



LORRAINE SEKEL

Local Junior Miss St. Jude's Member

Lorraine Sekel, a senior at E.J. Wilson High School, Spencerport, was selected the 1974 Rochester Junior Miss in October.

Her awards included a \$500 college scholarship from the Rochester JayNees and Jaycees. She also received awards for placing first in the Talent, Youth Fitness, and Poise and Appearance categories.

She is a member of St. Jude's Church, Lyell Avenue, where she teaches fourth grade CCD classes and leader of the parish folk group. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sekel of

Spencerport.

Lorraine plans to pursue a degree in music at the Boston Conservatory next year. She sings and plays clarinet, guitar, and piano. In the talent presentation at the contest, she sang an original song while accompanying herself on guitar.

Lorraine will represent Monroe County in the New York State Junior Miss pageant in February.

Runners-up in the Rochester pageant were Gigi Theofanis of Pittsford, and Beth Herdle of Irondequoit.



Accepts Check

Father Robert L. Kress, pastor of St. John's, Port Byron, accepts a \$1,500 check for the building fund from the Altar and Rosary Society. The presentation was made at the annual Christmas party by Miss Josephine VanAcora, Mrs. Laura Gibson, Mrs. Sandy Guidone, retiring president, and Mrs. Josephine Falsey.



ON THE RIGHT SIDE Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

What do you think of 1973?

It was a weird year. The awful corruption in places of trust has undermined the confidence of the people. The continuing destroying of the unborn is a continuing horror. I suppose in history the surgical rooms for the destruction of the unborn children in the '70s will be paralleled with the Nazi crematoria of the '40s. Sincere Ecumenical efforts have been damaged by the division made by abortion. In the world scene, we see wars and teetering on the edge of more wars.

Yet there are good things. We are out of Viet Nam. The Church's Human Development programs manifest a practical concern for the dignity as well as for the material needs of the poor. Despite the attacks on the Church and the Holy See by elitist writers and lecturers, The People hold fast to the traditions handed down. (2 Thess. 2) While church attendance is down, it is far from out. More people are vitally involved in Church activities. Marriage Encounters, Teen Seminars, Cursillos, study groups flourish. Pro Life groups increase in number and effectiveness. Bingo and fund raising events indicate the devotion of people to their parishes. Legions of Mary continue their quiet work. There is a catholicity about our people's involvements. We do seem short of saints; but Mother Teresa, Dorothy Day and the Jim and Mary Unknowns in every parish sanctify and inspire us.

Any suggestions for 1974?

Yes. A convert-editor wrote: "You know what is the most common regret? It isn't over what people have done. It is over what they have not done. And the time that people are most concerned about this is when someone close to them dies. Again and again, I've heard people say in anguish that they wish somehow they had told that loved one or friend how much they care for them. They wish they had shown gratitude for things that had been done for them."

An example: A year ago I received word that Father John Stack of Birmingham, Alabama, had died. I was filled with regrets, because I had not gotten to see him even though he was sick for some time. When I was stationed at Napier Field near Dothan, Alabama, in the '40s his rectory in town was open to our men and to me with a cordiality for which we were very grateful. Now that he has died, I regret greatly not to have expressed better our continued good memories of his kindness. Everyone has similar experiences, and similar regrets.

But don't people know our love without talking about it?

We should not take it for granted. How many marriages would be better if couples would better express their love. Francis

WELFARE DEPARTMENT SEEKS FURNISHINGS

Area householders gave more than 1,000 used refrigerators, stoves and other home furnishings during the year for the use of welfare families. Nevertheless, the Monroe County Department of Social Services needs still more of these things, according to James Reed, director.

"Our workers often come across families who have no way to store and cook food, or who do not have beds to sleep on," Reed reported last week. He asked that people who are discarding appliances and furniture do so through the department's home economics division, telephone 442-4000, which will pick up and deliver.

adds: "When you love someone then you shouldn't be afraid to express your love. There are many people in our lives to whom we owe gratitude and fail to express it. Parents, children, a neighbor, a teacher, a friend in the past; there must be hundreds who deserve our gratitude. So, I'd like to make a suggestion. Think awhile about people you love, who have served you during your life. Then sit down and express your love. Do not wait for the special occasion."

A holy monk who sends me an occasional letter usually concludes with a post script which is both funny and wise. His last was: "P.S. The trouble with the world is so much apathy . . . But who cares?" So as you go through your memories and find people whose goodness has blessed your life, do express your thanks. In the words of the late Father Byrne of Ithaca: "Do it now. There is danger in delay."

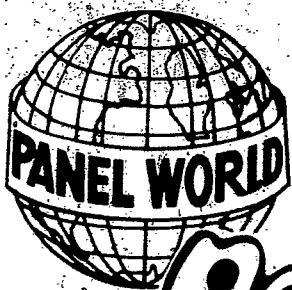
Delegate Sees Laymen Key to Priest Shortage

San Juan, P.R. [RNS] — The new Papal Delegate to Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, Archbishop Giovanni Gravelli, said here that the shortage of Catholic priests in Latin America does not present the Church with such a serious problem as many believe, since much work can now be done by laymen.

He noted that lay members of the Church are now being selected for posts as deacons who can preach, distribute Communion and fulfill other functions while the priests act as guides and animators of church activities.

"Now," he said, "a layman can assume many of the tasks that have traditionally been left in the hands of the priests."

Things will change in a few decades, as the effects of Vatican II are felt, he said, and more lay members will work with priests.



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