

## Good Grief, Charlie Randisi!

By CHARLES RANDISI

Once upon a time, about a week ago, there lived in the Flower City a flower beyond a honey bee's sweetest dreams.

She called herself Sleeping Beauty, and she was traveling with the 1972 Disney on Parade that hit Rochester Aug. 29-Sept. 3.

It was love at first sight.

But how could I let her know that such a mundane being as myself was in love with such an other-worldly creature as herself?

Besides, she is married to a handsome prince, name of Philip. She also is at least 116 years old. How would it look in the headlines of any self-respecting newspaper if I was to have a love affair with a married woman of uncertain age, but unqualified beauty?

I suppose part of my attraction to this fair dame was the sad story she told me of her life. When she was born to King Stephan and Queen Carole, a feast was planned for her christening. Her three fairy godmothers, Flora, Fauna, and Merriweather, came to bless her with all the virtues one could wish for.

But a wicked woman, Maleficent, who was not invited to the christening, crashed the party and put a curse on her. Maleficent said that Princess Aurora, as the child was called, would touch a spindle at the age of 16 and die.

So Merriweather, who had not yet given the princess her blessings, because of the rude inter-

ruption, said that she would not die, but would sleep for a hundred years.

Kind souls that they were, the fairy godmothers took poor Sleeping Beauty (still awake) to the forest with them to protect her until her 16 birthday.

But, sure enough, when that fateful day arrived, Princess Aurora pricked her finger on a spindle and, to Maleficent's glee, she and the entire kingdom fell into a sound, deep sleep.

The rest is history. One hundred years later, Prince Philip, the sleeping princess' one and only, killed Maleficent, awakened the princess with a kiss, they married, and everyone lived, as they say, happily ever after.

"How happily?" I asked her, looking for a loophole.

"Very happily," she answered, "it's been wonderful."

Curses! What was I to do? I had to tell her somehow that I had fallen madly in love with her.

So I grabbed her shoulder and kissed her passionately. (See photo.)

And zap! As quick as you could say zip-ah-dee-doo-dah, I turned into a hideously ugly frog.

Rideep.

**Editor's Note** — Readers will be glad to learn that our reporter remained a frog only until payday, at which time he miraculously sprung up into a full-sized Charles Randisi with his hand out. He is again living happily ever after.



Sleeping Beauty (real name, Dee Dee Bozikis), and Randisi.

## County Home, Hospital Gets Parish Council

A first in the parish life of the residents of the Monroe County Home and Community Hospital occurred recently when the new parish council held its first meeting.

A Mass to honor the Holy Spirit was followed by the election of officers. Gladys Scholer of the Women's Home was

elected president, Marian Valenza of the Hospital, vice president, and Sam Giambra, also of the Hospital, secretary.

The inauguration of a parish council in a hospital setting could be difficult due to patient turnover. However, since many of the residents of the County Home and Community Hospital

are chronic care patients, their stay is usually of long duration. Therefore the establishment of a parish council in such a long term community living situation holds great promise.

The council consists of 12 members and 12 alternates who meet on the first Friday of each month with the chaplain.

Father Bruce Ammering, and with the sisters and seminarians who work with him. Each member represents one of the floors of the Home, Hospital, ICD, CLU, Annex, or Crossroads division.

Sharing of ideas on liturgical participation (Mass and sacraments), ongoing religious educa-

tion (homilies and Bible study), ecumenical services, and parish social events give each person an opportunity to give of himself and contribute to the growth of the Church.

Ages of the members range from 25 to 80 which lead to a great deal of lively discussion.

## Two Women Take on New Challenges

### To Get Blacks To Identify With Church . . . and Vice Versa

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Lorraine Piotter, a convert to Catholicism and a veteran in church and community involvement, has recently joined the Office of Human Development's staff as the executive coordinator for the Black Lay Catholic Caucus (BLCC).

Mrs. Piotter has six children ranging in age from 12 to 25. She served six years as chairman of the Council of Catholic Women, an organization of 900 women, two of whom were black. She also was president of the now defunct Catholic Interracial Council.

She sees her new role as involving the black Caucus in Catholic and non-Catholic local programs, such as Fight, Welfare Rights and Rochester Inter-Courier-Journal

faith Jail Ministry, "to really become an integral part of the community."

The purpose of the local BLCC which is part of the National Black Lay Catholic Caucus, she explained, is the development of black lay leadership in order to have an authentic black contribution to the Catholic Church without ceasing to be black.

There are 400 black Catholic families in the diocese, estimates Mrs. Piotter. "I feel the caucus has great potential for involving blacks in the Church."

She praised the 25 to 30 ambitious men and women who regularly attend BLCC meetings, saying, "They are willing to work, they meet whenever necessary which often means a few

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### To Reach Out To Elderly

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Sister Judith Reger, SSJ, would like to see the Church be more relevant to elderly people by reaching out to them before they end up in institutions. And she is just the person to do something about it.

Sister Judith is the Office of Human Development's newest staff member and her concern is for the elderly of the diocese.

A native Rochesterian and graduate of Nazareth Academy and Nazareth College, Sister Judith taught school for four years before going to St. Louis University for sociology. She goes to OHD from St. Ann's Home where she was a social worker doing counseling with the ill, convalescing and the families of the elderly for four years.

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