

Sister Replies to Pastor's 'Sad Farewell'

Last week we printed a letter from an unnamed pastor of this diocese to the Sisters of the parish convent regretting the decision of their community that the Sisters should leave sacrificial work in order to give more time to apostolic works in the parish.

We hoped his lament on their withdrawal and his fruitless search to find laywomen to fill the Sisters' role would

"strike a sympathetic note" in the minds of some religious and lay readers. The article did prompt much mail.

We had no intention of starting a literary war. The case closes with the following letter from a nun in a large parish. She presents well the positive side of her Sisters' hopes to serve the people of the parish outside the sacristy. —The Editors

Dear Father,

In your "more attentive, more lonely" moments in the Throne Room of Our King, may you also come to understand the reasons necessitating the "sad farewell."

Is it not more accurate to say you have found the laity unwilling to respond to unreasonable demands and in that sense, they are unable

to "fill the Sister's role?"

The answer is "Yes," dear Father, there is one among us who would willingly stay with the King. She is a person, perhaps just waiting to be asked and wanting, in the meantime, to feel free enough to offer on her own. Oh, and Father, I must warn you, her robes are not always black!

Father, I, too, cry a bit when I read how misinformed you are and how needlessly you suffer! I haven't gone to the "streets and woods" at all. How cold and empty that does sound!

No, after fifteen years of scraping up melted wax, picking up cassocks and surplices, washing and ironing the one and only hole-filled alb, I now spend some time (about five hours a week) helping young children with learning disabilities.

It is so important to help these special ones experience success, accept themselves, while they are young! Otherwise, they have greater problems and sometimes serious

emotional disturbances in late life. When it reaches that stage, the child, the family and the community carry an almost unbearable burden.

With great honesty and a clear conscience I can tell you, Father, it has not been an "adulterous spirit" that prompted me to leave the "Chamber of the King."

Instead, it has been the daily witnessing of rather fixed patterns of failure on the part of too many of our junior high students, the frustrating attempts to encourage their dedicated teachers to accept them and help them just a little and, finally, their parents' pleas for help. All these reasons have made me want to give, maybe not these children, but others, some individual help in their early

school years, with the hope that some of the just-mentioned suffering might be alleviated.

While I'm being honest, Father, I guess I'll have to admit, if I could prevent any of that suffering, I'd be just a little happy. Surely The King would understand, for we are His People.

As I leave, Father, I want you to know that if you do have any trouble with the "flowers, neck-pieces and snap - fasteners" (whatever they are) I'd be glad to help you with those things too!

As for the thimble, you're on your own! I never could decide on which finger it belonged.

Peace be to you.



Academy Choral Belles Plan Christmas Program
Among members of the Nazareth Academy Choral Belles who will present their 11th annual Christmas program at Rochester Products GM Corporation at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, are (from left): seated — Jean Ingram, Marilyn Abbey, Mary Frances Duffy; standing — Linda Nugent, Cynthia Northrup, Bonnie Huehner, Irene Wolk, Jean Camello. Others not pictured include Ann Marie Cordoro, Gail Wumkes, Marian LaBue, Genevieve Kroykys, Linda Thompson, Cecilia Griffin and Jane Kowalski.

Wedding Budgets Studied at Mooney

How much does a wedding cost? You can trim it up to \$5,800 or settle for the simplicity of a ladder and a marriage license, according to the consumer economics class at Cardinal Mooney High School.

The class—15 girls and a boy—put on a skit and slide show the other night to demonstrate what they had learned about wedding budgets. Their teacher, Sister Virginia Wilson, said it was all part of "learning about finances in the real world."

Book Describes 'Errors' Crisis

Press reaction in 1864 to a papal criticism of liberal thought is described in a new book by a St. John Fisher history professor.

Dr. Egidio Papa's book, written in Italian, details a controversy over the "Quarta Cura" Encyclical and Syllabus of Errors issued by Pope Pius IX. Drawing on French, Italian and English newspapers of the time, it is entitled "Il Silabo di Pio IX e Stampa Francese, Inglese e Italiana."

Deaths

Mrs. Leckinger

Theresa Schoenherr Leckinger, a sister of two St. Joseph nuns, died Dec. 4. The funeral was last Friday at St. Ann's Home.

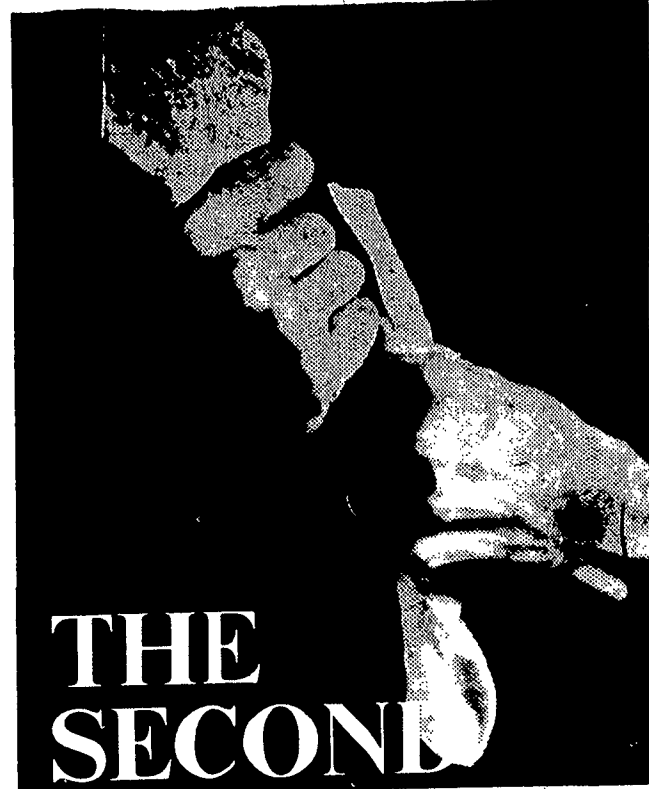
Survivors include two sons, John and Frank of Avoca, and five grandchildren; Sisters M. Joanna and Teresa Louise, SSJ; two brothers, Clement and Edwin Schoenherr of Philadelphia, and several nieces and nephews.

H. M. Hefner

A requiem Mass was celebrated Nov. 30 in St. James Church for Howard M. Hefner of 40 Presque St., who died Nov. 27 in the Veterans' Hospital, Batavia. He was 75 years old.

Mr. Hefner, a native of West Webster, retired in 1958 after 43 years with the New York Central Railroad. He was a Navy veteran of World War I.

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By Father Richard

Musing over the beautiful words for the Blessed Mother last Sunday my prayer book reading and thinking about: Aren't we losing it? we let devotion for Mary our private and public life an individual, or a parish case make an effort to back?

No one can estimate the public ceremonies honor have either been abandoned, poorly attended, that he no longer bring parishioners that the Sedulitas of Our Lady in most places, that ple are not responsive to of Marian devotion in the or schools.

The Blessed Virgin is the public scene on Christmas cards and Bethlehem productions but these do than artistically sentiment of history. They say no Mary's true role with us Son's Church.

They make her look motherly and devout, but us to reflect that she is

A LAYM

Fasting A

By Pincer Lea

The practice of fasting another us. It has been lately as individuals have out food to draw attention cause or to share some of the power for good it exerts out its history, is stagger

At a time when we offices are loosening our official disciplines of (related), others are taking practice to illustrate their healing in our family. We a hard look at the actual individuals, and, I think

A fast, as it is being the community, is the solid food. Drink is water or an occasional glass of juice.

For a person of average hunger pangs begin in the second or third day. In the mouth and nose to dry and resistance greatly weakened. Deprived about the fifth day and have been reported starved seventh day. Ringing in been observed in longer a subsequent loss of t

COMM

'Integrity

By Fr. R. A. Grahn
Special Correspondent

Vatican City — (RN) days after the Vatican points critical of the chism, Pope Paul hints background to the probable speculation of more kind to come.

He spoke at his usual once on "Catholic teach and present-day didactic His text was carefully

Included was a firm that the Pope has no defend with all its power of the revealed, which the Catholic Church custodian.

"On this point," declared the pontiff said to be defined himself by doubts and

These are fighting with himself by doubts and

In a certain way the significant than even the 10 points, because of th it offers to the Pope's r publication of the declaration international commission was an isolated necessary sequel. It is the record the revision "cations" earlier proposed Dutch editors and press a reply to a privately llection of confidential

Its only effect was 1 ball back to the Dutch press has reported that propose to issue the 10 appendix in future edit

In the meantime, the