

Graduations Highlight Activities

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Ithaca — Graduation activities highlighted the week at Immaculate Conception School in Ithaca and St. Anthony's Parish in Groton.

On Thursday evening, June 17, 38 members of the eighth grade class at Immaculate Conception received diplomas in the school's 86th commencement exercises in the parish church. On Sunday, June 20, 14 seniors at Groton High School, all members of St. Anthony's Parish, attended a special Mass offered for them at the parish. The Mass in honor of the graduates has been a parish tradition for years.

Immaculate Conception graduates chose peace as the theme of the celebration of their commencement, and selected various readings used in the graduation Mass which emphasized their quest for and commitment to the cause of peace in the world.

Class valedictorian Mary Caputi charged her classmates to bear in mind that the true test of the worth of their Catholic education would come only in the future when the Christian principles inculcated at Immaculate Conception would be challenged by events and experiences yet unknown.

Special awards for academic achievement at Immaculate Conception were presented to Cheryl Linscott and Jeff Bowers, in religion; Michael Loehr, history; Sean O'Branski, science; Elizabeth Barrett, mathematics; Mary Caputi, English; and Teresa Fox, French.

An award for citizenship went to William Gallagher and one for general application was presented to Stephen Sitch. Other graduates included Maureen Anderson, Kevin Bangs, David Bennett, Jeff Burgess, Michael Cain, Mark Campagnolo, Anne Capogrossi, Richard Cassaniti, Cathleen Cirona, Louise Clynes, Karen Conley, Patricia deWysocki, Patricia Dyess, Debra Ferrara, Julie

Gangl, Frank Gigliello, Susan Graham, Gina Lucatelli, Michelle Morrison, Michael Olsefski, Laurie Perko, Robert Perry, Daniel Raponi, Tari Salotti, Karen Shipos, Dana Sisson, Mark Trebits, Eric Tompkins, and M. Natalia Waslyszyn.

Following the presentation of awards and diplomas, a party honoring the graduates was held in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Special guests included parents and families of the graduates, assistant pastor Father David Gramke, and Sister Clare Francis, departing principal of the school.

Honored on their graduation by St. Anthony's were Linda

Blewett, Mary Christopher, Edward Dalley, David English, Pam Hleboski, Joseph Hleboski, John Koekebacker, Linda Magro, Gordon Mengel, Sharon Miller, Mary Jo Rankin, Timothy Reagan, Lucinda Steger, and Michael Shields.

A communion breakfast was held in the Groton Village Hall, following the Mass for the graduates. Honored in addition to the members of the Class of 1971 were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller of the parish. Both are retiring this year after long years of service in the Groton school system. Mr. Miller has been serving as principal of Groton High School while Mrs. Miller has been teaching in the local school.



Graduates are singing "Peace on Earth," as their closing hymn.

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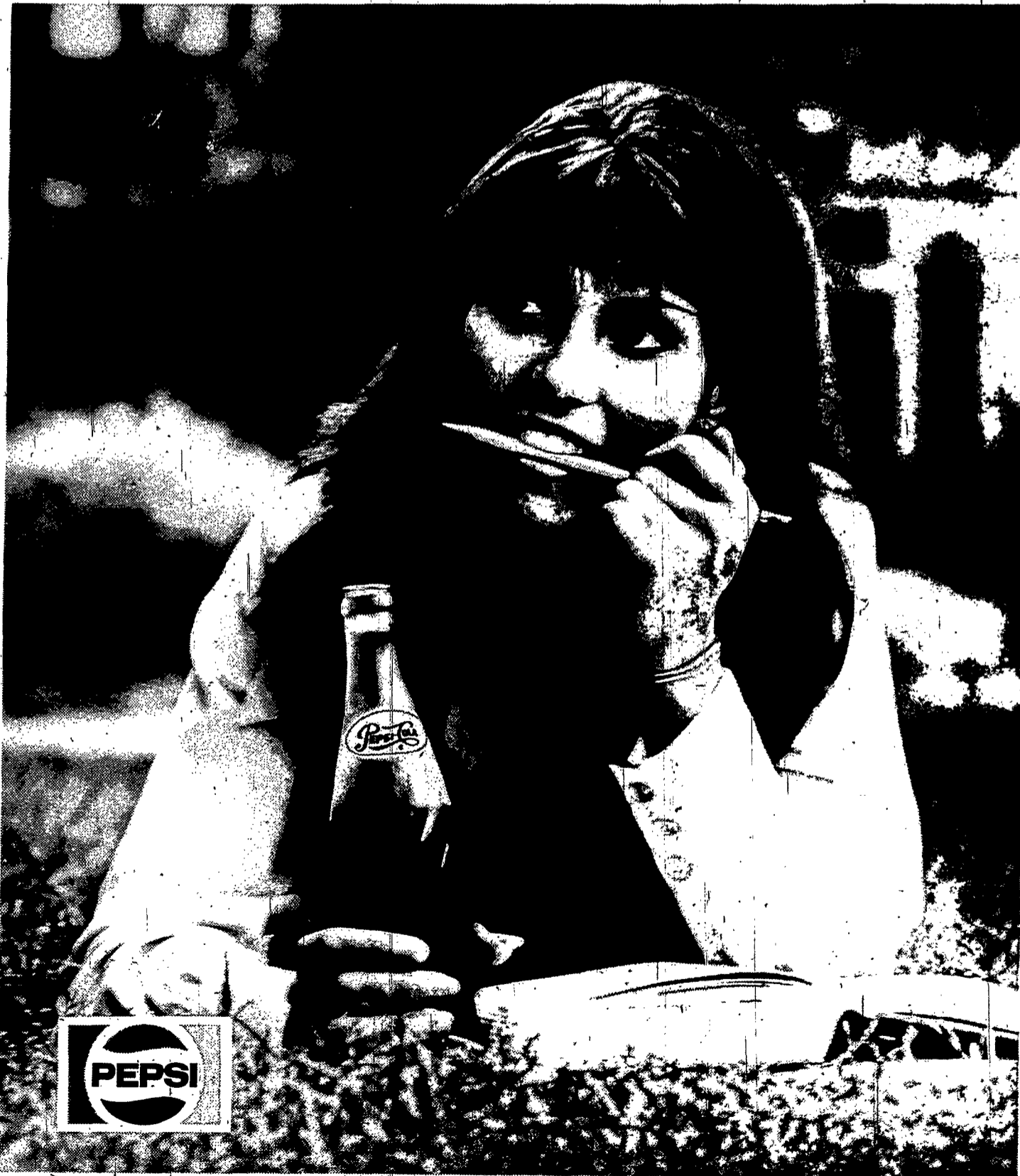
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Ithaca Area Notes

Ithaca — Immaculate Conception Parish will conduct a pre-Baptism seminar for new or expectant parents Wednesday evenings, July 7 to 14, at 8 o'clock in the school (Buffalo St. entrance).

At the recent Baptism Mass these infants became part of the Church and new children of God: Anthony P. DiLiberato, Michael L. Ford, Heather R. Gee, Kevin D. Long, John L. Petricola.

Trumansburg — A Chicken Barbecue will be held at St. James Church on Tuesday, June 29, from 5 to 8 p.m. Carryout available. Adults, \$1.75; children, \$1.

Ithaca — St. Catherine of Siena Parish is offering a summer program of fun for the family, beginning July 6. Tuesday evening (7 o'clock) has been designated volleyball and softball night. It will be held on the parish grounds, and boys, girls, men, women are invited to participate.

Wednesday mornings (10 o'clock) parents and children are invited to the parish grounds for a few hours of fun. Bring own lunch, jump ropes, bats and balls, etc.