

The Church in the Inner City



LEARNING BY DOING. Civic responsibility is spelled out to students in the Immaculate Conception summer program by such efforts as this neighborhood clean up campaign.

"CONDUCTING" A CLASS in Special Math, Sister Dionysia holds the attention of her students with the animation and gestures of a musician leading a symphony orchestra.

Father Callens To Seminary

Father Edward P. Callens, well-known pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church in downtown Rochester, will be spiritual director at St. Bernard's Seminary, Bishop Sheen announced his week.



Officials of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary authorized the special appointment. A new pastor for the "Little French Church" will be named soon.

His appointment is part of an over-all program of Bishop Sheen to up-date the theological and spiritual life at the Seminary in accordance with directives of the recent Vatican Council.

Father Callens, five years pastor at Our Lady of Victory Church, is a familiar speaker to groups of clergy and laity and has served as counselor to many individuals.

He attended the Vatican Council in Rome as an associate of Bishop Casey, then Rochester's Auxiliary Bishop.

Born in March 1912 in Dendermonde, Belgium, he attended Sacred Heart Seminary, Santhoven, Belgium and Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

FATHER CALLENS was ordained in the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, July 26, 1936.

Early in 1942, he was commissioned a chaplain in the United States Army with the rank of First Lieutenant and served at Camp McCain, Mississippi and the Aleutian Islands.

Chaplain Callens went overseas to Europe with the 80th Infantry Division. (His driver was Victor A. DeSimon, a Rochester attorney after the war).

On his return to the United States, he taught moral theology at the Sacred Hearts Seminary, Washington, D.C. He also served

as pastor of St. Boniface Church, New Bedford, Mass.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and was chaplain in New Bedford. Here in Rochester, he has served as chaplain of Musa Caravan, Order of the Alhambra.

He has been pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, Rochester since March, 1962. He is active in promoting the Daily Mass League throughout the area and particularly at his downtown church.

Dedication of the outdoor shrine erected on the grounds of St. Mary's Hospital by Musa Caravan by Bishop Kearney on May 22, 1960 was arranged by Father Callens.

He described the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France in an article in the Courier Journal, Jan. 30, 1953.

John Everett

Teacher With A Big Idea

After three days as a rookie teacher in the inner city last fall, John Everett was ready to quit.

"With all the problems these kids have at home, it's almost impossible to reach them with conventional classroom methods," he comments now.

Everett stuck to his sixth-grade teaching post at Immaculate Conception School, however, but kept trying new ideas in an effort to reach his 24 students. ("24 is too many to start with—I'd say you can't work effectively with more than 10 or 12 of the kids here," he says.)

His 'big idea' was to try a summer experimental program, at the Third Ward school.

It would have small classes, exciting new techniques, interesting field trips. This approach, he hoped, would be so engrossing that it would "change the kids' attitudes" toward learning.

Father Robert G. Krackel, pastor of the Plymouth Avenue S. parish, liked the idea, but lacked the funds to back the idea. "You can use the school," he told his sixth grade teacher, "but you'll have to raise your own money for the program."

Somehow, 21-year-old John Everett got it going, and the well-received summer program is just winding up this week.

If he can just raise the funds to pay for it, it will be a complete success! He has raised about \$1,000 but needs almost \$4,000 more to pay off a loan for that amount. He has a simple confidence that the backing will come in.

"We wanted to prove that this could be done on private initiative," Everett says, "and we are sure that enough people will see its value to support it."

He's counting heavily on the proceeds from a three-night stand of a play his kids are putting on at Nazareth College this weekend (Aug. 4-6). If their version of A. A. Milne's "The Ugly Duckling" is a box-office winner, it will take a few furrows out of Everett's brow.

As far as its impact on the 115 youngsters from 20 different schools, public and parochial, Everett feels that the program was worth all the effort.

'Twas a Good Summer

Seven full time and four part-time teachers, with 17 high school volunteer aides, created "the rich learning experience" that Everett had dreamed of.

For those who needed special help, small remedial classes by specialists in reading and mathematics, were on tap.

For those able to "stretch their wings," they could venture into introductory courses in the modern novel or Negro history. The language-minded could venture into French, German or Spanish.

Hopeful writers got a short journalism course, edited a weekly paper, "The Summer Journal" and a literary magazine, "Experience."

There was a lot of "learning by doing" especially in the Home Economics courses. The sports program stressed fundamentals and skills, which culminated in a Junior Olympics. Andrew Brandon, a public school psychologist, doubled in brass and guided the athletics program.

Like most teachers who have struggled to make progress with students facing many handicaps — poverty, broken homes, racial prejudice — Everett is happy on the teacher really getting to know the student.

"This has to mean small classes, and it has to mean teachers who can truly relate to these kids," he stresses.

"Our teachers stay with the kids all day, even to eating lunch with them in small groups," he points out regarding the summer project.

The Expo Trip

Highlight of the summer was an ambitious bus trip to Expo '67 in Montreal on the weekend of July 22-23. With 31 adults along to shepherd the crew, 100 students had the time of their life and got a glimpse of the wide world that only such an event as Expo could provide.

The Expo trip provided a wonderful "Good Samaritan" incident, too. En route home one of the buses had brake trouble, had to pull over to the side of the road near Watertown.

Seeing a motel nearby, Everett asked the owner, Mrs. Ruby Lambert, if the kids could rest in their lawn during the brake repairs.

She not only provided lawn

space, but when it started to rain, invited the 100 youngsters up on the motel porch.

"We wanted to give her some thing for her kind hospitality when we left, but she wouldn't take anything," John Everett relates. "And to top it off, when I reached in my coat pocket, I found fifty dollars which she has tucked in to help pay for the kids' trip."

It may seem a bit imprudent for a young teacher to embark on such a summer venture without any funds to speak of, but Everett felt very strongly about the need for such a program.

"When you see a kid begin to die—at least to real living—before he even finishes grammar school, you feel you've got to do something," he broods.

It's an awful thing to see a

nine-year-old cynic, he said, "and I've seen more than one."

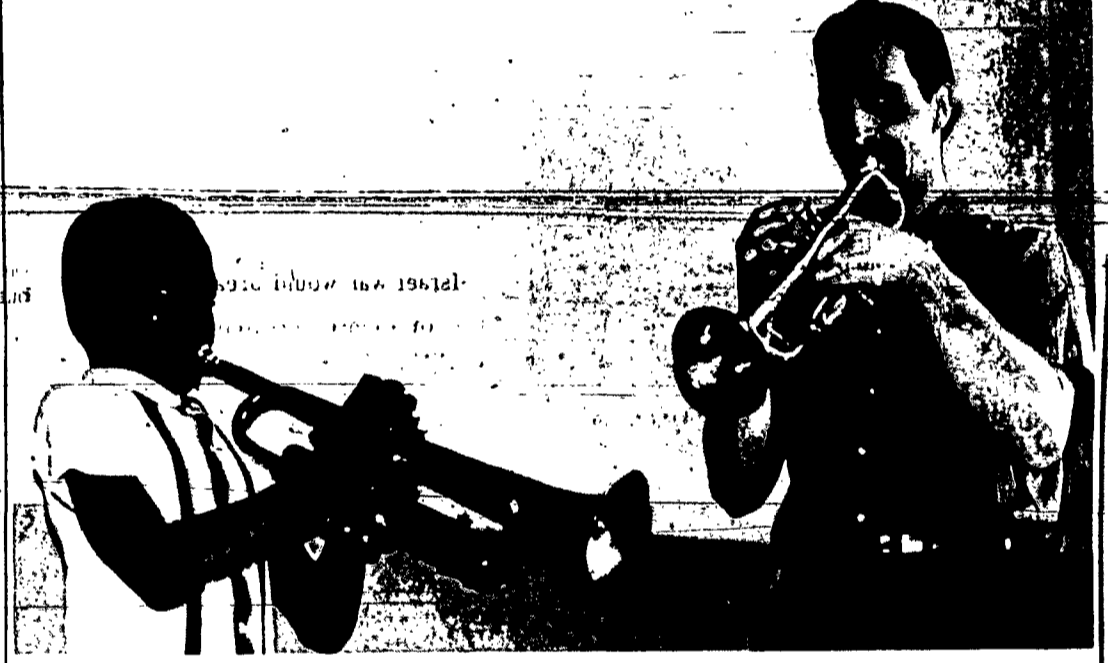
"Many of them are afraid to hope for something better," Everett went on—and that's why he decided to set up his special summer program.

From the viewpoint of the staff and many interested educators who have observed the program with warm approval, it has been a success.

Now, if John Everett can just pay all the bills.

(For those who may not be able to help out by attending "The Ugly Duckling," a donation may be sent to John Everett, c/o Immaculate Conception School, 445 Plymouth Ave. S., Rochester, N.Y. 14608.)

—Father Robert Kanka



REACHING FOR A HIGH NOTE, trumpet instructor Dennis Fleisher, right, encourages pupil Reginald Eldridge on to a clear "A" note. Fleisher is a student at the Juilliard School of Music during the regular school year.

Interracial Council Asks Housing at Hospital Site

Rochester's Catholic Interracial Council has asked city manager Dr. Seymour Scher to use the West Main Street site of the former Rochester General Hospital for housing rather than school construction.

In a July 24th statement, Mrs. William Plotter, Council president, said:

"As residents of this community which has a severe shortage of housing for low and middle income families, we

question the proposal to use vacant land (formerly occupied by west side General Hospital) for a school administration building.

"There may be need for a new educational administrative building, but on this site should not the need for housing take priority? Little opposition will face the Board of Education wherever it locates its building; severe opposition, on the other hand, continually defeats at-

tempts to erect housing.

"The Board of Directors of Catholic Interracial Council backs the demand of community groups for housing on the General Hospital site, where no community opposition will delay its start. The need is critical, the site is vacant, the time to begin is NOW!"

Nazareth College Gives Sixty-Five Degrees

Sixty-five received degrees from Nazareth College at commencement exercises, held Tuesday, August 1, at four o'clock in the college auditorium.

Speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Virginia Radley, Chairman of the English department at Russel Sage College in Troy, New York.

Among the fifty-five who received B.S. degrees are 44 young nuns from the Rochester diocese, 11 Sisters of Mercy and

33 Sisters of Saint Joseph. Two Sisters from India, Sister Edith and Sister Selke, who returned to India earlier this summer, received their degrees in absentia.

Nine lay women who received Bachelor of Arts or Science degrees include Barbara Joan Aldrich, Anne Murray Barker, Patricia Rafferty Hoestersy, Joanne LoVerde, Marcella Ann Mastrodonato, Maureen Lynch Swanson, Andrea Joan Volpe, and Carol Smith Hughes.

Legion Elects New Chaplain

Newly elected state chaplain of the American Legion is Father Thomas M. Reddington, pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Church, Greece. A Navy veteran chaplain, he has held the Catholic Chaplaincy in Monroe County American Legion for several years. He was elected Saturday, July 29, at the Legion's state convention in Buffalo.

Master of Science degrees in Education with majors in Music were awarded to Sister Charlene Travis, O.P., Nell Williams Carpenter, and Janet Chimera Metzger.

Master of Arts degrees were awarded to Sister M. Josette Sarachene, O.P., Sister Marla Gleason, S.S.J., Sister M. Thaddeus Steiwachs, S.S.J., Sister M. Thomas Sidoti, S.S.J., Helen Stever's Flegel, Charlotte Kunkel-Klose, and Mary Ann Nicodem.

Polish Devotions Set for Sunday

Sunday, August 6, the North American Martyrs Shrine at Aurieville will welcome the annual Polish Pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated in Polish in the Coliseum at 4:15 p.m.

The Pilgrimage devotions will begin with the Rosary Procession at 1:45 p.m. followed by the Way of the Cross and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

As in other years a large number of pilgrims is expected for the Polish Pilgrimage. Martyrs Shrine is on Route 5-S, between New York State Thruway Exit 27 (Amsterdam) and Exit 28 (Fultonville).

Student Studies In Guadalajara

Daryl Alder, 16 Kirkless Rd., Pittsford is one of 45 students studying in Guadalajara, Mexico this summer in a six-week summer session sponsored by Georgetown University.

The students are taking courses ranging from first-year Spanish to the physical geography of Spanish America. They also are able to visit artistic, architectural and historic landmarks near Guadalajara.



JOHN EVERETT

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SHORE DINNER

Includes:

- Clam Broth
- (16) Fresh Hot Steamed Clams, Drawn Butter
- Lobster Tail with Drawn Butter
- Half Broiler
- Idaho Baked Potato with Butter or Sour Cream
- Chef Salad with Dressing
- Corn Fritter
- Hot Rolls and Butter

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- Lobster Tail with Drawn Butter
- Breaded Chunks of Lobster Meat, Tartar Sauce
- Idaho Baked Potato with Butter or Sour Cream
- Chef Salad with Dressing
- Corn Fritter
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