



Photo by Susan McKinney

"Ole!" smiles Maria Santiago who shows how to snap castanets during Nazareth Academy's ethnic festival.

### Nazareth Girls Stage Festival of Nations

It would have rivaled even the friendliest of United Nations meetings. Blacks, Americans, Indians, Poles, Germans, Irish, Spanish, Italians and Ukrainians sat side by side, laughing and talking as they displayed their wares. Gathered in the senior room of Nazareth Academy last Tuesday were student representatives of various ethnic backgrounds for the school's first Mini-Festival of Nations.

Ethnic awareness was the theme, developed around the cultural make-up of the urban high school. The festival was sponsored by seniors enrolled in one of the human development courses offered by the theology department.

Individual homerooms vied for prizes as they decorated their rooms and nearby hallways to represent various countries. Films on countries and their customs were run off throughout the day. Indian frybread, the clacking of castanets and bright native crafts and costumes contributed to the atmosphere.

Highlighting the festival was a variety show featuring native dances and skits. Senior Joy Rivera, a Seneca Indian, was

### Northwest Lenten Service Planned

A special Lenten service celebrating Christian Unity through the Cross is planned for Tuesday evening April 9 at 7:30 at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, corner of Lake Avenue and Riverside Street.

The Rev. Dr. John Wilkes of Lake Avenue Baptist Church will address members of northwest area churches in this second of a series of ecumenical worship services planned to take place at regular intervals during liturgical seasons of the Church year.

The nine northwest churches participating are Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart, Ascension Episcopal, Dewey Avenue Presbyterian, Grace United Methodist, Lake Avenue Baptist, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Wesley Methodist, and Christ Presbyterian.

All are invited. Child care will be provided.

among the members of the Iroquois Youth Club who demonstrated Indian social dances. "We feel insulted if our audience does not join us," she said. Her three-year-old sister, Sandra, had no qualms about joining in dances with names like Moccasin, Mohawk and Alligator.

Sister Elizabeth Ann LaValley, head of Nazareth's theology department, explained that the human development courses were begun two years ago at the suggestion of two students. The courses are centered around either a task or a concept and include projects dealing with such topics as peace and justice and the religious experience in the neighborhood.

The Nazareth students and teachers raised \$200 as part of a class project during the Campaign for Human Development in November. Half of the money was sent to the campaign and the remainder is being used by the students for their own self-help grants. Miss Rivera was awarded a \$10 grant for ingredients for the frybread that she sold at the festival.

### Monroe County Social Services Asks for Help

The Monroe County Department of Social Services is asking for donations of workable appliances and useable furniture from families no longer needing them. The department's Home Economics Division passes the articles on to families unable to buy them.

Donated items are used to help fill the gap between the number of families who need assistance and the amount the agency can give. It can only provide new appliances or furniture in cases involving burnouts or other catastrophes.

According to James Reed, director, 1,059 items, including 190 ranges, 182 refrigerators, 311 beds and 40 cribs, were donated by local residents in 1973.

To donate items, contact the Home Economics Division at 442-4580. The department arranges for pickup and delivery of furniture and appliances to needy families.

## Bishops Distribute Questionnaire To Priests for Receiving Penance

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — An "educative" questionnaire, designed to help Roman Catholic priests promote "the fruitful reception" of the sacrament of Penance, is being distributed by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB).

Prepared by Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), the form may be used by local bishops to promote diocesan-wide renewal of Penance by having priests' replies studied.

Bishop James S. Rausch,

### Geneva Knights Proclaim April 'Squires Month'

Geneva — April has been proclaimed Columbian Squires Month by Joseph E. La Voie, grand knight of Geneva Council 272.

La Voie explained, "More than 12,000 young men between the ages of 13 and 18 belong to the Columbian Squires — the junior organization of the Knights of Columbus. Approximately 650 local circles (clubs) have been organized and are operating in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. These young men conduct various religious, civic-cultural, athletic, social and service projects during the year."

The grand knight's proclamation pointed out that the first Columbian Squires Circle was instituted in August 1925 in Duluth, Minn., in connection with the annual meeting of the Knights of Columbus. This historic event was preceded by intensive work by a special committee which had been given the responsibility for formulating the youth program.

In the proclamation, La Voie also explained that "the basic format then devised to develop leadership in young men remains the heart of the program today and provides one of the most constructive opportunities for building character, initiative and responsibility in young men."

La Voie stated that "we are privileged to designate the month of April 1974 as Columbian Squires Month and to urge each member of the Knights of Columbus council to participate in the many programs that are being suggested as part of the month-long observance."

Joseph Major, youth director for the council, described the various activities being planned for Columbian Squires Month.

"These programs will include group Masses local and district oratorical contests, a bowling tournament with the Knights of Columbus, a pancake breakfast and a trip to their State Convention," he said.

general secretary of the NCCB, observed that the questionnaire is compatible with current church practice and with the recently published Vatican document on Penance, Ordo Paenitentiae.

Terming the primary purpose of the questionnaire educative, he said "its intention is to call to priests' minds, through the medium of these questions, the possibilities that are available to them in promoting the fruitful reception of the sacrament."

"From this point of view, every priest confessor can profit by the use of the questionnaire to reflect on his own manner of reconciling sinners," he explained.

A lengthy middle section of the form asks for priests' reflections on communal penance services, including how often during such services participants are told of the advantages and meaning of individual confession for spiritual direction. They are also asked how often their attention is directed to the social and ecclesial dimension of sin.

In other sections, priests are asked for background information, a categorization of penitents, and for reflection on such questions as how often they discussed with penitents the nature of sin as an offense against God.

Priests are also asked if they discuss the presence and power of God in the sacrament as a

means of changing penitents or of building new lives for them, and if they engage in spiritual direction in connection with Penance.

In another section, priests are asked to reflect on their preaching with regard to Penance and to indicate whether the frequency of confessions has remained stable, increased or decreased, and to offer possible reasons for stability or change.

The final section, which contains a listing of recent books and articles on Penance, asks priests to discuss their familiarity with these works as well as to cite others they have found helpful.

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