



The original group of "Joy" when they cut their first album.

## Their Thing... Spreading Joy

"Joy" spreads, and now there are 42. But when Sister Mary Jo Brennan and Sister Joyce Parella of St. Helen's, Gates, organized high school students last May to discuss and become more involved in the Church, only 26 were there.

From the discussions, ideas for folk Masses emerged, and Father Daniel Wheeland invited Leo Defendorf, a disc jockey for WGVA, Geneva who also is

a guitarist, to work with the group.

The group call themselves "Joy" and "sing contemporary songs with a Christian message designed to spread the ideas of peace, love and brotherhood and bring joy to our audience," explained Defendorf.

In April, Joy's record went on sale and was very successful. They appeared on the Eddie Meath Show Memorial Day and

the Fourth of July. During such appearances they play a variety of instruments: three guitars, string base, bongo drums, a tambourine and a trumpet; during Mass they use only the guitars.

Joy can be heard every Saturday at St. Helen's 5:30 Mass. They also perform at nursing homes and weddings. Anyone interested in purchasing Joy's record or employing them can call Defendorf at 663-9550.

## An Appalachian Experience

An area nun, priest, and students recently spent a week working with the poor in Appalachia.

Father Neil Miller of St. Lawrence Church, Sister Gloria Ruocco, a teacher at Cardinal Mooney High School and eight high school students drove to Berea, Ky. June 26 to take part in the program sponsored by the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP).

When he returned to Rochester July 3, Father Miller reported that Father William Beiting, president of CAP, divided the group to work in three different areas.

Father Miller and Mary Colavito were assigned to St. Clair's Church in Berea.

"It worked with the Bible school in the morning," he explained. "About 100 kids, most non-Catholics, came in from the mountains. In the afternoon I visited homes and Mary worked as a seamstress.

"John Gallagher, John Worden, Marcia Still and Joanne Vandevalk were sent to Our Lady of Mount Vernon Church, Mount Vernon, to paint barns and houses and to do ground work.

"Tom Koch, Steve Fisher, Linda Jones and Sister Gloria spent the week in Lancaster, at St. William's Church. Linda and Sister Gloria sorted clothing in preparation for a rummage store and the boys worked on a dairy farm."

"By keeping things going," Father Miller explained, "we helped. All who went worked hard and enjoyed their stay, the kids felt they were accomplishing something and wanted to stay for a longer period of time."

Father Miller said there were "125 volunteers from all over the U.S., while we were there, for varying periods of time."

"The trip was an experience that we will never forget. It made us aware of the tremendous poverty existing in our country," Father Miller explained.

"At the various centers we lived community life as we met volunteers from all parts of the country and learned to live,



In front of St. Lawrence School just before leaving are, front row, left to right: Father Neil Miller, Linda Jones, Marcia Still, Joanne Vandevalk, John Gallagher, Sister Gloria Ruocco. Back row: Thomas Koch, Steve Fisher, Mary Colavito, and John Worden.

work and pray with them. All of us were required to do a full day's work.

"To finance the trip, the boys and girls held fund-raising

projects," Father Miller continued. Donations were also received from the Rosary-Altar Society, parishioners and friends, and we are grateful to them for their contributions."

## Jewish Groups Laud School Aid Decision

New York —(RNS)— Nine national-level Jewish organizations have joined to endorse the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that struck down two state laws providing aid to non-public schools.

In a joint statement, they agreed also to oppose any further efforts to obtain public funds for parochial and private schools.

At the same time, the Jewish groups strongly endorsed the concept of non-public education, declaring: "We firmly believe that a sound and effective system of Jewish education is indispensable to the creative survival of American Jewry. However, it is the responsibility of the Jewish community, not agencies of government, to finance Jewish educational institutions."

The Supreme Court action referred to in the statement came in a June 28 ruling against supplemental state payments to teachers in non-public schools in Rhode Island, and "purchase of secular services" for non-public schools in Pennsylvania. The High Court said these laws produce "excessive entanglement" of church and state, to the detriment of both.

The Jewish organizations welcoming the court action are: American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'Nai B'rith — Anti-Defamation League, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., National Council of Jewish Women, Union of American Hebrew Congregations and United Synagogue of America.

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## Deaths

### Sr. Rosella

Mass of the Resurrection was offered Aug. 6 for Sister Rosella Howe, of the Sisters of St. Joseph, at the Motherhouse on East Avenue. Sister Rosella had taught for more than 50 years in diocesan schools at Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart, Rochester; SS. Peter & Paul, Elmira; St. Patrick, Mount Mor-

ris; St. Mary, Waterloo; St. Mary, Dansville; St. Joseph, Wayland, and St. Mary, Canandaigua. Her last assignment was at St. Francis Xavier, Rochester, 1957-66.

Born in Rochester, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1905.

Surviving are a brother, William Howe of Rochester; four Sisters, Mrs. Alice Ladd, Rochester; Mrs. Clare Ellsworth and Mrs. Ida Kinsky, Paulboro, N.J., and Mrs. Laura Welch, Olean.

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