



"SUFFER THE LITTLE ONES—" Bishop Edward Harper, of the Virgin Islands, administers the sacrament of Confirmation to a severely retarded patient at the Newark State School last week.

'Really For Heaven'

This Confirmation Was Special

The Confirmation of 476 patients at Newark State School last week was a moving act of faith.

Of course, the administration of any sacrament is an act of faith, since the inner-effects are not visible to human eyes. But this was especially so — almost every patient confirmed by visiting Bishop Edward Harper, CSSR, is in the "severely retarded" category. For the most part, these patients were incapable of understanding the sacrament they were receiving.

The usually stressed effects of Confirmation would not be helpful to them: to help them profess their faith publicly, etc. Most of these newly confirmed Catholics will not have the use of reason, will probably be institutionalized the rest of their lives.

So why Confirmation?

"They certainly have no strict need for Confirmation," stresses their chaplain, Father E. Charles Bauer.

"Our Catholic Faith assures us, that being baptized, they share God's life by grace and are certain of Heaven," he explained.

(Catholic Theology teaches that our eternal happiness is proportionate to the degree of sanctifying grace we possess at death.)

Nevertheless, the priest points out, his charges, as baptized Catholics may be confirmed and thus receive added graces and greater happiness in Heaven.

Father Bauer feels that eternal benefits are not to be overlooked, and that if he can help his "little ones" spiritually, in any way, he should do so.

In discussing Confirmation for the severely retarded, the notes that Eastern Rite Catholics have always been confirmed immediately after baptism. At one time, this custom was widespread in the Western Church, too.

He also points to the permission given by Rome to pastors (and recently, to hospital chaplains) to confirm infants who are in danger of death.

"Surely the thinking behind this permission," he reasons, "is not for immediate spiritual good, but for the eternal benefits."

Bishop Harper, whose mission territory is the Virgin Islands, has been coming to this area each spring for the past four years, to assist the Rochester Bishops with their heavy Confirmation schedule. He conducted five afternoon Confirmation rites at various wards in the hospital. He concluded the day by confirming a group of 170 in the auditorium chapel that evening.

"This has been the most memorable day of my priesthood," he told a large gathering of patients and staff members present for the evening rite. (Most of the other patients, it might be noted, are educable, can be instructed sufficiently to receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion.)

Describing his emotions as he confronted each new face of

those being confirmed — some curious, some apathetic, some apprehensive — and realizing that most could not grasp what was transpiring, he thought —

"This is really for Heaven."

If he could tell the newly confirmed what had happened, he told his listeners, he would say:

"Through Baptism, you became friends of Jesus. Today, Confirmation has made you 'special friends' of Jesus."

An added dividend of the Confirmation, according to Father Bauer, was the consolation experienced by the parents of the children. In letters giving permission for their children to be confirmed, they voiced such comments as these:

"We are thrilled and happy for K... that he is to receive Confirmation."

"I cannot begin to tell you how happy I am. I know that L... is too retarded to receive Holy Communion, but take comfort in knowing that these special children must be special to Our Lord also."

Father Bauer has long pondered the feasibility of Confirmation for the most severely retarded patients. With Bishop Harper available again this year for the Rochester bishops, Father Bauer felt the time opportune to request the large-scale ceremony.

Confirming 476 patients was no small feat. Just getting that number ready and assembled at the various "Confirmation stations" was a big job for the staff. Father Bauer was lavish

in his praise for the Newark State School personnel for their generous cooperative effort.

There are currently 1,250 Catholic patients at the Newark facility. The educable group has always been confirmed after due instruction, but this was a memorable "first" for the severely retarded patients.

—Father Robert Kunka

Notre Dame Man of Year, Jerry Flynn

Jerry Flynn, 490 Hollybrook rd., widely known Rochester entertainer and toastmaster, was named Man of the Year on Universal Notre Dame Night by the Notre Dame Club of Rochester.

The honor was accompanied by a plaque awarded to him Monday, April 18, at a dinner meeting in the Rochester Club.

Dr. William J. Burke, dean of freshmen at the South Bend school, was chief speaker.

William D. O'Toole, 101 Mayflower Dr., was elected president for the 1966-67 term, succeeding Vincent E. Dollard, 160 King's Gate North.

Other incoming officers are: E. Royal Hanna, 75 Connar Dr., vice-president; David P. Miller, 196 Roslyn St., secretary; and Philip H. Yawman III, 165 Penhurst Rd., treasurer.

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First Saturday Event Lists Mary Bryant



Mrs. Mary E. Bryant, Director of Volunteers at the Monroe County Home and Infirmary, will be guest speaker at the First Saturday Breakfast on May 7. It will take place in the Sibley Tower restaurant following a 9 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Church.

The Southeast Monroe District of the Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring the breakfast.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Bryant, was formerly with the American Red Cross. A member of St. Thomas the Apostle parish, she also serves on the Council of Social Agencies and the Volunteer Bureau.

The breakfast is \$1.75 per person. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Joseph Cattalani at CO 6-3996.

Silver Jubilee Marked By Michael McDonald

Geneva—Friday marked the silver anniversary of desk sergeant, Sgt. Michael McDonald of the Geneva Police Department. Sgt. McDonald was appointed to the position of patrolman April 21, 1941, and since then has served under five police chiefs: R. W. Morris, Jeremiah McNehey, Daniel Murphy, Joseph E. McDonough, and the present chief, Tom McLaughlin.

The sergeant was born in the town of Castlebar, County Mayo, Ireland. After high school in 1930 he came to the United States and joined his father's relatives in Geneva.

Betrothal

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Schickler, 12 Lonran Dr., Chili, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alice Marie, to Pvt. Wayne Thomas Randall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Z. Randall, Geneseo.

The 1965 Kodak Annual Report, recently mailed to our share owners, shows exceptional progress for the company. We think you might be especially interested in some additional information about our operations in the Rochester area.

Here are a few highlights:

1. Kodak men and women in our Rochester units earned some \$395 million in wages, salaries, and benefits last year. Charles S. Cushing, pictured here with his family in front of their home in Brighton, is one of about 37,000 employees in the Rochester area. He is a member of the management systems development department at the Kodak Park Works. The skills, talents, and team efforts of many thousands of people like Charles Cushing are basic to the company's business success.

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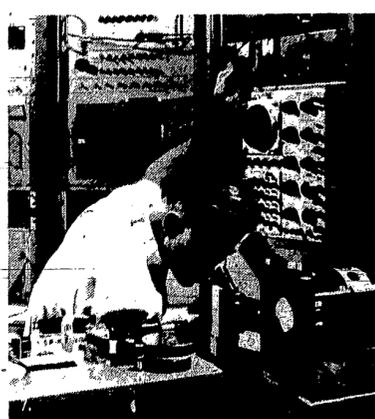
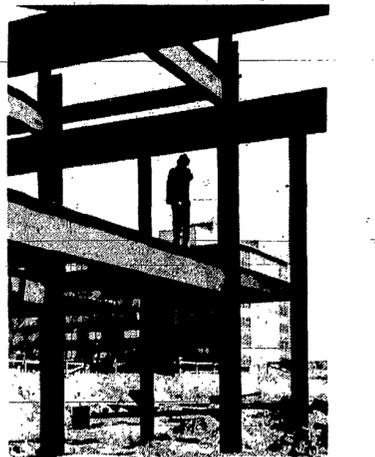
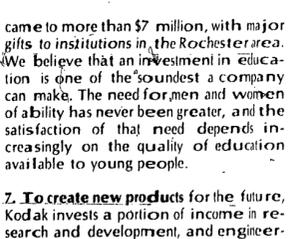
2. Suppliers and subcontractors play an important supporting role in Kodak progress. Last year, the company's Rochester units purchased about \$58 million worth of supplies, materials, and services from approximately 1,000 firms in Monroe County.

3. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bingham of Edgemont Road, Rochester, are among some 25,000 Monroe County residents who own Kodak stock. In 1965 alone, these local share owners received more than \$25 million in dividends as a return on their investment in the company.

4. A company must be modern and efficient in order to serve customers even better in this era of rapid growth and technological change. Over the past five years, about \$203 million has been spent to improve our Rochester plants. The company's capital improvements program is designed to provide the facilities necessary to meet growing demand for successful products and services.

5. Kodak units across the nation paid some \$235 million in taxes to federal, state, and local governments in 1965. The tax money from corporations helps to support highways, schools, various government services and such community-improvement programs as the multi-million dollar Genesee Crossroads urban renewal project.

6. Last year, Kodak contributed \$2.4 million to higher education not including pledges which are to be paid in the future. Over the past five years, the total



You and your family are invited to visit our plants. Guided tours are provided every Monday through Friday, except holidays, at Free for Park Works (9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at 2200 E. Edge Road West), the Camera Works (9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at 400 Plymouth Avenue North), and the Hawk Eye Works (10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 20 Avenue D).

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