

# Holy Childhood . . . Deaths Thoughts of 1994

By CHARLES RANDISI

The "unique dimension" of the Holy Childhood Association, is that it is a "child-to-child" operation.

So says Father Francis Wright, CSSP, national director of the 129-year-old mission society. Father Wright, a Holy Ghost Father who has been at his present job for a year and a half, visited the East Avenue office of Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan missions director, a week ago.

The Holy Childhood Association promotes interest in Church missions among school children in both parochial schools and religious education classes. This year's campaign, with the theme "Share Your Love," spotlights four countries where the need for mission work is especially acute — Brazil, Ethiopia, India, and Korea.

"The Rochester diocese has had a very good track record," said Father Wright. He pointed to the fact that totals raised from this school year's appeal are running ahead of last year's in Rochester. "At a time when schools are closing," he said, "your diocese is moving ahead."

The Holy Childhood Association raises funds for its appeal through schools promotion of Christmas seals,

## Folk Music Group Repays Council . . . and Then Some

A check for \$1,500 was presented to St. Augustine's Parish Council at a recent meeting by Michael Ciminelli, head of the parish's folk group, Sun, as repayment of a \$1,363 loan which allowed them to cut their first album last year.

At the meeting, the group announced that they had sold enough of the \$4 albums to repay the initial investment, and that in addition, they wanted the council to also accept the excess profit of \$155.

The check was accepted by Al Sata, vice president, who took over for Carl Loewenguth, president, ill with the flu.

## Film Festival At Nazareth

Nazareth Academy invites the public to Thursday Nights at the Movies, a series of five outstanding films for \$2.

Evening showings will be at 8, in the school auditorium, 1001 Lake Ave. There will be a 3 p.m. showing, also, and program notes will be provided. A single ticket costs 50 cents.

The program: April 25, I Never Sang for My Father; May 2, High Noon; May 9, The Wrong Box; May 16, The Last Angry Man; May 30, The African Queen.

### MINSTREL SHOW

An old-fashioned minstrel show, in white face, will be presented May 3 and 4 by the Theater Group of St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt Street. Showtime for their seventh annual production is 8 p.m., at Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Rd. Tickets cost \$2 for adults, \$1 for children.

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"adoptions" of children in mission countries, general mission collections, and "mission days."

It's not just fund-raising, by any means, Father Wright said. "The education of our children about the missions is nothing less than absolutely necessary." Through teachers' use of the association's education materials and study guides children are encouraged to develop "a fundamental appreciation of the total Church throughout the world, from Rochester, N.Y. to Moshi, Tanzania."

It is necessary for children, he said, "to develop a sensitivity to others, rather than becoming internal and self-concerned. Nothing stifles growth like total self-concern."

There are tangible results of the Holy Childhood's drives. Father Reinhart said that he had seen schools in Africa that had been built by Holy Childhood funds. Cardinal Maurice Otunga of Nairobi, Kenya, who recently visited here, "told us that the Holy Childhood helped him in his training," Father Wright said.

He also said that the effects of the Holy Childhood Association on American children can be seen as a gauge of the future. "The Church of 1994 is in a sense forecast by the activities of the Holy Childhood in 1974."

The council decided to turn over the excess profit of \$155 to its liturgy committee to be used for church songbooks and music.

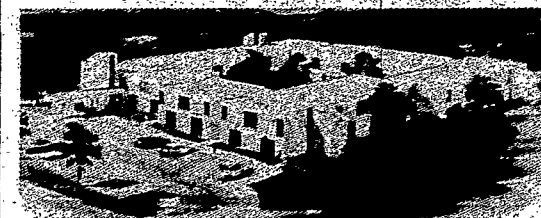
Sun's album contains contemporary folk songs and a medley of Negro spirituals, and was put out by Lifetime Recordings.

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## Sr. Dominic, SSJ 63 Years a Nun

Sister Dominic Burke, a Sister of St. Joseph for 63 years, died March 30, 1974.

Sister Dominic, former director of the Nazareth College library, had been archivist for her community since 1970. She also had taught for many years in grammar schools and high schools in the diocese.

Bishop John E. McCafferty, a former pupil, concelebrated the funeral Mass April 3 in the Motherhouse chapel with Father Timothy McCough, OCD, of Elmira, and Father Joseph Reinhart. Also present were Msgrs. William McNaughton, John Maney and William Shannon; Fathers Robert McNamara and Jerome Schifferli.

Sister Dominic entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1911 from St. Mary's Parish in Auburn. Early in her religious life she taught at the Cathedral Grammar School and then Cathedral High School. She was on the teaching staff at Nazareth Academy from 1923-33, and at DeSales High School, Geneva, 1933-41, in the fields of Spanish and history.

In 1941, Sister Dominic became the director of the library at Nazareth College and organized the moving of the library from the site on Augustine Street to the new campus on East Avenue. She initiated the "treasure room" housing the works of Chesterton, Belloc and Maurice Baring, and established a microfilm library. She also collected letters from famous persons, including those of Bishop Hendrick of the Philippines, who was a native of Penn. Yan. In addition, she established a collection of various editions of the Jesuit Relations, and compiled a section on children's literature.

In 1953 she visited famous national libraries in Europe,

armed with letters of introduction. Her letters from Europe were printed at that time in the Courier-Journal.

Sister left Nazareth College in 1963 to spend the next seven years at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira. In connection with her work there, she pursued further studies in the field of medical librarianship and of modern archives administration and

organized the archives of the Hospital.

Sister Dominic held bachelor's and master's degrees from Canisius College in Buffalo. She also studied library science at the State University College at Geneseo and earned a degree in library science from the University of Michigan.

Survivors are three nieces.

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