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Father Keck at Fordham Prep

(Continued from Page 5) his "vibrant personality," an impression confirmed by talking to him. Keck is an affable, alert boy beginning to show a young man's determination and self-confidence. Kevin's parents were attracted by the program as something special for their son. Like the motives of the other parents, theirs was predictable: to get the best possible education for their son. They were also ready to trust brand names in education — the Jesuits and Fordham. Kevin's father, like many of the others, had a Jesuit school in his background. Both parents felt that the eighth grade seemed to be "a bit of a waste," as Kevin's father put it. They were convinced that their son is mature enough to handle the program, and they also feel that competition brings the most out of Kevin. "In fact," his father noted, "he seems to need a challenge to do his best." The task of providing that challenge and offering more than a mere scholastic speed-up rests with Father Keck and the teachers in the program. Father Keck, formerly principal of St. Aloysius High School in Rochester, New York, talks of the 3-3 operation as "a program to open up their minds." Then he adds: "We are seeking a completely different process from the filling-station approach that merely crams facts into minds. In the classroom, the person who should be active is the student not the teacher." One of his most talented allies in this unorthodox approach to education is Jerome Martin, head of the prep's English Department. His class sessions bristle with student participation; the class is obviously thinking out loud. According to Martin, "If students feel the answers are already in, then they couldn't care less, but if they can help work out the answers, then they are interested." Instead of a teacher "telling" the class from his pedestal, he becomes part of a "circle" surrounding ideas and concepts. In that circle, both teacher and students think together, contributing to an understanding of each concept, aided by the teachers' knowledge and training. In one of Kevin's first classes this fall, Martin had the students literally rearranged the chairs so that they formed a circle. Martin sat alongside the students as part of the circle and the session was on. The "circle" of teacher and pupils discussed the use of words and their meaning — whether Martin could say that "the window blinks," why the French have different syllables for a dog's bow-wow (Do they hear differently than we do?). A few days later, Martin appeared in the English class with a brown paper bag under his arm. He walked to the center of the circle and emptied the contents — a freshman cap, a bent spoon, one sneaker, a pair of scissors, shoe laces, and a plastic cup. The students had to write an essay on this mess. Problem: how to organize subject-matter and develop a clear theme. For the three years of prep school, the students will attend specially organized classes where such a "live" approach will be the responsibility of their teachers. In content, the courses will resemble a typical high-school program, streamlined and heightened to stimulate them. (For the time being, innovation is less evident than acceleration in this part of the program.) In approach, the emphasis will be on student discovery and participation. The next two summers will be special. The first will be devoted to the fine arts, both their appreciation and their creation. This is an area where Catholic education has been, and still is, deficient. The second summer will be spent in Europe, traveling and also living with families where the boys can use the languages they learn in the classroom. Throughout prep school, a teacher-counselor, with only ten students under his wing and a lightened class load, will work closely with the youngsters. In particular, participation in extra-curricular activities will be encouraged to maintain a balanced development. Thus, by providing all this guidance, travel, stimulation and experience, the 3-3 planners look ahead to completion of a high-school experience that will have been unique both by reason of its brevity but more importantly because of the personal direction and attention it afforded. Total cost: \$1800 for tuition, \$1200 for books, \$1200 for summer abroad. All the boys who successfully complete the three years at Fordham Prep will be admitted to Fordham College, though some may decide to go elsewhere. There, they will be assimilated into the regular student body while earning the standard number of credits in three years.

Father Keck, who is not dismayed at the thought of sixteen-year-old college freshmen, feels that the younger generation must not be underestimated. They are more mature than is often realized. Moreover, those students who do not seem ready for the three-year college program will be encouraged to switch to the conventional four years. Besides the advantage of their tutored preparatory school program, the 3-3 students will have the advantage of special summer college courses taught by carefully selected professors. Cultural anthropology and history of science and scientific method will occupy the first summer; ancient and medieval philosophy, the second summer. The third-summer summer, as well as a full semester, will be spent abroad — in liberal arts majors. Total fees for the second three years — including six months in Europe — will run about \$7200. Since costs for the first three years should come to about \$3,000, the overall expense for putting a boy through the program should be in the vicinity of \$10,000. The three years in the planning, the program is still open-ended as its director, Father Keck, readily admits. He intends to turn this flexibility to advantage, particularly since he has no choice but to learn from an experience that no educator has had before. At the same time, he has the practical task of accomplishing more in less time for young men who, with few exceptions, will march out with their sheepskins onto another campus for graduate study. Their 3-3 preparation will face the most demanding test. Indeed, the trend toward post-graduate education is a major reason why the 3-3 experiment is significant. Last June, seven out of ten Fordham graduates continued their education, and the trend toward post-graduate study is up. This means more years in school and an increasingly later starting age for their careers. In Father McLaughlin's words, the 3-3 Program will enable young men to pursue graduate study and still enter the world in their most creative years. The daring of the experiment is dramatized by discussing the 3-3 Program with Kevin Moore and his classmates. They are in the program because it will save time, give them a chance to study in Europe, offer them something out of the ordinary, and enable them to go out into the world sooner. The echo of grammar school still is heard in their remarks amid the intimations of manhood. They are still children. Yet in six years, they will be young men with degrees in literature and science, with a knowledge of computers and atoms, and with term papers behind them written on the levels of meaning in symbolic poetry and the layers of social stratification in U.S. cities. Kevin, having read so much more of politics and history, polished his Gaelic further, and blushed so much more into his Irish war-pipes, will be a college graduate at nineteen, an age when most kids on the block will be just finishing freshman year. Together, Kevin and his classmates represent an act of faith in the upcoming generation on the part of the educators of the 3-3 Program. Its no different from the faith of any teacher, except that Father Keck is making such a short and concentrated commitment — shorter and more concentrated than that of any other else in American education.

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Funeral Masses Offered For 2 St. Joseph Nuns Funeral Masses for two Sisters of St. Joseph were offered at the Motherhouse Chapel, last week. Sister Casilda Dangelmayer, 97, died Dec. 29, 1966 and Sister Laura Marie Cooney, Dec. 26, 1966. (Word of the death of Sister M. Pauline, noted educator, of Holy Trinity, Webster, St. Alphonsus, Auburn; and St. Joseph's School, Wayland. She had taught also at St. Francis Xavier School, Rochester and Sacred Heart, Perkinsville. Sister came from Germany in 1888 to enter the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. She retired from active duty in 1941 and has been in St. Joseph Infirmiry for 12 years. Blessing at the grave was given by Father Keck and Father Merkel. The Requiem Mass for Sister Laura Marie was celebrated by Monsignor Albert H. Schnacky, and Father Joseph Reinhart, Thursday, Dec. 29. Also attending were Monsignor Gerald J. Lambert and Reverend Fathers: George M. Kab, J. Norman Margrett, Gerald Dunn, Paul Freemesser, William Sisson, William Barrett, William Michatek, Robert Collins. Children of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School served as an Honor Guard. Sister Laura Marie taught at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School from 1959 to 1965. She also taught in Holy Rosary, St. Augustine's, St. Anthony's and Holy Apostles' schools and in St. Mary's, Canandaigua; St. Francis de Sales, Geneva; St. Anthony's, Elmira and Nativity School in Brockport. A native of Rochester, Sister Laura Marie also taught in the old St. Mary's Boys' Home on Main St. West, some years ago. She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1919. Blessing at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery was given by Father Michael Tydings. Funeral Mass for Sister M. Casilda was celebrated by one of her former pupils, Father Joseph G. Merkel, assisted by Monsignor Albert H. Schnacky, Saturday, Dec. 31. Also in attendance were Monsignor Adelbert J. Schneider, and Reverend Fathers: George M. Kab, J. Norman Margrett and Joseph Reinhart. Sister Casilda was a teacher and principal in Diocesan schools for 50 years. She was the oldest living member of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister Casilda had served as principal of St. John the Evangelist Academy. Series tickets, for the four Peter Pan Playhouse shows, are \$3.50 each; individual show tickets are \$1 each. They may be purchased at the Theatre East box office or by sending a check and self-addressed stamped envelope to: Theatre East, P.O. Box 9870, Rochester, N.Y. 14623. Series 1, 2 and 3, numbered in order of the Saturday date of each show, and the performance time desired should be specified. For information, call 334-9500. Agnes Rybke Last Rites Held Funeral Mass for Mrs. Agnes M. Rybke was offered in St. Helen's Church, Wednesday, Dec. 28. Mrs. Rybke of 1002 Hinehey Rd., Gates, died Dec. 26, 1966. The Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Father Richard J. Orlando with Father Bernard E. Dollen and Father M. Caverly. Survivors are her husband Frank J. Rybke; a daughter, Mrs. John (Marion) Cheesman; three sons, Joseph P., Philip F., Frank J. Rybke Jr.; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Frank F. Skiener, Attica, N.Y.; also several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Rybke was a member of St. Helen's Altar Society. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Status Elevated Vatican City — (RNS)—The Vatican has raised its diplomatic representation in Formosa to the rank of an Apostolic Nunciature.

Treasure Island' Slated By Peter Pan Playhouse Two performances of "Treasure Island," on Jan. 14 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., will open the Peter Pan Playhouse season at Theatre East, on the Monroe County Fairgrounds, E. Henrietta and Calkins Rds. As a children's theatre project of Theatre East, Peter Pan Playhouse will present four plays in three series, with each production playing three consecutive Saturdays. All shows are professionally staged with adult casts. "Treasure Island," Robert Louis Stevenson's adventure classic set to music and dancing, will be performed by Peter Pan Players, Jan. 14, 21 and 28. It will be followed by "BIRTH OF THE INFANTS," to be presented by Opera Theatre of Rochester on Feb. 4, 11 and 18. The other two shows will be announced soon, with last of the season to be a musical by Theatre Arts Academy. Series tickets, for the four Peter Pan Playhouse shows, are \$3.50 each; individual show tickets are \$1 each. They may be purchased at the Theatre East box office or by sending a check and self-addressed stamped envelope to: Theatre East, P.O. Box 9870, Rochester, N.Y. 14623. Series 1, 2 and 3, numbered in order of the Saturday date of each show, and the performance time desired should be specified. For information, call 334-9500. Agnes Rybke Last Rites Held Funeral Mass for Mrs. Agnes M. Rybke was offered in St. Helen's Church, Wednesday, Dec. 28. Mrs. Rybke of 1002 Hinehey Rd., Gates, died Dec. 26, 1966. The Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Father Richard J. Orlando with Father Bernard E. Dollen and Father M. Caverly. Survivors are her husband Frank J. Rybke; a daughter, Mrs. John (Marion) Cheesman; three sons, Joseph P., Philip F., Frank J. Rybke Jr.; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Frank F. Skiener, Attica, N.Y.; also several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Rybke was a member of St. Helen's Altar Society. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Status Elevated Vatican City — (RNS)—The Vatican has raised its diplomatic representation in Formosa to the rank of an Apostolic Nunciature.

Warren Family Requiem Held Funeral Mass for the Gerald Warren Sr. family, victims of a fire in their family home, Pantown, Vt. Dec. 28, 1966, was offered by Monsignor William J. Naughton, Saturday, Dec. 31, 1966 in St. Anne's Church, Rochester. Also in the Sanctuary were: Monsignor Gerard Krieger, Reverend Fathers Gerald Dunn, Robert C. Bradler and Edwin B. Metzger. Mrs. Warren was graduated from Immaculate Conception School and attended Nazareth Academy. She worked here as an operator for the Rochester Telephone Corp. and for the telephone company in Syracuse where she met her husband. The family for whom the Requiem Mass was celebrated included Mr. and Mrs. Warren, the son, Gerald Jr., daughters, Frances and Barbara. Mrs. Warren is survived by her mother, Mrs. Rose A. Jorres; four sisters, Mrs. Ronald (Lorraine) Wilson, Mrs. Walter (Shirley) Johnson, Mrs. Francis (Rose) Mulhern and Mrs. Richard (Janet) Minck; five brothers, Joseph, Wynne, Earl, Raymond and William. Blessing at the graves in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery was given by Father Bradler. Arrangements by Henry D. Halloran Son, Arnett Blvd.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES AT THE CENACLE Spiritual exercises will be held at the Cenacle Retreat House for Women, 693 East Avenue, Rochester, during the month of January as follows: RETREATS: Jan. 6-8—High School Junior and Senior Girls—Rev. Theodore Kraus Jan. 13-15—High School Junior and Senior Girls—Rev. Paul Steller GUILD MEETINGS: Jan. 4—Young Married Women—Rev. Henry Atwell Jan. 18—Cenacle Guild for the Blind COMING EVENTS: Jan. 20-22—Study Weekend Feb. 3-5—College and University Students—Rev. John Reynolds, C.S.P.

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Mothers Meeting Mothers Club of Bishop Kearney High School will meet Thursday, Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. Homemaking and Art Departments will provide the program. Sewing classes, directed by Mrs. Dardene Swartz, will present a fashion show. Miss Doris Britton art students have prepared a clothes line exhibit. Refreshments by Sister Maryann's cooking classes. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for outstanding accomplishments in these departments. Bowling Party Rochester Catholic Adult Club will have a bowling party Saturday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. at Empire Lanes, 2400 Empire Blvd. Reservations: Carmie Petote, GL 8-5286. A Snow Party will be held Sunday, Jan. 15 at 4 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. at Webster Park Kanatots Lodge. Aquinas Mothers Aquinas Mothers Club members will meet Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 8:15 p.m. Guest speaker will be Father Peter J. Etlinger, C.S.B., director of guidance.