



All in the Family

Fifteen of their 16 children and two of their seven grandchildren help Victor and Generosa Rivera celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary at Holy Redeemer Church Sept. 16. The Riveras' 16th child couldn't make the ceremony at which her parents renewed their vows — the seventh grandchild was being born in Chicago.

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...about Co-Pastorates?

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Sister Mary Consilia, RSM,

RACL Elects Woman

The Rochester Association of Catholic Laity (RACL) has elected Michelle (Mrs. Noel) Shuell its new president. A charter member of the organization, Mrs. Shuell has been active during the past year with a study committee reformulating RACL goals and priorities.

The first woman president of the organization, Mrs. Shuell says:

"Primary emphasis will be on service to the parish, and family, and the community at large. While continuing to speak out on matters of concern to the Catholic laity, RACL will emphasize positive action."

Activities will be undertaken and supported in the areas of parish relations, spiritual life of the family, concern for the poor, and Catholic education. Increasing and broadening the membership of RACL will be a primary goal.

Father Hedges Named State CDA Chaplain

The New York State Court, Catholic Daughters of America, announced recently that Bishop Joseph L. Hogan had designated Father L. John Hedges as chaplain.

Father Hedges has been pastor of St. Charles Borromeo, Greece, since 1968. He has served parishes in Ithaca and Brockport and Old St. Mary's Rochester. From 1952-1968 he was chaplain at the University of Rochester and worked with students to form the Newman Center.

Interviewed by a member, he said, that as state chaplain he hoped to pay special attention to liturgy and to bring the best of Vatican II to the Catholic Daughters.

He commented, "I am truly grateful to the Catholic Daughters for the help the State Court has given to the bishops of New York through their donations to the Seminary Fund." Each Diocese in the State is given \$2,500 a year to help educate seminarians.

CORRECTION

The correct date of the annual Seton Sale for the benefit of St. Mary's Hospital is Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Holiday Inn Downtown. The date in last week's centerfold was wrong.

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principal of Our Lady of Mount Carmel school, said, "I think it's a good system. But whether it would be good for every parish depends on whether the people are ready for it."

Although RACL was founded independent of the official structure of the Church as a vehicle for articulating the "sensus fidelium", recent years have seen increasing communication develop with official diocesan organizations. Re-emphasis of the organization's original goal, namely renewal of the Church from within, is seen by RACL leaders as particularly appropriate during the diocesan year of renewal.

Serving with Mrs. Shuell will be 1st vice president, John Schottmiller; 2nd vice president, Sue Carrington; treasurer, Terry Flynn; and secretary, Sister Margaret Hall. The office of past president is held by Bob Fien. The elected board of directors are Phillip Beers, Ann Currier, Janet Hardies, Margaret Joynt, Raymond Kenny, Marion Koller, Peter Kress, Sarah McLaughlin, and John Owen.

"Here," she continued, "the priests meet weekly with the staff, so that everyone knows what's going on."

She also mentioned that Fathers Booth and Tracy are able to divide up the work evenly. For example, Father Booth works closely with the school, and Father Tracy, knowing Spanish, devotes more time to the Puerto Rican community.

Sister Barbara Fox, SSJ, principal of Immaculate Conception school, said, "It's a very good idea. In any situation, you have different talents and abilities. With a co-pastorship, each priest brings a different dimension to the parish, and utilizes his own unique talents and personality."

She continued, "In no situation can every need of the community be responded to. A co-pastorship can serve the community more responsively."

Sister Marie Martin, SSJ, who teaches art at Immaculate Conception, said, "I have found it a very open situation that is easy to work with. You don't feel like you have to go to the hierarchy when there is a co-pastor system. But it's not just the co-pastors, it's also the parish council, which has a lot of responsibility. Everyone feels part of a team."

Pro-Life Groups In The Area

Right to Life Education Fund, Inc. is a non-profit, non-sectarian group whose primary role is to educate all people about the evils of abortion and to promote a pro-life attitude toward human life at all stages, from conception to death.

Birthright is a social action group, originally founded by Right to Life, but now an independent corporation, whose purpose is to give counsel, help, and act as a referral service to pregnant women who are contemplating abortion.

Human Life Committee is a special committee set up by the Diocese of Rochester with the dual purpose of education and social action. Of the three groups this is the only Catholic organization.

HOLY CROSS COED

Worcester, Mass. — (RNS) — Holy Cross is admitting women students this Fall for the first time in its 129-year history. It is the last of the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the U.S. to go co-educational.

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Regionalism

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newal when 300 people from the regional parishes attended the year's kickoff. He reported that many parishes have parish councils or formation committees, but that a few were lagging.

Father John Philipps, coordinator of Monroe County Southeast, said that many regional workshops and training sessions are planned. The first workshop will concern first penances.

Father Henry Adamski, of Schuyler and Chemung counties, said that overall progress is unfortunately very slow in starting. The flood has taken most of the time of community leaders. But, he explained, there is much hope for leadership in Schuyler and Chemung Counties.

Msgr. Mulcahy, executive secretary of the Pastoral Council Formation Committee, then reported that guidelines for regional councils are being prepared and that the coordinators must contribute their experience in this development.

Bishop Hogan said that although regionalization is important, the spirit of renewal in the individual is primary.

Puerto Ricans Remember The Cry of Lares

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Fifty people may not seem like much of a turnout for an independence day celebration, but the independence amounted to only 48 hours in 500 years.

In 1868 a small band of Puerto Ricans rebelled against Spain, who ruled them at that time, and took the town of Lares. After the battle the revolutionaries seized the city hall and proclaimed Lares independent, calling it the Republic of Puerto Rico.

Two days later, however, the Spanish army captured all the revolutionaries and retook Lares.

"But we still celebrate Grito de Lares (The Cry of Lares) as one of the most important events of our history," explained Julio Vasquez, Ibero American Action League's community organizer.

If you were riding down Clifford Avenue or North Street last Saturday about 2:30 p.m. you

would have seen part of the celebration.

Twenty men and women carrying two flags, Puerto Rico's present flag and the flag of Lares, followed by six horn honking cars, marched from the Ibero American offices to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

"When the revolutionaries took Lares they had a priest celebrate Mass for those that died in the battle," Vasquez said. "Therefore we celebrate Mass. It's the most important part of the day."

Mass was celebrated in Spanish by Father Laurence Tracy with the music of guitar, tambourine and maracas.

Domingo Garcia, executive director of Ibero American Action League; Rafael Santiago, cultural expert; and Eugenio Marlin of the Dominican Republic bade the people to remember the city of Lares, the bravery of the men at Lares and follow their example of bravery.



St. Joseph's Enrollment

The 64th class at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing is one of the largest in the school's history. Sister Remigia McHenry, director of the school, attributes the increase to the emphasis on health careers. The class of 1975 consists of 57 young ladies and one male student.

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