

Evaluating Group Lauds Mercy High

Our Lady of Mercy High School "stands as a fine alternative to the public school system," according to a report from an accrediting association.

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Sister Mary Bryan, principal of the girl's school, recently announced that the faculty had received the complete report submitted by the chairman of an evaluating team for the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Examiners commended the institution for its "Spirit of Mercy" among students, faculty and administration. Also noted was the school's use of community resources, the quality of the facilities and equipment of the Media Center, both the Science and Home Economics departments and the campus in general.

Cited favorably in the report,

signed by Albert B. Jacobs, director for Secondary Education of the Wissahickon School District in Ambler, Pa., were the autonomy of the various departments to develop their own programs, the school publications, student activities and modular scheduling.

Recommendations made by the committee corresponded with those made by the school personnel in a self evaluation last year.

In conclusion, Jacobs stated, "Our Lady of Mercy High School stands as a fine alternative to the public school system, meeting the specific educational needs of a group of students whom it serves well. Such institutions must exist — the educational system of this country must be pluralistic, not monolithic. It must be said, even in an official report, that the visit to Mercy will always be remembered as one of the chairman's finest professional experiences."



Father Malanowski

St. Bernard Alumnus Confirmed in Post

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — The Senate has confirmed President Nixon's nomination of Chaplain (Col.) Thaddeus F. Malanowski, a Roman Catholic, to the grade of brigadier general, with assignment as deputy chief of chaplains for the U.S. Army Chaplains Corps.

At the time of his nomination, Chaplain Malanowski, 51, was serving as deputy staff chaplain, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army. He is currently in the process of being transferred to Army Chaplains Corps headquarters here.

Born in Stamford, Conn., Nov. 20, 1922, the new deputy chief of chaplains completed his seminary studies at St. Thomas Seminary, Hartford, Conn., and St. Bernard Seminary, Rochester, N.Y. Chaplain Malanowski was ordained in 1947 in Hartford and entered the Army chaplaincy in September 1950 after serving civilian parishes in Southington, Conn., from 1947 to 1948 and in Middletown, Conn., from 1948 until 1950.

During his more than 23 years of active duty in the United States Army, Chaplain Malanowski has held assignments both overseas and in the United States.

SENIORS' FITNESS CLASSES MOVING

The Tuesday-morning physical fitness courses for middle-aged and senior adults currently being held at Maplewood Center will move permanently on March 5 to the new South Avenue Recreation Center, 999 South Ave. The larger facility will permit expanded services and more personal attention, according to Wanda Brown of the Recreation Bureau, who directs the program. Classes meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday. There is no charge and no gym clothes are required. For registration: 461-4970 after 2 p.m.

KC Brotherhood Week Begins March 24

The week of March 24-30 has been designated as Knights of Columbus Brotherhood Week, in honor of Rochester organizations engaged in promoting charitable programs beneficial to the community.

Rochester Mayor Thomas Ryan, Jr., and Monroe County Legislature President Joseph Ferreri have officially proclaimed the week.

A K of C dinner-dance, in culmination of the week, will be held March 30 at the Towne House Motor Inn, 1325 Mt. Hope Ave. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and State Deputy Anthony Caramelo will be among dignitaries in attendance.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m., followed

by dinner at 7:30, and dancing at 9.

Reservations for tickets, \$15 per couple, must be made in advance with ticket chairman Timothy Halpin, 73 Kings Lane, 266-5684, or auxiliary state chairman of council activities, Thomas Grosodonia, 241 Oak Ridge Dr., 342-2514.

PUBLIC HEARING

Joseph King, chairman of Monroe County's special committee on mass transportation, will convene a public informational meeting at 7 tonight in the County Office Building, 39 W. Main, room 407.

The committee is interested in hearing testimony from citizens' groups, organizations or individuals. They have been charged with studying existing transit services and determining the County's proper role in mass transit.

WORD FOR SUNDAY

Sunday Readings: (R1) Dt. 26:4-10; (R2) Rom. 10:8-13; (R3) Lk. 4:1-13.

In the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II devoted a special paragraph to Lent. The Lenten Season has a two-fold character: (1) it recalls Baptism and prepares for it; and (2) it stresses a penitential spirit (#109). Accordingly two themes are highlighted in the Lenten liturgical readings: Baptism and Penance.

Baptism is God's new and final covenant with man. Before this covenant, however, God had made many other ones with man. These other covenants of the Old Testament are a great help in understanding God's final covenant made at Baptism. Consequently in preparation for Easter, the Church recalls the covenants of the Old Testament to unfold the stages of God's plan for our redemption as well as to instruct those to be baptized. Thus the Old Testament readings for this year recall the ancient creed of Israel (First Sunday of Lent), then the covenant with Abraham (Second Sunday of Lent), the covenant with Moses (Third Sunday of Lent), the first Passover in the Promised Land (Fourth Sunday of Lent), and the promise of a new act of God to renew His people (Fifth Sunday of Lent).

The second readings of these Sundays harmonize as much as possible with the Old Testament readings of the Gospel passages.

The Gospel readings for the first two Sundays of Lent tell of Jesus' temptations and transfiguration according to St. Luke. The Gospels for the remaining Sundays are taken from St. Luke; they deal with a call to penance, the prodigal son, and the adulterous woman.

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday until the Chrim Mass of Holy Thursday. The Alleluia is not used with the versicle of the Gospel acclamation. Passiontide has been suppressed. The Lenten Sundays number one to five. The Sixth Sunday begins Holy Week. It is called "Palm Sunday or the Passion of our Lord," for this Sunday is marked by the procession of palms and the reading of the Passion of our Lord.

In the readings for the Mass of the First Sunday of Lent, both Lenten themes appear. The first two readings, by calling our attention to Israel's creed and to faith, direct our attention to

baptism, which is the sacrament of faith. The Gospel exemplifies the power penance has to overcome temptation. As Christ's temptations followed upon His baptism, so temptation is the sequel to the Christian's baptism.

One thing both the movie and the book "The Exorcist" are doing is to make modern man aware that there is such a thing as temptation, that often the instigator behind the scenes is a demonic power. The evangelists took both temptations and the devil very seriously. Unfortunately, we often do not. Psychiatry and Freudianism have often reduced temptation to libido and science has often relegated demonology to horror fiction.

No wonder the great sacramentals of the Church like Holy Water, the Rosary and the Scapular have fallen into desuetude. No wonder so little penance will be practiced this Lent.

One of the basic reasons the Church insists on penitential practices during Lent is that we all shall be buffeted by temptations. Not once, mind you, nor three times, but to our dying breath — "He left him to await another opportunity."

Someone said the devil never sleeps, nor does our flesh nor does the world. Penance will not only neutralize these promptings, but will open our hearts to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

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