

The Date Book

Sacred Heart Academy Alumnae
The Alumnae Association of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Christmas dance for students of the senior school, Dec. 23, 9:30 p.m. Chatterbox Club, Len Hawley's orchestra will provide the music.

Mt. Carmel Ladies Club
Mt. Carmel High School Ladies Club, Christmas party was held Dec. 12 in the school cafeteria. A program of Christ-

mas music was provided by the school's Glee Club and the Carmel Singers. Mrs. Ann Androsko was chairman of the program.

Rochester Catholic Adult Club
Mercury Ballet, "The Nutcracker," Eastman Theater, Dec. 26, 2:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve party, Dec. 31, 2nd floor, CYO building. For reservations call Lois Ender.



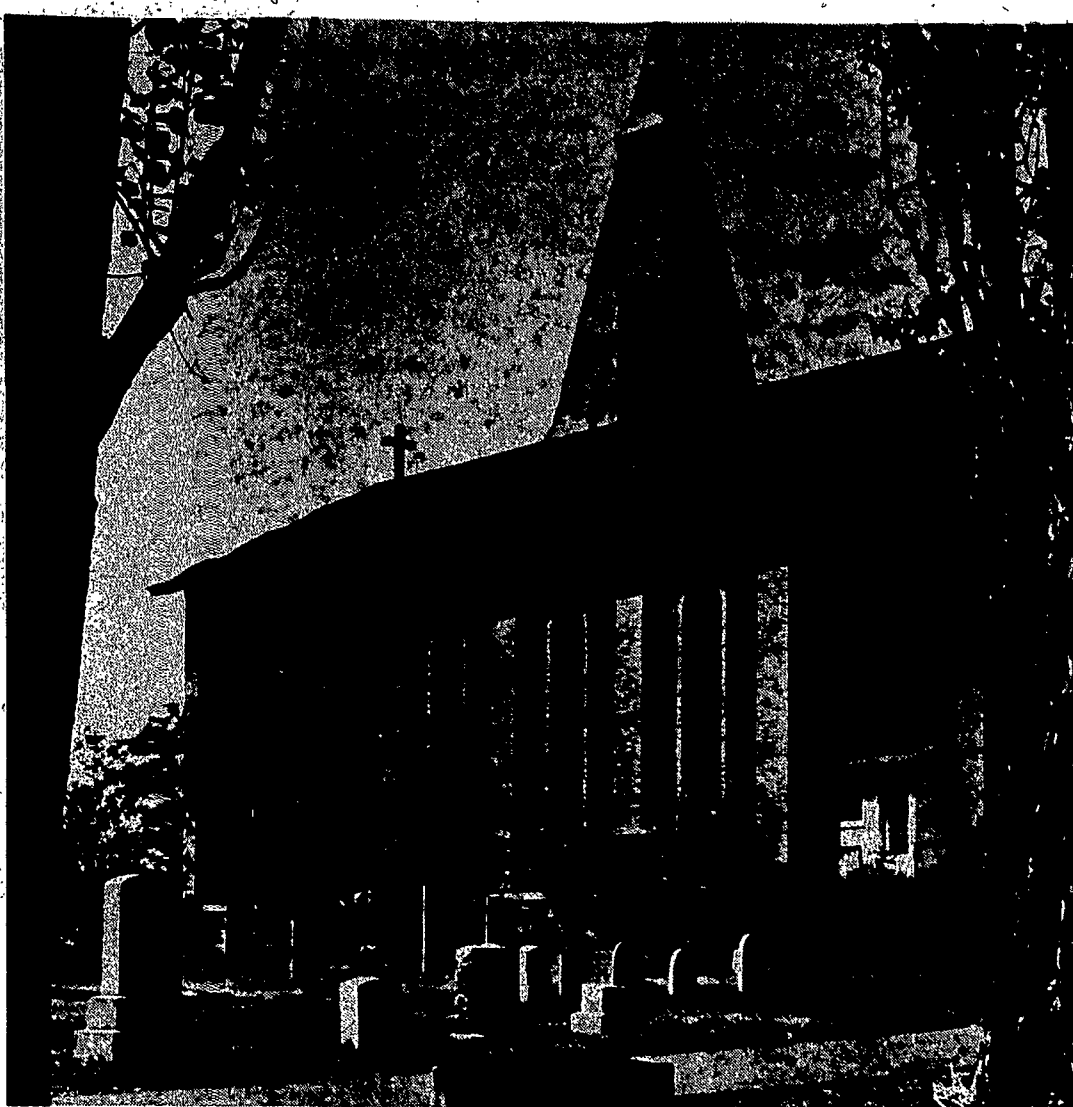
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The Little Priest who Died

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However, Father Maurice still seemed to feel a call to the religious life. In 1843 he became affiliated with the Congregation of the Holy Heart of Mary, recently established by the Venerable Paul Francis Libermann, a convert from Judaism, for working among the Negroes.

Membership in the Libermann society brought Maurice into his first contact with the United States. The American bishops, between 1842 and 1844, endeavored to set up a mission in Liberia, Africa, and the adjacent lands, for the benefit of American Catholic Negroes who had gone back to Africa to establish Liberia. They put in charge of this first of American Catholic foreign mission enterprises Father Edward Barron of Philadelphia, whom the Holy See soon made a bishop. Bishop Barron got a few missionaries from America and a few from Ireland; but most of his volunteers came from the French society of Father Libermann. And Maurice, one of the ten French volunteers, arrived in Africa on November 29, 1843.

The Liberian mission had already got off on the wrong foot, and tragedy followed tragedy during the next few months. Most of the group, no matter what their land of origin, died. Several factors contributed to the mission's quick collapse; but the main one was that none of the missionaries came really prepared to survive and work in this "white-man's graveyard."

John Maurice was reported back in France as dead, and prayed for as dead by his community. But he was alive — in

spite of severe illness; and, it seems, in spite of being attacked by hostile natives who left him for dead. But when he came back to Europe, he transferred from the Libermann society to the Jesuits, with all proper authorization.

The Jesuits decided, after Maurice's first year of novitiate, to send him to America to work on the missions during the second year of novitiate. His assignment was to Sandwich, Ontario (now a part of Windsor), and to its surrounding missions. Here he remained until 1847, when, at the end of the novitiate, he came up for his first vows — if he chose to take them.

He did not choose to take the vows, but rather to remain on a Toronto diocesan priest. But by 1850 he had found the climate too harsh for him, so in that year he transferred to the Diocese of Buffalo. Here he was employed to fill in at several places. One of them was the chaplaincy of the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Buffalo. The Academy's journal, kept in French, spoke well of him, adding only one word of criticism: "Unfortunately, his talent for the English language is not on a par with his zeal." This Academy, meeting upon hard times, moved to Rochester in 1855, and continues at present at Prince Street, Rochester.

In 1853, Father Maurice received permission to establish in Buffalo the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. His missionary interest, we can see from this, was by no means dead.

Three years later he was transferred to the Town of

Greece, and here he found his final vocation, as a parish priest of the "Church in the Wood."

The monument to his regime, structurally speaking, was the present brick church at the corner of Mt. Read and Latta, which as these lines are written, is soon to be supplanted by a larger new church down the slope. Edward Warner of Rochester drew up the plans and Francis Downing of Charlotte was the contractor. Squire Nicholas Read, Joseph Fleming and Peter Larkin — all three parishioners, and the last named a stonemason — contributed their valuable services. Bishop Timon laid the cornerstone on June 19, 1859, and noted in his diary that the name of the new church was to be "Seven Sorrows" rather than St. Ambrose.

On September 16, 1860, the Very Reverend Michael O'Brien, Vicar General of the Buffalo Diocese, dedicated the church to "Our Mother of Sorrows." It was the feast of the Seven Dolours of Mary. Speaker on the same occasion was one whom the Grecian Irish were honored to welcome. He was Reverend Dr. Daniel W. Cahill, a famous Irish publicist who was at that time visiting the United States and Canada.

One year later, the pastor secured from Rome a handsome picture of the Sorrowful Virgin. It still surmounts the main altar. In August, 1862, Father

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Funeral Rites

For B. Andrews

Newark Valley — Funeral Mass for Benjamin Andrews was offered in St. John's Church, Newark Valley by Father Matthew Siudara, Saturday.

Mr. Andrews, 52, of RD 1, Newark Valley, died Wednesday of last week as the result of a train accident.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Andrews, three daughters, Mary Ann, Johnson City, Diane and Denise, both of RD 1, Newark Valley; a son, Benjamin Jr., Fort Dix; three brothers, Anthony, Johnson City; Kostony, Catatonk; Stanley, Candor; four sisters, Mrs. Julia Fidurski, Owego; Mrs. Tessie Kravic, Catatonk; Mrs. Sophia McNeil, Montrose, Pa. and Mrs. Rose Dore, Jacksonville, Fla.; his mother, Mrs. Marcianna Andrews, Catatonk; several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Owego. Arrangements by McPherson Funeral Home, Newark Valley.

He was a member of the Owego Loyal Order of Moose and Lodge of Elks.

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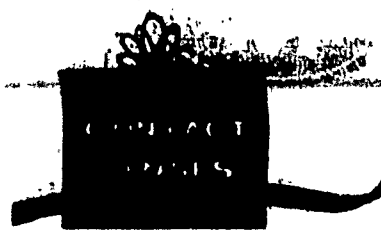
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Gifts we receive no later than next Friday, December 30, can be listed in your 1966 income tax return. Wondering what you can do?

- NAME IT Three important mission buildings remain unfinished in India: \$3,544 will complete the school the Clarist Sisters are trying to build in Thottakadu for children of the penniless.
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- TO BE A SISTER In Trichur, south India, Carmelite Sister Elizabeth Lina needs help to complete her training. All told it costs \$300 (\$150 a year, \$12.50 a month, payable at your convenience). Sister will pray for you and yours, write to you when she can.
- FAMINE ENTERS SECOND YEAR Father Anthony Akkara of Ramavaramparam pleads for his orphans: "In these days of hunger I cannot take care of my orphans without outside help." \$1,350 will add the five sleeping rooms he needs. Give one of them, or all five?

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