



### A Gift Of Love

More than a dozen pupils of Blessed Sacrament School, celebrated "the freedom to be thankful" by presenting symbolic offertory gifts during a Mass in the parish church on Thanksgiving Day.

Among gifts brought to Father John P. Norris, pastor, during the offertory procession was an eight-week-old boy who was "thanks for the gift of life in the new-born."

Other gifts represented freedoms to worship, to communicate, to set as a free individual before God, to live in a mobile society and to experience the things of nature and of man's work.

Gifts included altar candles, embroidery, wine and water, the Bible, books, airplanes and radios, flowers, the nation's flag, books, and banners noting peace and personal dignity.

It was the second year such a special Mass was celebrated.

Thanks to God for "gift of life" featured Thanksgiving Day Mass in Blessed Sacrament Church. Elizabeth Riche, seventh grader, gently rocks cradle containing eight-week-old Stephen J. Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Elliott, during Mass celebrated by Father John P. Norris, pastor.

## Parochial School Plight Sister's Chore

Research on possible consolidation of some diocesan schools, plus charts, graphs, facts and figures, on the general financial plight of the schools, will be the first of six-month study to begin next month.

Directing the study will be Sister Patricia Donovan, RSM, who will leave her present post Dec. 22 as principal of Notre Dame High School, Elmira, to undertake the task as director of planning in the diocesan school office.

ceded as Notre Dame principal by Warren L. Tessier, now assistant principal.

In a statement in Elmira last week following the announcement, Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty declared:

"We all who have known Sister Patricia Donovan's loyalty and concern and hard work for our young people regret very much to lose our daily association with her."

"But Sister's extensive experience and educational reputation has qualified her for the direction of educational planning for the entire Diocese of Rochester. She will be doing the survey work in Catholic education which has been called for by the Bishops of New York State and their diocesan superintendents of schools just last month."

"She goes to this exacting task with our best wishes and warmest gratitude."

Rising costs, decrease in the number of nun teachers and increased salaries of lay teachers, plus declining enrollments and other financial problems, forced three schools of the diocese to close last school year.

It will be Sister Patricia's purpose, in travels and interviews around the diocese, to compile an exhaustive study which will seek to chart the trends and to offer possible solutions to change them.

She knows the problem—she's been at Notre Dame since 1959, and principal since 1964. She's not sure of the solutions yet.

### From the Office of Human Concern

By Father John J. Hempel



Memo to Father Buckland, Penn Yan:

Congratulations to you and all those in Yates County who worked so hard to make the out-patient clinic a reality for the disadvantaged.

Looking back upon the last few months and realizing your patience in settling the variance with the Rushville people; your rapport with the State

Health people; your cooperation with the Yates Board of Supervisors; indicates that we can all accomplish so much in dealing with the serious needs and problems in our time.

Memo to Sister Barbara Steinwachs of the Joint Office for Urban Ministry:

Congratulations on your being named to the Board of Directors of Chicago's National Urban Training Center. Glad to see one of our own making the national scene. Great that you and the other new Catholic appointments make the Catholic Church potentially productive on the national urban training scene.

Letters were sent to all the priests in Monroe County notifying them of the hours of delivery of clothing, furniture, etc., to the depot. From the interest shown thus far, I think the depot will be a real asset to the inner city parishes.

Details regarding trucking, volunteer personnel working in the depot, and finances are being worked on. Financial support, no doubt, will present a problem. Your work as coordinator on the project has been outstanding.

Incidentally, some notes of thanks: to Civil Defense for the use of a truck, to George Clancy for the use of the utility hand cart and to Don Dacy at Hadlock Paint for his generous interest. I am sure we will have to make more permanent arrangements to have some sort of truck available.

### Hogan Memorial Scholarship Fund Set Up at Aquinas

A memorial fund has been set up at Aquinas Institute in the name of William B. Hogan, 11-year-old senior who was killed in a road accident Nov. 23.

William was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hogan, Sr., of 137 Inglewood Drive. The fatal crash injured four friends with whom he was riding after a hockey game at the War Memorial.

Aquinas students filled Holy Rosary Church at Mass for him Nov. 24 and attended the funeral the following day in St. Monica's Church.

Father Leon G. Hart, principal of Aquinas, said that gifts in memory of the senior would supply assistance to needy students.

William's survivors, besides his parents, are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wigg, and several cousins, aunts and uncles.

### EUCARIST SERIES

A Wednesday evening series of films and discussions on the Eucharist is in progress at St. John the Evangelist parish center, 549 Humboldt St. It was prepared for parents of children who are approaching First Communion and for any adults who seek a better understanding of the Mass.

Remaining meetings will be at 8 p.m. Dec. 10 and 17. Further information may be obtained from Father David L. Gaesser, 482-6211.

### Confrontation

#### A Family Plan

That parents are the primary religious educators of their children hardly needs repeating. Although they may play a number of roles in the formal education of their children, their most important, and most influential, contribution is the example they project in their day-to-day living.

By establishing a family religious education program which combines formal religious instruction with family participation, parents take a long step toward communication with their children.

A new program by Roa's Films attempts to do this. The "Awareness of God Program" is a home family Bible study plan which aims to increase such communication by increasing the Biblical knowledge of both, thereby providing a common background for religious discussion.

The program is addressed to those who are concerned with the relevance of the Christian faith in the modern world—those who fear the unrest in the Church, those who have become discouraged or indifferent, those who are hopeful that the unrest and re-examination is a sign of the vitality of God's Spirit in the Church today.

The entire program is outlined in detailed study manuals and guides. The guide includes the summary and aim of the lesson, scriptural reference, historical background and setting, guide to the filmstrip, questions for discussion, and sources for further study.

The filmstrips can be purchased from Roa's Films or can be rented from the CCD Office. Study manuals can be purchased from Roa's Films, and filmstrip projectors are also available at special rates for this program only. Address inquiries to Roa's Films, 1066 N. Astor St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53202.

The program also lends itself to study groups. Filmstrips and several projectors passed around the parish can be a powerful stimulus to the parish's spiritual growth. These could also be used with home Masses (the films can be used independently of one another) or with regular Masses with discussions later in the home or in study groups. CCD administrators should consider using these as parent-educators and in family-oriented Lenten programs.

### AFRICA SEMINARIES

Vatican City—(RNS)—Statistics released here on the Catholic Church in Africa show that Nigeria leads the continent in major seminarians with 361, and in newly-ordained priests, 25.

The Congo follows with 362 students of theology and 16 ordinations. Tanzania has 288 major seminarians; Uganda, 194; Lesoto, 115; Swaziland, 108; and South Africa, 107.

In addition to helping people discover the meaning of their faith in today's world, the "Awareness of God" program also aims to help people understand Scripture and the roots of their faith, though not intended to be a theology course.

The program is divided into six units which are in turn divided into individual sessions. Each session consists of a scriptural reading, a filmstrip, and a discussion of the reading and

### Deaths

#### Mr. Schnaus

A requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Philip Neri Church for Floyd F. Schnaus, who died Nov. 18, 1969, at the age of 88.

Survivors include his widow, Emma; three sons and three daughters, Donald, Raymond, Bernard, Mrs. Norman Bentley, Mrs. Ernest Stubbs and Mrs. Bernard DeVolder; 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Rose Beck.

#### Mrs. Loftus

The funeral of Mrs. Kathryn P. Loftus, 81, was held last Friday at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Mrs. Loftus, of 179 Montclair Drive, Irondequoit, died Nov. 25, 1969. She was a member of the local Gold Star Mothers chapter. Her son, George, a seaman, lost his life in March, 1945.

during a naval engagement off the coast of Japan. Her husband had died in 1931. Mrs. Loftus was a native of Buffalo.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Walter Koster, Mrs. Raymond Ford, Mrs. Lloyd Grashy and Mrs. Paul Brigandini, all of Rochester, and Mrs. Lawrence Wicks of Waterloo; a sister, Sister Mary Celeste, S.S.J., of Ogdensburg; 14 grandchildren, including Sister Myrjaean, S.S.J., of Gouverneur; 11 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

### CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Ithaca—The parish and community division of Immaculate Conception parish council is assisting the Ithaca Christmas Bureau in collecting gifts.

The parish group also is sponsoring a collection of presents for patients of all ages at the Willard State Hospital through the local Mental Health Association.

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 By JAIMIE FON  
 (NC News Serv)

Washington — The Rockefeller Mission to Latin America — whose report was relayed — was not simply a list of projects to help the majority of the population. There was a stated appeal for the national resources.

The mission labored months, and made four May through July. It some 3,000 government officials and enlisted the participation of some 100 U.S. politicians, finance, education, development and aid. From the mission's point stands out:

"The United States with aid from the hemisphere to assist the quality of their provide moral leadership for freedom and justice in America."

In the words of the Rockefeller report, the "handing" of the existence of Latin Americans in life:

"Opportunity for se comes immediately to chance to grow spiritus spect for human dignity the right to hope that better, not worse . . ."

"Man is a social, learn responsible, and self-aware and he needs much more (material things) if he is to come more fully himself"

Such remarks, stem honest, comprehensive l tions in those countries l the basic tenets of Pope cyclical Populorum Prog

"In the design of Go is called upon to devel himself . . . to seek to d more and have more in more."

The Rockefeller repo that the aspirations of where "share one splen no man be exploited or enrich another and that gether so that each can

Pope Paul stated that of rich nations "to b world that is more num men, where all will be

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**Thoughts**  
 By Sarah Chil

I started our Christ a little earlier this year the annual discussion my husband and I have ject every holiday seaso

It starts when I show toy purchases I have i children.

"That's enough toys," adds that if I feel comp more then let it be c something other than to

The basement he poin futable argument is car-to-wall toys.

"I know," I concede buy ninetenths of the are from overindulgent doing ants and uncles ple next door whose now teenagers and qu never broke a thing in t

"Think of all the have nothing," he star the implication that ou ing to be spoiled.

I return with an un-l swer, but as honest a o made.

"But, I'm not buyi them," I plead, "I'm for me!"

**COMA**  
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 By Father Robert

Vatican City — (RNS) trovival in theologian, Joe the Dutch bishop, Joe freedom in dialogue b logians and the bisho among the theologians.

Father Edward Schi Nijmegen University, lands, gave his views of the theologian today days; after taking part, exchange organized by tion for the Doctrine of

Present at the excha heads of six episcopal ccluding the United S panied by their theo. The main topic dealt w ed doctrinal commissio tional conferences and i

The Belgian-born Do in Rome throughout synod, living at the D with Bernard Cardinal A he served as chief cons