

# 20 Years in the Front Lines

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Mrs. Rickard talks of the changes in religious education with equal enthusiasm. The title of the new religious program is "Come To The Father," and the whole theme is love, she explained. "There is no more catechism that taught only fear of God, punishment and sin; and very little memorization. There is no mention of a soul either, because first graders can't comprehend it."

Commenting on the discipline that Catholic schools are noted for, Mrs. Rickard said "the knuckle-cracking era is definitely gone." And she explained that it is up to each teacher to maintain discipline, not the principals, because if a teacher doesn't establish discipline they won't be able to teach.

Mrs. Rickard has noticed a change in children in the past few years. "Now when they come to us their vocabulary is much bigger, they are more outgoing, more responsive, and



MRS. RICKARD

have traveled more seeing more things first hand," she noted.

She credited "good use of television" (such as Sesame Street) for the extended vocabularies. And emphasized that traveling is the best thing parents can do for children, saying: "Kids today have a much broader perspective in everything, but they need it and the sooner it is developed the better."

One trend in education that Mrs. Rickard disagrees with is starting children in nursery school at three years old. She points out that "a great change takes place in a child between the ages of five and seven, independence develops, and they need this maturity."

"Our system definitely needed to be revised," she continued. I hope soon there will be no tests. Marking systems in the first grade have changed but, I don't approve of examinations at all, they are unfair things."

Mrs. Rickard graduated from Nazareth Grammar School, Nazareth Academy and Immaculata College in Washington, D.C.

## SARAH CHILD All In The Family



Jean Kerr is a writer and party giver after my own heart. In her recent "Penny Candy", she explained how she went about entertaining.

After some vacillating, she would call up a friend, utter a not so mild expletive and announce in mournful tones that she was giving a party, did they want to come.

I can understand. I feel the same way. It's not that I don't like having people about. I do. And it's not the problem of what to serve. I learned in my college days you can serve pig knuckles and lentil soup to absolutely anybody and get away with it — if you've got enough nerve. And I think I do.

My problem is that as a disorganized housekeeper without parallel I always have the problem of preparing the house before hand.

Now I know there are women who keep house in such a manner that their husbands could call 10 minutes past midnight and say they were bringing 18 people home in less than quarter of an hour for a midnight snack.

In less than 8 minutes these paragons are out of bed, dressed in casual chic, fashion wig on and a cheese fondue thawing on the back burner. Maybe, just maybe she might have to re-fold the evening paper in the family room should anyone wander in there.

There are others, of course who, although excellent managers, refuse to allow any kind of party in their homes without at least three weeks notice. That's how long it takes to do the equivalent of both spring and winter housecleaning to an already impeccable dwelling.

For some reason they must perform such unnecessary chores as cleaning the attic, straightening the kids' junk drawers, and sterilizing the laundry tubs in the basement. It also helps their peace of mind if they can get their husbands to take the car in for a fresh lube job.

My own modus operandi varies somewhat. For example, I consider it important when giving a dinner party to make sure that all the dining room chairs are both empty of model cars and dry to the touch. (The baby does tend to climb on them). It also is helpful to check and see if the missing basket of ironing might still be under the table.

Firmly bolt and lock the family bathroom and clean the powder room, making sure to remove rubber ducky, Sunday's New York Times and six plastic aerosol can tops.

Vacuum living room couch crevices. One indiscreet guest once plunged his hand down and came up with half a hot dog, three M&M's and a sparkler from last Fourth of July.

Place throw rug over spot in front of green chair, draw curtains to hide streaked windows and remove baby from dining room table. Answer doorbell, invite guests in, put house out of mind. Have a good time.

### BISHOP ON RADIO

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will speak on "Priesthood in Crisis" on the Family Rosary for Peace program at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6. The program is aired nightly over WSAY and the Rosary network and Bishop Hogan is guest speaker monthly.



St. Agnes Dollies!

Hello Dolly! breaks into the Rochester high school circuit this week at St. Agnes, with Marilee Dummer, left, and Rhonda Pettigrew alternating in the lead. The musical show, directed by William Andia and Sister Virginia Hogan, is scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 4-6, and 3 p.m. Sunday, at 300 East River Rd.

## Frosh Night At Aquinas

The Freshman Class of Aquinas will hold a "Getting to Know You" night at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 in the Aquinas cafeteria.

The party is for all freshmen and their parents. William McCarthy, a member of the Aquinas faculty, is handling tickets and indications are that a big crowd will be on hand. A buffet will be served, and entertainment by current Aquinas Frosh will follow the dinner. A movie and songfest will also be part of the evening's program.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Fornarola are co-chairmen and are assisted by a committee of frosh parents.

### Thursday Deadline

Thursday noon is the deadline for news and photos for the Courier-Journal of the following week.



## 2 Receive Nursing Caps

Mt. Morris — Two young women, classmates since grade school days, were among the class of 113 students at D'Youville College School of Nursing who were presented their nursing caps at Capping Ceremony at Holy Angels Church, Buffalo.

They are, left, Agnes Mary Beuerlein and Mary Ann Bozette, who were graduated in 1965 from St. Patrick's School and from Mt. Morris Central in 1969. Miss Beuerlein is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frederick Beuerlein, 133 Main St. and Miss Bozette is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Bozette of 16 Hopkin St.

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