends for both and it's obvious that there is no easy road to learning.

Good books: Both agree that a student should read as widely as possible. Mary Kay's reading ranges from sports stories to The Pickwick Papers. Dickens is her favorite author; ancient Rome (Spartacus, Ben Hur) one of her favorite subjects. Frank prefers Dante, Boccaccio, Dr. Johnson, Blake and the Romantic Poets and "if you're talking present-day authors, Lawrence Durrell."

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St. John Fisher top honor student Frank Salamone tells his wife Julia his graduation day hopes.



Mary Kay MacNamara, one of three Nazareth College students to receive magna cum laude honors.

College Diploma For 203

Other graduation pictures and stories are on page 2.

Bishop Kearney changed roles for a moment to receive a diploma instead of awarding one at St. John Fisher College graduation rites Sunday afternoon.

He was granted a Doctor of Laws degree by the college he founded in 1948. He is the first to win an honorary degree from the Basilian staffed school.

He then presided at rites which saw 75 young men graduate in the college's largest senior class.

NEXT DAY at Nazareth College, the Bishop gave 127 seniors their diplomas in that school's largest graduation class in its 38-year history.

He stepped aside for Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey to give a diploma to his niece Linda Casey.

Both colleges held their commencement rites on sun-splashed campuses.

In speaking his "father's farewell to his sons" at St. John Fisher College, Bishop Kearney called the graduates to live up to the ideals expressed in their school song—to be loyal to the right, to the truth and to God.

He cautioned them against current codes of ethics based on "expediency" rather than on God-revealed and Church-taught moral principles.

He said their Catholic college training gave them religious as well as scientific truth enabling them to "overcome the passing fancy of the times."

NAZARETH graduates heard a classmate's father, John T. McKiernan, faculty member at St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minn., advise them, "Always love well and wisely."

He said graduation rites portray St. Paul's trinity of virtues—faith in life, hope for the future, and love to "engage you to a goal, a destination and a destiny which will strengthen you all your days."



Bishop Kearney admires his academic hood, symbol of Doctor of Laws degree given him at St. John Fisher College Sunday afternoon.



Auxiliary Bishop Casey gave his niece, Linda Casey, her diploma and an affectionate salute at Nazareth graduation ceremony Monday.

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Seven New Priests for Rochester Diocese

Seven young priests stand in the Cathedral garden with Bishop Kearney following ordination rites Saturday morning. St. Bernard's Seminary rector Monsignor Wilfred Craugh (at left) and Monsignor Emmett Murphy, disciplinarian (at right), assisted the Bishop in the rite. New priests are Rev. George Wiant, Rev.

John Skvorak, Rev. Ernest Kurzejewski, Rev. Donald Gaesser, Rev. Eugene Ems, Rev. Richard Brickler and Rev. Roger Baglin. Five of their classmates were ordained a week earlier in Corning. They will receive their assignments from the Bishop later this month.

Mass, Rosary Broadcast To Honor Sacred Heart

Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral and a special radio broadcast will mark the feast of the diocesan Patron, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, today, Friday, June 9.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will celebrate a Low Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 5:30 p.m. A sermon by Monsignor John McCafferty at 5:20 p.m. will bring to a conclusion triduum rites at the Cathedral.

Bishop Casey will also lead recitation of the Rosary and speak during the "Sacred Heart Night" Family Rosary for Peace program, to be broadcast by radio station WSAY at 7 p.m.

Pupils Pledge Sacrifice . . . Even Sauerkraut

Rogers, Minn. — (RNS) — Third and fourth graders of St. Martin's Catholic school here have written President Kennedy to tell him they are ready to make sacrifices in response to the request he made in his inaugural address: "And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country will do for you — ask what you can do for your country."

In their letter, the youngsters wrote:

"We will keep on making sacrifices too. Some of our favorite sacrifices are to sit still in school, eat everything on our plates, even sauerkraut when we do not like it, and be kind to everyone, no matter if we like them or not."

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Death on Eve of Jubilee

Bishop Kearney presided at a solemn Mass of Requiem and preached the funeral sermon for the late Monsignor George V. Predmore, pastor of Holy Apostles Church Rochester Wednesday, June 7.

Auxiliary Bishop Casey was celebrant of the Mass.

Monsignor Predmore died suddenly Saturday June 3, 1961, one week before the celebration of his golden jubilee in the priesthood. He was 75 years old.

IN HIS EULOGY, Bishop Kearney referred to Monsignor Predmore as "a man whose life lived out the significance of his destiny."

"He was devoted to his God," the Bishop said, "and there was no expression of that devotion which he did not welcome and add the lustre of a simple life."

He cited Monsignor Predmore's devotion to church ceremonies and his faithful fulfillment of priestly duties.

The Bishop stated, "The divine High Priest called this priest to observe his jubilee in heaven rather than on earth."

Full text of the Bishop's talk will be in next week's Courier Journal.

OFFICERS of the Mass included: Monsignor James C. McAniff, assistant priest; Monsignor John M. Duffy, deacon; the Rev. Joseph Nolting, subdeacon; the Rev. Gerald Appleby, master of ceremonies; the Rev. Daniel Brent, second master.

Acolytes were Fathers Eugene McFarland and Norbert Nolan; the Rev. William M.



MONSIGNOR PREDMORE

Connors, John F. Goggin, Wilfrid Craugh, Richard K. Burns, John E. McCafferty, Richard M. Quinn and ninety other priests.

A native of Rochester, Monsignor Predmore is survived by a brother, Delbert A. of West Henrietta; a sister, Mrs. Daniel Hawkins of Elmira; and several nieces and nephews.

Pastor of Holy Apostles Church for twenty years, Monsignor Predmore was ordained on June 10, 1911, in Old St. Patrick's Cathedral by the late Archbishop James Quigley of Chicago.

After ordination he served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in Elmira until 1922, when he was appointed chaplain of the State School of Correction at Industry.

His first pastorate took Monsignor Predmore to St. John's Parish, Spencerport in 1925. Sixteen years later he was named pastor of Holy Apostles Church.

Son of the late William E. and Mary Nier Predmore, Monsignor Predmore was a graduate of Immaculate Conception School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

A gifted musician, composer and author, he was for many years a member of the Diocesan Music Commission.

Monsignor Predmore was honored with the rank of Domestic Prelate by Pope Pius XII on Jan. 26, 1956.

Burial was in the Eternal Plot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with Bishop Casey giving the final absolution.

Chaplains to Bishop Kearney were Monsignors Francis Hoffman, Francis Burns and Edward McAniff.

Attending the Requiem Mass were: Monsignors Thomas F.