

St. Alphonsus Children Have 'Merrie Mary' Day

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Balloons, banners, and an interpretive dance in the church sanctuary to the accompaniment of an original poem about creation, climaxed the celebration of "Merrie Mary" day by St. Alphonsus school children last week.

Resounding applause came from an audience captivated by the children's simplicity and sincerity. The format was suggested by Father Lewis Brown as an attempt to create, he said, a prayerful experience for everyone.

The poem of creation, written by Sister Paul, a teacher at the school, was in free association verse, and Laura Pausley performed the interpretive dance of the spirit of creation seeking people through whom God's love could work.

Devotional services were rounded out by a role play around the Good Samaritan theme, but involving little children, in everyday experiences, reaching out to help the nameless man.

The folk songs, "What Color Is God's Skin" and "What The World Needs Now is Love" emphasized the basic tenets of Christianity.

"We honor Mary during the Month of May as she brought Christ into the world," explained Father Brown. "Mary has always brought us love, and what the world needs more of today, is love."

"Since the Second Vatican Council the church has been encouraged to try in all its liturgy to touch the heart of man. The church is pointing out that dance is a very acceptable way to raise our minds to God. The church feels it is important to

Raise Funds For Busing

Auburn — A group of Auburn area parents, under the guidance of Father Edward A. Shamon, pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, continue a fund-raising effort to assure bus transportation for students attending Catholic high schools in Syracuse.

There is no Catholic high school in Cayuga County. At least 28 youngsters are registered at the Christian Brothers Academy, Bishop Ludden High School and the Convent School for Girls in Syracuse. The bus capacity is '36, and a few seats remain uncommitted.

Co-chairmen of the fund are Mrs. Charles Ryan of Walnut Street and Martin Fanning, Jr., Rockefeller Road.

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Notre Dame, Ind. — (RNS) — Dr. Rosemary Park, former president of Barnard College, has become the first woman to be named to Notre Dame's board of trustees.

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Summer Masses In Auburn Area

Father Elmer Heindl has revised his schedule for the summer as follows: St. Jude's Chapel, Fairhaven, Masses at 7 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; St. Thomas, Red Creek, remains 10 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday; St. Patrick's, Cato, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

St. John's, Port Byron, notes schedule changes — Masses are 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday; confessions, Saturday, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

St. Michael's, Montezuma, notes change of Sunday Mass to 8:30 a.m.

Knights Elect Officers

Rochester Council No. 178, Knights of Columbus, recently elected these officers for the ensuing year: Kenneth A. Bennett, re-elected to the office of grand knight; Charles J. Northcote, deputy grand knight; Albert R. Szembrot, chancellor; William L. VonDohlen, advo-

Perkinsville Parish Remembers 135 Years

Perkinsville — Preparations for Old Home Day, June 27, stir memories of a Catholic past that goes back to the first home Masses here in 1836. The first church and cemetery land was deeded in 1838.

Sacred Heart parish, focus of the celebration, has roots in the original Church of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of the Holy Rosary, a log building at the top of Sandy Hill that was used by Protestants as well as Catholics from the surrounding countryside. They came from Dansville, Wayland, Cohocton, Atlanta, East Springwater, and Perkinsville. The site is marked now by a 12-foot stone cross.

In 1850, a new church was built in Perkinsville, and in 1883, the present Sacred Heart Church was erected on the

same site. This history is traced in a pamphlet published for Old Home Day. Also prepared for the celebration is a collection of German recipes contributed by the women of the parish.

The celebration will begin with a Mass of remembrance offered by Father Timothy Weider at 11 a.m. A procession through the cemetery and blessing of the graves will follow. Entertainment and refreshments will follow at the Perkinsville Rod and Gun Club.

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