Wednesday, March 27, 1974

Deaths

Holy Year Pilgrimage Chrism Mass in Geneva

Sister Mary Kathleen Murray, a Sister of Mercy for 47 years, died March 16, 1974, at Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Road. The funeral Mass was celebrated there March 18.

Sr. Kathleen, RSM

Sister Kathleen was a native of Buffalo. During her 40 years of active apostolate, Sister Kathleen taught in parochical schools across the Rochester diocese, from the heart of the city at Mount Carmel to the Southeastern tip of the diocese at St Patrick's, Owego. She served ten years at St. John the Evangelist, Rochester, and seven years at Mount Carmel.

Other assignments were at St. John's, Clyde; St. Ann's, Hornell; St. Cecilia's, Elmira; St. Charles, St James, St. Andrew's, St. Thomas the Apostle, Holy Cross, Our Lady of Mercy Elementary, all of Rochester; and St. Mary's, Corning. Because of illness, she had-lived in semi-retirement at the Motherhouse since 1967.

A new human relations program, the Green Circle, designed to instill positive attitudes in young girls, is illustrated by Mary Ann Braun, a volunteer trainer demonstrator. The Green Circle program is based upon the She is survived by two brothers, John R. and William Murray; two sisters, Mrs. James Molloy and premise that children's attitudes toward minority groups Mrs. James Quinlivan, all of Buffalo and several nieces and néphews.

Sr. Alphonsa, SSJ

The funeral Mass for Sister Alphonsa Marie LeFrois of the Sisters of St. Joseph was celebrated in the Motherhouse Chapel Saturday, March 16, 1974. Msgr. Albert Schnacky con-celebrated, with Fathers Paul Schnacky, Vincent LeFrois, Frederick Walz, Henry Atwell and John Norris, assisted by Father Joseph Reinhart, Msgr. William Naughton also attended. Many friends and former pupils from St. Agnes Parish, Avon, were present.

Sister Alphonsa Marie served in the schools of the diocese for almost 50 years. She was prin-cipal of St. Lucy's, St. Ambrose, and St. Aloysius, Auburn, before joining the teaching staff of St. Agnes School, Avon Earlier she had taught for 21 years at St. Joseph's, Wayland, and for a shorter period at the old St. Agnes Grammar School on East Main, Rochester. Sister retired from fulltime teaching in 1966 to assist in the classroom in Avon. In 1972, illness brought her to St. Joseph Convent.

She earned New York State permanent certification for teaching through the training school of her order, a B.A. degree from Nazareth College, and Master of Education degree from the University of Kochester.

The Holy Year idea pilgrimage will take on added dimensions as the diocese convenes in Geneva for the annual Mass of Chrism and blessing of the holy oils.

Representatives from every corner of the diocese, regional coordinators, representatives of parish councils and liturgy committees, members of service organizations, clergy, religious and laity will take part in the rites. scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, at 8 p.m. in St. Stephen's Church

The three bishops, Joseph L. Hogan, Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty; Father Michael Conboy, Bishop Hogan's secretary; Father Douglas Hoffman, director of pastoral ministry; and the ten regional coordinators will concelebrate the liturgy.

The making of a pilgrimage to a holy site is one of the oldest and most universal practices of the

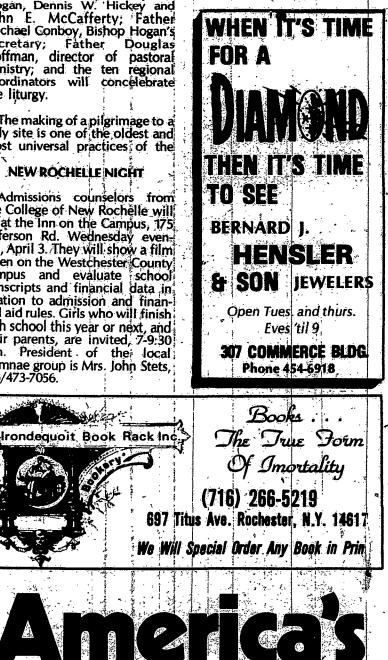
NEW ROCHELLE NIGHT

Admissions counselors from the College of New Rochelle will be at the Inn on the Campus, 175 Jefferson Rd. Wednesday evening, April 3. They will show a film taken on the Westchester County campus and evaluate school transcripts and financial data in relation to admission and financial aid rules. Girls who will finish high school this year or next, and their parents, are invited, 7-9:30 p.m. President of the local alumnae group is Mrs. John Stets, 716/473-7056.

world's great religions. Pope Paul proclaimed 1975 as a Holy Year, he declared its theme as Pilgrimage of the People of God in Renewal and Recon-ciliation.

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Ordinarily, the Mass of Chrism and the blessing of the holy oils is held in the cathedral of each diocese on Holy Thursday. For the past two years, however, Bishop Hogan has called the diocese together in a more centrally located church and on a different day to composite the second different day, to accommodate people travelling from each corner of the diocese.



are determined primarily not by contact with these groups, but by contact with attitudes toward these groups. The Genesee Valley Girl Scout Council is sponsoring the program, launched during Girl Scout Week, Mar. 10-16.

THE OPEN MINDOW

Green Circle of Life

Dear Father Hohman, Regarding your latest answer concerning masturbation [Feb. 27], Jesus answer was, "If your right hand causes you to sin, cut if off and throw it away..." [Matt: 5:30].

I'm not upset when new discoveries give us better insight into the real nature of things. However, I am concerned about so-called modern theology, which deviates from the teaching of Christ.

I'm reading the Bible more than ever in these radical days.

I remain, A member of laity in Christ

Dear member,

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I am delighted you are reading the Bible more Keep up the work But your use of the quotation of Matthew really does not pertain directly and

theology which deviates from the teaching of Christ." Just today I read that Bishop James Rausch, general secretary of the National Council of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) leveled a strong blast at "third parties," neither bishops or competent theologians, who are "assuming a role reserved to the official magisterium in judging the orthodoxy of professional theologians and Biblical scholars. Later in the article, two of these

Now I would like to get to your

concern "about so-called modern

third parties are identified as newspapers. The Wanderer, and the National Catholic Register. Bishop Rausch cites the need of bishops and theologians to work determine what is the official teaching of the Church Your statement about so called modern theology deviating from the teaching of Christ makes you one of those third parties.

Right-wingers have kept up a constant barrage against even the ost competent theologians, which they themselves by no means are. They are saying that unless modern theologians agree with the old time theologians they are heretical. Sheer nonsense. They make no allowance for the evolution of doctrine over the centuries. It pre-supposes that only what was taught between the Council of Trent (1545) and the Second Vatican Council (1962) can be Catholic doctrine.

OUESLION hand. It is a fact that preachers in the past applied the quote to masturbation but it was on the assumption that it was objectively and subjectively always a sin Please remember that I did not write masturbation off the books as a sin. I merely pointed out that it had been treated too simplistically as a sin (mortal) of impurity and that recent studies have led us to believe that many elements must be considered in determining its moral meaning. These considerations, I think, have shown us that the factors involved are not necessarily sexual in content but rather emotional elements which make sin in that case highly improbable if not impossible. Again 1 refer to Father Eugene Kennedy's book What a Modern Catholic Believes about Sex.

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Let me point out in conclusion that even modern scholars and theologians continue to teach the essentials of Christianity, and bring new insights and ap-proaches to these. I do admit that the theologians and bishops should work together more but I. would trust the magisterium to them rather than to less competent people who have a one

Sheer nonsense again.

track mind.

Her survivors are a brother and sister, both missioners. They are Father Bernard LeFrois, SVD, in the Philippines, and Sister Jane, SSpS, in Accra, Ghana.

Greta Lee

Dansville – Mrs. Greta Lee, widow of Clarence Lee, died March 10, 1974, at Conesus Lake Nursing Home. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated March 12 at St. Mary's.

Mrs. Lee was born here and lived in Washington Street. She was a member of the Altar-Rosary Society of St. Mary's.

Survivors are two nieces, Mrs. Vesta Connor and Mrs. Grace Cain, both of Dansville.



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