

A First at St. Bernard's Nun Receives Degree

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will award Bachelor of Divinity degrees to 22 candidates at St. Bernard's Seminary. Now in its third year, the BD program will this year include for the first time a woman, Sister Gratia, a Sister of Mercy.

The convocation will begin with a solemn procession introducing the Liturgy of the Eucharist, to be celebrated in the Seminary Chapel, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The conferral of the degrees will take place after the presentation of the candidates by Father Robert F. McNamara. Bishop Hogan will award the degrees and give the homily.

What did her seminarian classmates think of having St. Bernard's first "co-ed" in their class?

"She made a real contribution," one of them said. "It was always interesting to listen to

her insights, as a woman and as a nun. It's a tribute to her that we never felt embarrassed by her presence, or her questions, or her contributions to class activities."

And what did Sister Gratia think of her three years as an extern student of theology?

"It's hard to assess how much doing theology in the seminary has meant to me. For one thing, it has prepared me in a very special way for the work I am engaged in."

Since late summer, Sister Gratia has been working in the Adult Theology department of the Diocesan Office of Education. The BD degree is awarded at the end of the third year of the seminary course. Sister Gratia did not elect to take the fourth year of studies which is required of the men students who are going on for the priesthood.

'Work-Study' Takes Seminarians Far Afield

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program known as the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. (CPE), an ecumenical program that prepares religious for parish ministry, chaplaincy, teaching and counseling by on-the-job training. This type of work is a degree requirement.

This past summer, Robert Gaudio of Rochester, class of 1973, worked in Sacramento (Cal.) Medical Center. Michael Krupiarz, '75, of Rome, N.Y., worked at Hartford (Conn.) Hospital. Robert Kennedy, '73, of Rochester was in Boston at Massachusetts' General Hospital, and Timothy Dawes, '75, of Pultneyville, spent his summer in New Orleans at a parish community center (not part of the CPE program).

All agreed that the summer experience gave them an understanding of themselves they never had before. And that is exactly what the program is designed to do.

For all but one of those talked

to, the summer program was not the first time "out in the field." Locally, seminarians have worked in the Family Life Office and DePaul Clinic and done practice teaching.

But their summer experience was not quite like the work they will be in after graduation, either.

As Bob Kennedy put it, "The weakest point of the program was the fact that we were in such laboratory conditions, allowing for intensity but also for an unreal situation."

"We are not always going to have such support of other chaplains or the benefit of group dynamics type collaboration," Kennedy said.

The students that worked in hospitals had similar summers. Their day was made up of counseling patients, attending lectures and participating in group sessions to discuss each other's counselling techniques and determine why they reacted as they did to the patients' problems.

Eastern Church Offers Lectures

A series of lectures on the Eastern Orthodox Church will open tomorrow night, Oct. 12, at the parish center of St. John's Orthodox Church, 855 South Goodman. The public is invited, at no charge.

The lectures, on five successive Thursdays, will begin at 8 p.m. and be followed by coffee and question and answer periods. Titled generally Five Avenues to Orthodoxy, they will deal, in order, with feast days, history, the Bible, the Creed and worship.

The series was arranged by the Eastern Orthodox Priests Fellowship, whose executive secretary is Father George Brunish of the St. John Fisher College mathematics department.

Mission Sunday

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Church's own society — for mission support."

In the words of Pope Paul in his Mission Sunday Message to us all: "All Christians are obliged to work for the missions in accordance with their means: some can do it by preaching, or teaching, others by writing, others by manual work, some by contributing money, others by contributing their time. . . . Please join us this year in making Oct. 22, a day of love without frontiers — of people helping people."

CDA to Mark National Day

Court Our Lady of the Cenacle, CDA, will celebrate National Catholic Daughters of America Day Sunday, Oct. 15, with a 9 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's Chapel, Rochester, and breakfast at the Inn on the Campus.

Court Fitzsimons will mark the day with Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Rose Church, Lima. Afterward, members will be guests of Court St. Michael, Penn Yan, at an afternoon and evening of recollection at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua. Dinner will be served at 6.



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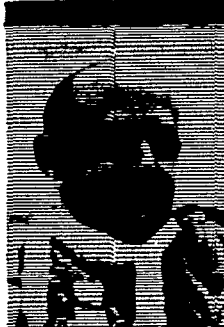
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Twice Daily 9 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

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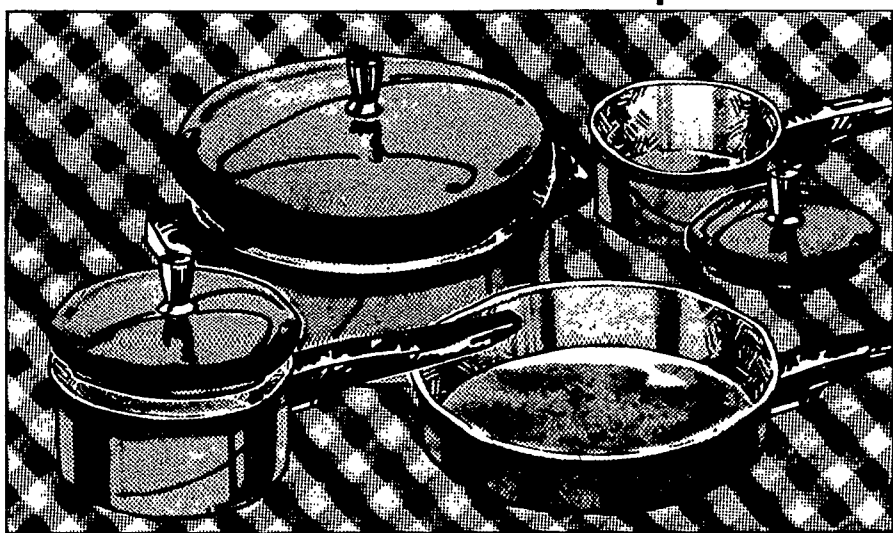


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