



The Word is: "School's Out!"

Jubilant scenes like this one at Rochester's Good Counsel school were happening all over the diocese as school ended today. In this shot, sixth grade

teacher Sister Teresa Carmel, S.S.J., waves adieu to high-flyers Ann McAvinney, center and Anne Marie Caufield.

28 New St. Joseph Sisters

In a radical departure from the traditional bridal ceremony, twenty-eight postulants received the habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph last Saturday morning, June 17, in the Community's Motherhouse on East Avenue.

For over 100 years in this Diocese, the young women receiving the St. Joseph habit have first donned the long gown and white veil of a bride and with attendants and procession solemnly entered the chapel, been formally interrogated by the Bishop's delegate and then left to be dressed in the well-known habit of the Community.

This year, the ceremony began at this very point. The new young Sisters entered the chapel already gowned in the habit — new not only to them but to all of the Community since their recent modification of the traditional habit this past few months.

A very brief exchange of questions and answers between the Bishop's delegate, the Very Rev. Msgr. Gerard Krieg, and the young Sisters emphasizes the real meaning of this step in their religious life.

At the conclusion of the short interchange, the new Sisters did not, as in the past, receive a "religious name." They retained their Christian name and will simply prefix it now with the title of Sister, using the family name when necessary for the purpose of identification.

A Mass, celebrated by Monsignor Krieg and co-offered by the new Sisters, their parents and friends, and other members of the St. Joseph Community, followed the reception ceremony. At the Communion time the new Novices were able to receive under both forms, as permitted by a recent decree on the Eucharist.

Brunch in the Motherhouse dining room with their families and an afternoon reception for their friends concluded this day for the Sisters.

Those who received the habit were:

Sister Judith Walker, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs.

Burton Walker, St. Margaret Mary Parish.

Sister Jean Bellini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bellini, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Water Mill, N.Y.

Sister Mary Ann Fackelman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fackelman, Mother of Sorrows.

Sister Catherine A. Gibbons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gibbons, Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Sister Margaret Macdonald, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Macdonald, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Sister Kathleen E. Clary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clary, St. James, Arlington Hgts., Ill.

Sister Dora Christian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Christian, St. Paul's, Oswego.

Sister Eleanor Celentani, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Celentani, St. Jerome, East Rochester.

Sister Marilyn Pray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pray, St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport.

Sister Angela Zava, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Zava, St. Lucy's.

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CIC Honors

Achievements In Racial Justice

A Protestant lay woman and a community-conscious corporation were singled out for special honors by the Catholic Interracial Council (CIC) last Sunday for "exceptional contributions to the cause of racial justice."

Mrs. James H. Hamm of 301 Adams St. and the Xerox Corporation were given Harriette Schuyler awards at an Inter-racial Sunday dinner. The dinner followed a Mass offered by Conception Church.

Mrs. Hamm a member of the A.M.E. Zion Church, is founder of a group called "Parents and Students Want to Know," started in 1957 to motivate high school students toward higher education. The group established the Ralph Bunche scholarship awards for college-bound Negro students. From a modest start of three scholarships, the awards have grown to nearly 60 in 1967.

The Xerox Corporation was cited for its general concern for community social problems, but particularly for its Step-Up training program.

The program provides, for unskilled workers, basic instruction in hand and machine tools, in addition to classroom training in reading and mathematics.

The program was instituted, the company explained as part of a "concerted effort to increase minority group employment at Xerox." Trainees who complete the 18-week program satisfactorily are offered permanent jobs with the company. After its initial year with the experiment, Xerox had hired 32 permanent employees from the program, seeks to add 150 more minority group employees in the current 12-month period.

It was the first time a corporation had been given one of



CONGRATULATIONS on winning awards for interracial justice are given by Mrs. William Plotter, left, head of the Catholic Interracial Council, to Mrs. James H. Hamm and Alex N. Telischank, who represented the Xerox Company. Awards were made at an Inter-racial Sunday dinner on June 18.

the Schuyler awards. They are named after Mrs. Harriette Schuyler, a Catholic pioneer in the interracial apostolate and founder of the Mother Cabrini Circle in Rochester.

The presentations were made by Mrs. William Plotter, current president of the Catholic Interracial Council and Mrs. Alma Greene, a past president of the group.

Alex N. Telischank, group vice president for the Corporate Administrative division of Xerox accepted the award for his company.

SVD Seminary Rector Named

Father Donald J. Strike, S.V.D., Erie, Pa., was recently named rector at Divine Word Seminary, Conesus. He succeeds Father Chester Nowicki, S.V.D., Chicago, newly appointed rector at Divine Word Seminary, Girard, Pa. Prior to being made rector, Father Strike was Dean of Students in the Brother Candidate school at Conesus.

Father Strike is one of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Strike, Erie. In addition to his sister, Christine living at home, Father Strike has two sisters living in Erie: Mrs. James Zink and Mrs. Jon Cook. Father Strike's brother, Richard, lives in Albuquerque, N.M.

After graduating from Holy Family grammar school in Erie, Father Strike attended Cathedral Prep high school. He began his training with the order in 1947 at Divine Word Seminary, Girard. After completing his theology studies at Divine Word Seminary, Tachy, he was ordained there in 1960.

Following his ordination, Father Strike studied for a year at Catholic University, Washington, D.C. where he obtained his M.A. degree in guidance. He was then appointed assistant



FATHER STRIKE

Father Biskey Named Infirmary Chaplain

Father Hubert A. Biskey, pastor of St. Agnes Church, Avon, was named this week to be chaplain at St. Joseph's Infirmary at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Pittsford.

He succeeds the late Father George M. Kalb.

Father Biskey, ordained in 1930, has been pastor of the Avon parish for the past year.

He previously served as curate at St. Patrick's Church Elmira, Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, as pastor of St. Michael's Church, Fern Yan, and St. Andrew's Church, Dundee, also pastor at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira, and St. Ann's Church, Hornell.

In announcing the appointment at the Pastoral Office, Bishop Sheen made the following statement:

"I am most happy to announce that Father Hubert Biskey has responded with unmeasured readiness to serve a special need of the Diocese. Accordingly, on June 28, he will take over his new assignment as chaplain to St. Joseph's Infirmary. The good Sisters who have served the Diocese so many years will now be matched by the Christ-like dedication on the part of this good and holy priest."



FATHER BISKEY

Bishop Kearney Listed For K. of St. J. Field Mass

Fiftieth Annual Military Field Mass of Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John will be celebrated by Bishop Kearney, former supreme spiritual advisor of the order, in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, June 25.

The Mass at a specially constructed outdoor altar on the east side of the Cemetery will begin at 10 a.m. The Mass is celebrated annually on the Sunday nearest to the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

The Field Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of the departed knights and ladies with a special remembrance for those who died during the past year.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the names of the Rochester Knights and Ladies who died since the last Field Mass will be read followed by the sounding of Taps.

The first Field Mass was celebrated in June, 1917, in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with Colonel Joseph H. Weis and Lieut. Col. Michael H. Weismiller in command.

This year, Col. John G. Bittner announced that Brig. Gen.

Dean of Students in the Brother Candidate School and served in that capacity for three years before being made Dean of Brother Candidates in 1964.

Al G. Miller is chairman and A.D.C. Raymond J. Crombach vice chairman of the Field Mass Committee.

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He said a buffet lunch will be served.

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