



Mary Beth Metzger and Sister Celeste

## Teacher Tackles Braille-in French

By ANNE MARACLE and PAT MITCHELL, Mercy Seniors

"Just like learning another language," Sister Mary Celeste says of her latest undertaking in the field of linguistics—the study of Braille. Sister Celeste is chairman of the language department at Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Last year, Mary Beth Metzger, a Mercy senior who is blind, began to educate her French instructor in the basics of Braille. In addition to reading Braille, Sister Celeste has learned how to operate a Braille typewriter, a device utilizing six keys, different combinations of which spell out the Braille alphabet.

Mary Beth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Metzger

of St. Cecelia's Parish. She has won a New York State Regents Scholarship but plans to attend Middlebury College in Vermont. She is also president of Mercy's French Club.

Sister Celeste says that Braille is "like a code." Now that she has achieved a degree of competency in Braille-writing, she is able to transcribe literary works, particularly poetry, essential to Mary Beth's further study of French.

Sister Celeste feels that her extensive training in language has been of great assistance in her endeavor. She admits that she can't read Braille with her fingertips, she has to see it. And she is not familiar yet with shortcuts to American phraseology, because she has been working in French.

## Alhambra Order Honors Athletes

Football players from the four area Rochester Catholic high schools were honored Saturday at a dinner sponsored by Musa Caravan #25 Order of the Alhambra.

This annual all-Catholic high awards dinner, according to general chairman, Phil Randazzo, was again held at the Shakespeare restaurant, and attended by more than 300 fellow teammates, family and friends of the players.

The honorary chairman was State Supreme Court Justice Emmett J. Schnepf and the principal speaker was New York's Secretary of State John P. Lomenzo.

Charles T. Maloy, former city councilman, and John Parrinello, present city councilman, both former Aquinas football stars, presented the awards to the recipients.

A special trophy in memory of the late Alfred Schmitz, a member of the Order of Alhambra and the former Aquinas and Boston College football star was presented to the coach with the most wins in the 1970 season: Robert Rosmarino, school, are still being worked gious instruction for grammar-

Lanny Frattare, sport director of WBBF radio, officiated as toastmaster.

Thomas Donovan is the present Grand Commander of the Caravan.

### CYO OFFERS TENNIS, SCUBA

The CYO will offer tennis instruction on six consecutive Thursday nights, beginning March 17, at 7. A scuba course will be given Monday nights, at 7. Registration may be made through 454-2030.

## Auburn Parish School Leased to Alco Firm

Auburn—Plans for the leasing of the school of St. Francis Church to Alco Engine for the remainder of the school year were nearly completed this week.

"The re-scheduling of religious instruction for grammar-schoolers, involving the transfer of classes from St. Francis school to St. Aloysius parish school are still being worked out," said Father Bernard Carges, assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus parish. Father Carges coordinates the instruction program for Middle Schoolers.

Alco had requested rental of the St. Francis school property to provide temporary office space for its salesmen until a new office building is constructed.

The parish closed its elementary school in June 1969. It is presently used on Wednesday afternoons for religious instruction of public schoolers from grades 6-8 in Middle School.

Officials of the company and members of the Auburn city council, accompanied by Father John Nacca, pastor of St. Francis, met in Rochester last week with Father Albert Shamon, diocesan vicar of education, and John Ritzenthaler, diocesan comptroller, to discuss the finances of leasing.

Instructions will begin today (March 3) at St. Aloysius. Four buses have been rented to facilitate the weekly transfer of pupils from Middle School to the VanAnden Street classrooms.

## Leadership Training Slated at Cenacle

"Fashion Me a Person" the NCCW "experience-oriented" workshop designed to develop the leadership potential and the organizing ability of men and women is slated to be held at the Cenacle March 6-7 and 13-14.

The Cenacle is a center for spiritual development and renewal of persons of all faiths in Rochester.

According to Sister Sadie Nesser, RC, the program designed by the National Council of Catholic Women, has been opened to anyone interested in maximizing their potential for leadership.

The program has received the endorsement of the Diocese of Rochester.

Anyone interested in the program may call (716) 271-8755.

### ZIMMERS MARK 50TH

Joseph and Florence Zimmer of Carl Street marked the 50th anniversary of their marriage by renewing their vows at a Mass Feb. 13 in St. Michael's Church. The Knights of St. John, Commandery 40, served as escort. A reception followed in the parish hall.

## SWEM to Sponsor Lenten Discussions

The Southwest Ecumenical Mission (SWEM) composed of 11 churches in the southwest area of Rochester will sponsor a series of four Lenten Seminars in March, to meet Sundays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 7-9:30 p.m. at St. Monica's Church, 841 Genesee St.

The keynote speakers will consider the theme: "The Lifestyle of the Christian and the Church Today."

The speakers include: Dr. Arthur McKay, president of

Colgate Rochester-Bexley Hall-Crozier Divinity School (CRBH-CDS); Dr. Henry Mitchell, professor at CRBH-CDS; Father Edward Callens, professor at St. Bernard's Seminary; and the Rev. Elwyn Cutler, pastor of Pearce Memorial Church.

Following the keynote speeches, discussion leaders will discuss "The Biblical Background of the Church," "The Historical Development of the Church" and "The Contemporary Understanding of the Church."

The discussion leaders, include Dr. Diane Tennis, moderator of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley; Father Sebastian Falcone, OFM, professor at St. Bernard's Seminary; Dr. Prentiss Pemberton, professor at CRBH-CDS; Dr. Kenneth Smith, professor at CRBH-CDS; the Rev. James Hughes, Presbyterian clergyman.

## Aquinas Librarian To Serve in State Library Project

Father John R. Whitley, CSB, librarian at Aquinas Institute, will represent the non-public schools of New York in a state library study. He was appointed last week by Education Commissioner Ewald B. Nyquist to a 13-member Task Force on Library Services to Children.

Father Whitley holds master's degrees in library science and education and is active in various professional organizations. He also is on the board of directors of the Legal Aid Society here, serves on the Diocesan Liturgy Commission and is an adjudicator in the All-American Drum Corps and Band Association.

### IFCA MASS

Bishop James E. Kearney will celebrate First Saturday Mass at 9 a.m. March 6 in the chapel of St. Mary's Hospital, for members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae and their friends.

## Rubella Clinics Note 70 Per Cent Innoculated

The Monroe County Department of Health reported today that about 75,000 children, 1-9 years old in the county have been immunized against German Measles, or Rubella, since the immunization campaign began 16 months ago.

Dr. Margaret L. Rathbun, Deputy County Health Director, said the number immunized represents nearly 70 per cent of the 108,000 children in the susceptible age bracket.

Parents may call the Health Department at (716)-442-4000 for information on how to obtain the vaccine, if the children are not yet immunized.

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