

Sister Norberta Notes 75 Years

Sister Norberta Prinz recently celebrated the 75th anniversary of her reception into the community of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester.

Sister Norberta came to the United States from Germany at the age of 16 in 1897 in response to a request made by a representative of Bishop Bernard McQuaid who had visited the boarding school where she studied and had graphically pictured the need in America for Missionary workers who to help teach and convert souls.

On arriving in Rochester, Sister Norberta was received on St. Joseph's Day, March 19, into the Sisters of St. Joseph. She worked for some time at the old Boarding School associated with Nazareth Academy and while there gained a mastery of the English language. Sister also worked many years in Wayland, at Corpus Christi parish in Rochester and has spent the last 16 years at St. Agnes High School in Brighton.

About 10 years after her departure, Sister Norberta was followed to America by her younger sister, who is Sister Laurentia also a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph and who has lived and worked at St. Ann's Home on Portland Avenue. The Sisters made one visit home to Germany in 1957 as a celebration of Sister Norberta's 60th anniversary, and have kept in close



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touch with all their relatives who live in Germany.

The Sisters at St. Agnes High School where Sister Norberta lives together with some of her close friends celebrated the Jubilee occasion on beginning with Mass celebrated by Father Walter Cushing.

Sister Norberta is well known throughout our area for the interest, concern and kindness she has always shown to all the people with whom she has come in contact.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan has extended his blessings and best wishes to Sister Norberta on behalf of the people of the diocese.



New State Officers

Father Peter G. Young, right, president of the Albany Diocesan Priests Senate, has been elected president of the Priests' Council of New York State [PCNY]. He is pictured here with Father John Fagan of Brooklyn, executive director of PCNY which represents the Priests Senates of the eight dioceses in New York State.

Rome Slams 'Recorded' Confessions

Vatican City [RNS] — The Vatican City daily newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, has branded as "foul" and "sacrilegious" a report that two Italian writers had allegedly tape-recorded confessions made in churches throughout Italy.

It was commenting on a report carried in a magazine, L'Espresso of Rome, which claimed that 632 "confessions" had been taped by Roberto Valentini and Clara Di Meglio, writers of a book, "Sex in the Confessional," which they plan to publish.

The magazine said that the writers planned to publish 112 dialogues out of the 632, that they are reported to claim had taken place in confessionals.

Extracts from several of the purported confessions, which were printed in L'Espresso, dealt mainly with sexual problems as told by married men and women to priests in the confessional booth.

L'Osservatore Romano said in an editorial that it was unable to say definitely whether the two journalists had "simulated the sacrament of Penance" 632 times, had bugged the confessionals and taped genuine confessions without the knowledge of the priests, or had "invented everything."

"Regardless," said the editorial, "it cannot fail to offend deeply the conscience of every believer and indeed every civil conscience."

Under church law, the editorial pointed out, the "Seal of Confession" is binding not only on priests but on anyone who in any way has learned of what was said in the confessional, and that those who knowingly and willingly violate confessional secrecy are subject to grave church censure.



Catherine Long, an active member of the Democratic National Committee for more than 20 years, will open Nazareth College's Week for Women with an address at 8 p.m. Monday, April 9, at the Arts Center. She is the wife of Rep. Gillis W. Long [D]La. and was his office manager during last year's election campaign. Scheduled to speak at 8 p.m. April 12 is Carole Taylor, who chaired the National Women's Political Caucus last month in Houston. Miss Taylor, director of community affairs in Gov. Rockefeller's Women's Unit, is president of the Coalition of Black Republicans.


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