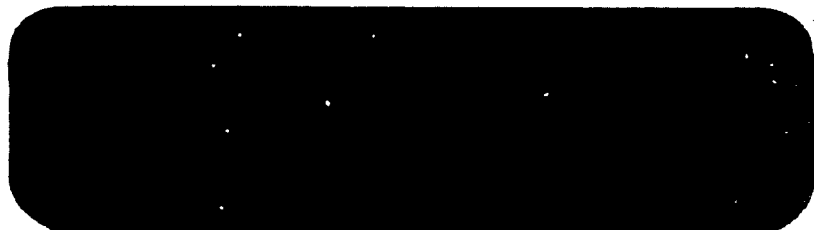




Aboard Ship at Aquinas

Dames at Sea, a musical satire on the foibles of the 1930s, will have its Rochester premiere this weekend at Aquinas. Curtain time is 8:15 Friday, May 12, and Saturday. The sailors shown here are Kathy Smulka, Tom Maloney, Bob Pierce and Jeff Palma, with Edward Heidt of the faculty in the role of Navy captain. Father Leonard Cullen, director, has the help of former as well as present students in this production. Marilyn Schneider devised the tap routines and soft-shoe dances.



Religious Educators Hear Sister Esther

Ithaca — Sister Esther Corkburn met recently with members of Catherine of Siena parish to discuss the direction of religious education programs in the parish.

Sister Esther is the consultant-coordinator of religious education for the five counties of the Southern Tier and a member of the Christian Formation Board. She said that nearly ev-

ery parish she knows is having a problem finding catechists for next year and that, consequently, parishes are beginning to rethink their religious education programs.

A big problem in present programs, Sister Esther said, is the conflict between "old" and "new" approaches to religion. Most parents grew up equating faith with a body of information; their children are learning that it is rather a way of life, and this difference in approach can lead to conflict within the home and parish, she noted.

In seeking a solution, the last place to start, according to Sister Esther, is with the children's religious education program. If we educate only the children, they will work in a vacuum; there will be no "lab" (i.e. home that nourishes what the child has learned in the classroom).

Young people learn faith through liturgy and the atmosphere of the parish and home, Sister continued, and she recommended a multi-level adult education program for each parish. She suggested experimentation, observing that both dish-to-pass suppers and lectures on St. Thomas Aquinas can be considered adult education. The parish should appeal to as broad a base as possible and make every effort to build a feeling of community, she said.

In the past, Sister Esther added, religious educators took too much of the responsibility of educating children in their faith, and parents let go too much. We have come, she concluded, to see that without parents' active cooperation and continued education, religion programs for children are doomed to failure.

Ithaca Area Notes

Ithaca — St. Catherine of Siena Parish Council will meet at 8 tonight, May 10, to seat new members, elect officers, and establish parish priorities for 1972-73. All parishioners are urged to attend.

The next Baptismal Mass at St. Catherine's will be the 10 a.m. Mass May 14. Parents of children to be baptized will meet at 9 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in the parish center.

The annual meeting of St. Catherine of Siena Women's Council will be held Tuesday, May 16, in the parish center.

Penn Yan — The Catholic Daughters have scheduled their state convention for May 13-17, at Swan Lake Country Club in the Catskills. Two area representatives that will be attending are Mrs. Ignatius Scott and Mrs. Michael Legault.

Penn Yan — Church Women United recently hosted a Fellowship Day that included a worship service, dialogue, and refreshments. Mrs. David Clements, retiring representative from St. Michael's Parish, is being replaced by Mrs. Robert Chrosniak.

Penn Yan — A steering committee has been organized at St. Michael's for the purpose of inaugurating a parish council. Chairman is John Quinn, and secretary, Margaret Calder. Interested parishioners are asked to place their names in nomination by obtaining 20 signatures on a petition. It is hoped that at least 20 petitions will be received. Ten parishioners are to be elected.

ACT Votes Gift To Group Home

Ithaca — The ACT annual banquet at Danby Federated Church drew representatives of 25 churches, who voted that the money collected at the previous annual meeting be given to the Group Home for teenagers.

Sheriff Howard thanked ACT for their help in paneling the new recreation room at the Tompkins County Jail and for their cooperation in establishing a rehabilitation program. Father David Mura, assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, is chairman of the jail service program.

Mrs. Raymond Loehr has been elected chairwoman of the 1972-73 executive board. Other New executive officers are Mrs. James Colt of Ludlowville, Mrs. William Bishop of Lansing, and Francis Schaefer of Trumansburg. Mrs. Clinton Parker, Ithaca, was elected to another term of office, and Mrs. Glen Stewart was appointed executive secretary.

ACT (Area Congregations Together) now has representation from 32 religious congregations in Tompkins County.

FR. KAISER NAMED

Father Joseph W. Kaiser, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Kaiser of Parkwood Avenue, Brighton, has been named pastor of St. Peter Church, Geneva and St. Peter and Paul Church, Virgil, Illinois. A Rochester Native, Father Kaiser was ordained for the Rockville Illinois Diocese in 1955.

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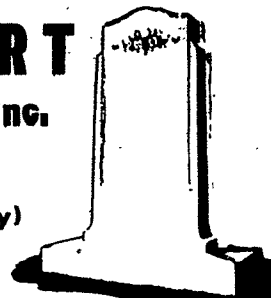
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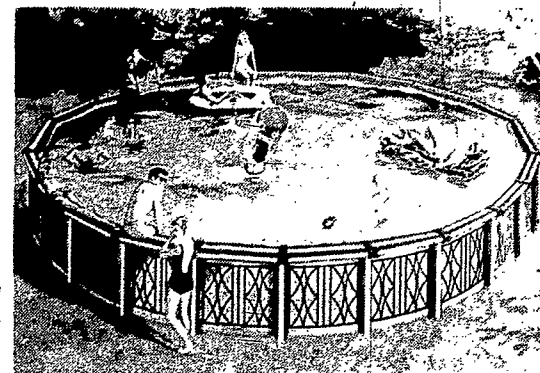
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