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Two school organizations at Mercy High School are coordinating efforts to encourage spiritual and material assistance to the servicemen in Viet Nam.

Prayer cards have been made available in each of the study halls by the Student Government Association. Students may take a prayer card to the chapel for ten minutes out of study hall to pray for peace.

The SGA also has posted a list of Mericans' friends and relatives serving in Viet Nam. Students are signing up to write to these servicemen.

Some mission captains have used a portion of collected mite-box funds to buy magazine subscriptions to be sent overseas.

Directing these activities are Barbara Stio, SGA president, and Patti Haldt, mission president.



THEIR OWN CREATIONS. Several St. Agnes High students, under the guidance of their Home Economics department, have fashioned their own graduation gowns. Karen Wilson and Patricia Lambert admire the graduation dress made by Pamela Normand, while they model their own outfits.



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GOD LOVE YOU

Most Reverend
Fulton J. Sheen

We have just returned from Rome where we attended a Commission Meeting on the Missions. One of the subjects discussed was how daily sacrifices for the poor of the world should prepare the way for Mission Sunday, dedicated to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Love is something that we can never take for granted. It has to be earned daily. Human courtship too often ends when a couple becomes married; no further efforts are put forth to merit the privilege of the other's affection.

It is the same with our love of God. Three instances are mentioned in Scripture where He would have passed us by if we had not reached out to grasp Him and hold Him in our embrace. In the first incident, God took the form of a wrestler who fought with Jacob and begged him to let him go at daybreak. But Jacob answered: "I will not let Thee go unless Thou bless me." In the New Testament, when Our Lord as a stranger walked with two disciples on Easter Sunday "He made as though He would go further" and earlier, when walking on the waters of Galilee at night, "He appeared as though He would have passed them by."

God desires to go if we do not want Him to stay. It is the nature of love to be wanted, to be needed. The desire to have God remain with us binds Him to us. All His struggling and wrestling with us has been aimed at evoking our response. And when we do reach out to make Him stay, He is overcome.

How many earthly loves have been lost, how many friendships have vanished, how many fellowships have withered because we never reached out to them by letter, by an inquiring word, by a voice "Stay with us for the day is far spent?" So it is with the Love we fall just short of in all love. As children we had deep faith; then we prospered and its light grew dim. We found bright tinsel and our fires of prayer went out. We never wrestled with God, we never bade Him to stay, nor reached out our hand to Him on the water, nor invited Him to the breaking of bread on the road to Emmaus.

Believe me, it takes a heap of loving to keep love going and a lot of daily sacrifice to keep the Cross of Calvary from falling down on the shifting sands of our fallen nature. When, therefore, the Commission discussed daily sacrifices for the Missions, it was not just to keep the Missions, it was to help you. It has been our solemn resolve ever since the Holy Father put us in charge of begging of all of the Missions of the world, that we would never seek to get your money without getting you. What good is that which is yours unless we have you? Not until you love Him Who struggles with you in the darkness, as He did with Jacob, will you ever make a sacrifice for the poor. The Holy Father's Society for the Propagation of the Faith, then, is destined to help you love this Tremendous Lover and we know no better way to do it than to make you practice loving the poor. The rich are already getting rich, even in the Church. Christ is not in the rich because they are rich, but He is in the poor simply because they are poor. It is only those who aid Him in the poor who will be told on the last day, "Come into the Kingdom." As they say in the dog food advertisements "All you add is love." You might even think of helping the poor while you are being helped, by taking out an annuity with The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Write to me for more information. In any case, love daily, and, God Love You!

GOD LOVE YOU to L.V.M. For \$500 "We are greatly overblessed and wish to share it with the needy." ... to Sgt. P.G.W. for \$10 "I'm very new at this business of giving. It seems to me that I've been taking all my life and now I think it is my turn to give." ... to A.D. for \$5 "It is heartwarming to know that what little we send is used so wisely."

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to: Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10001, or your Diocesan Director, Rev. John F. Duffy, 60 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York 14604.



Campus Dateline



Parents vs. Profs

There will be a "Titanic Struggle" between Cardinal Mooney parents and the faculty members on April 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Mooney gymnasium.

The program consists of volleyball, basketball (Men's Guild versus Faculty), women's volleyball game, women's free throw basketball contest.

Committee chairmen are Louis D'Amato and Charles Gratzler.

At Teachers' Meets

Faculty members from Diocesan high schools who are attending professional conferences this weekend include:

Sister Marie Perpetua, Nazareth Academy, is at the National Guidance Conference being held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Sister Mary Carmella, Notre Dame High, and four Nazareth Academy teachers, Sister Rose

Adelaide, Sister Maria, Sister Catherine Ann and Sister Elizabeth are all attending the National Science Teachers Association convention in New York City.

Sister Mary Maureen, Notre Dame High, is taking part in the Northeast Language Conference, also being held in New York City.

Make Merit Finals

Recently named finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program include Carol Uebacker, St. Agnes, and Elaine Tunitis, Nazareth Academy. Both seniors have already won New York State Regents scholarships this year.

Natural Scientists

Five Notre Dame High School students attended the High School Natural Science Program at Cornell University March 28.

Those participating in the

program from Notre Dame were: Dolores Forgens, Kathleen Esposito, August Morelli, Fred Isaf and Timothy McGill.

Sister Mary Maureen, chairman of the French department at Notre Dame, is attending the Northeast Language Conference in New York City this weekend.

Notre Dame girls are coming to the fore in the sports field; having participated in two playdays recently, at Elmira College March 19 and at Cardinal Mooney High School March 27.

Honored Catechist

Sister Mary Joachim, head of ND's mathematics department, was honored at a reception March 27 at St. John the Baptist Church in Elmira, for 25 years of service in teaching religion on Sundays at St. John's.

Sister M. Joachim first came to Elmira in 1940, and was on the staff of Elmira Catholic High School for fifteen years before transferring to Notre

Dame. During all of that time, she has done catechetical work on Sundays and during the summer at St. John's.

Mercy Play Entry

An excerpt from "PETER PAN" was Mercy High School's entry in the one-act play competition of the Monroe County Drama Festival held at Irondequoit High School on Saturday, March 26. The day-long play competition included a short critique following each presentation.

St. Agnes Retreat

Father Richard Madden, O.C.D. will return to St. Agnes High School for the fourth time April 4-6 to conduct the annual retreat for the school's upperclassmen. Retreat master for the freshmen will be Father Michael Volpe, assistant pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish.

Both retreat masters are well known in circles of young people. Author of Men in Sandals and The Life of Christ for Teen-Agers, Father Madden frequently contribute to Hi-Time and other publications which speak the message of Christ in the language of today's teen-ager. Father Volpe has been diocesan director of the Sodality for several years.

Win Science Grants

National Science Foundation grants for advanced science study have been awarded recently to two nuns teaching in Diocesan high schools.

Sister Mary Nathaniel, R.S.M., of Notre Dame High in Elmira will study Organic Chemistry at the University of Arizona this summer.

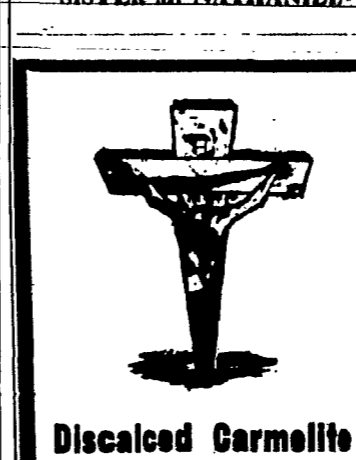
Sister Maria, S.S.J., will study Optics and Electronics at Boston College.



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Mt. Carmel Art Exhibit

Mount Carmel High School, Auburn, will have its annual Palm Sunday week-end Art Show, April 2 and 3, Saturday and Palm Sunday.

Featured in the showing will be the works of the students, alumni and parents. Art teachers and artists will be judges of the students' entries, for which first, second and third prizes are awarded.

Included in the two day event will be antiques, contemporary and liturgical art. Directors of the showing are Father Regis Broniszewski, O. Carm., Brother Aquinas Stack, O. Carm., and Sister Aurelia, S.S.J., members of the faculty at Mount Carmel. The exhibit will be open from 2 until 5:30 p.m. on both days.

To Tour Roswell

Forty members of the Science Club of Cardinal Mooney High School will tour Roswell Park Memorial Institute on April 7. Roswell Park in Buffalo is one of the world's largest and best equipped cancer research centers.

Mrs. David Marx, science teacher at Mooney, will accompany the group.

Superiors' Retreat

Brother Daniel Redmond, CSC, Principal of Cardinal Mooney High School, will attend a Superiors' Retreat at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, April 1-3. The University, staffed by the Brothers of Holy Cross, will host Superiors from the Brothers' three provinces in the United States.

Young Poets Cited

Thirty-eight St. Agnes High School students recently received certificates of acceptance from Young America Speaks, a high school prose anthology published by the National Essay Press.

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The Capuchin priest, Father Anthony, writes us from Muvattupuzha, a growing village in south India: "It's not the young and healthy men I worry about; they can walk four miles to the parish church despite the heat and monsoon rains. But what can I do for the others—little children, expectant mothers, the aging crippled with arthritis? ... To care for his 800 people (many of them converts he baptized) energetic Father Anthony needs a simple church. The cost? Only \$4,300, since his parishioners will give their labor free of charge. ... Name the church for your favorite saint, in memory of those you love, if you build it all by yourself. Priest and people will remember them whenever Mass is offered. ... Or send at least as much as you can right now (\$1,000, \$500, \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10, \$5, \$2). You'll be making it possible for the helpless to hear Mass, and God will bless you!"

CONVERTS IN A GROUP
Twenty-six families (about 100 people) became Catholics in a group ceremony in Ayroor, India, last month. They hope to build a chapel and school.

FROM SISTERS IN THE U.S.A.
Dear Msgr.: We are enclosing a check for \$1,000 for Pope Paul's Mission Aid for Kerala State from our Community. ... We trust it will help a little towards the enormous need of the hungry in India. (Signed) Mother —, Superior General.

MASS IN SIGN LANGUAGE
On a mountainside in Harissa, Lebanon (the Holy Land) English-born Father Ronald Roberts will celebrate Mass in sign language for the deaf-mute Arab boys in his care, thanks to permission from Pope Paul. Like to 'adopt' (\$10 a month) one of these boys? We'll send you his photo, ask him to pray for you.

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