



Way of The Cross In Brockport

Brockport's own version of the famous Oberammergau dramatic Easter presentation took place on Wednesday evening, April 3. At dusk, all of the students from Nativity B.V.M. School, the principal, teachers, and parents and friends joined the priests in the Nativity Church. There began the procession portraying Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The procession, with all the children in costumes, and with even a donkey to make the event come alive, paraded down Monfoe Avenue and Utica Street to the school playground. The children and all who followed the procession joined in the singing.

Once the group reached the school playground on Holley and Utica streets, the actual re-enactment of the Passion began. Father John Philipps, pastor, began the recitation of the Stations of the Cross. Children from the school and some from CCD classes portrayed the entire event. The stations were tableaux made up by the costumed children. At the 15th station, The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus, all proceeded back to the church following the same route and singing joyous hymns, proclaiming our faith to all.

The celebration, planned by teachers Robert Edelman and Janice Reding, with the advice and encouragement given by Father John Philipps and Sister Carole Proia, principal, involved a great deal of work by all of the students and staff, the priests, and by many parents who cooperated in the making of props and costumes. Mrs. Joyce Kempka, Miss Alice Nelson, and Sister Nancy Clark coordinated many of the art and music activities. Mrs. Carol Swanger, Mrs. Mary Rice, and Mrs. Muriel Lang worked on the costuming and on publicity.

An unusual feature of the evening was that 16 boys had an opportunity to play the part of Jesus. During the procession, Jesus was portrayed by Christopher Tenny, and the apostles were played by Richard Jubenville, John Koss, Paul VanHouten, Matthew Hayes, Todd LaDue, Joseph Shanto, Christopher Bartlett, John Saager, Charles Beane, Kenneth Bradt, Daniel Lista, and Joseph Rogers. Jesus was portrayed at the individual stations by Todd LaDue, Michael Hemmerick, Ralph Matsko, Kevin Chechak, Laurence Pospula, Thomas Brook, Willard Prevost, Kevin Bush, Shaun Flanagan, Adam Apton, Andrew Swanger, Donald Saager, Colin Martin, and Howard Bradt.

Other children taking part in the various tableaux included David Lavell, Richard Toole, William Lafferty, Deborah Kuhn, Michele Egan, Margaret Kinsky, Amy Kinsky, Lorraine Brook, Martha Foster, Christine Slominski, Daniel Gaesser, Veronica Toole, Elaine Acker, Christine Meiler, Ann Gauthreaux, Renny White, Ellen Rogers, Janis Beman, Laura Apton, Susan Tortora, Susan Peake, Michele Koss, Alana White, Paul Hoag, Joseph Reding, Jeanette Murray, Colleen Flanagan, Terri Donahue, Brian Chechak, Jean Mary Rombaut, Patrick Hayes, Philip Cole, Daniel Cottom, Deborah Wilson, Duane Thomas, Janine DiLaura, Kathryn Parlato, Kevin Elphick, Michelle McAllister, Sherry St. Dennis, Paul Renner, Kim Fields, and Patrick Cliff.

