



**B.K. Parents' Club**

Anthony Savine, new President of the Fathers Club, and Mrs. John E. [Jo] White, new president of the Mothers Club, discuss future plans of the Bishop Kearney High School Parents Clubs with Brother John A. Collins, Fathers Club moderator [left], and Brother Lawrence A. Killelea, Mothers Club Moderator [right]. The new officers have been working steadily on various events and functions to be held during the coming school year.

**THE OPEN WINDOW**

*Father Louis Holman*

Rivalling Jack Benny in age, I qualify to give you one buck by providing my answer to what the Immaculate Conception, Annunciation and Assumption mean in my life. (A reply to your column of 6/5/74)

Study and meditation on Mary's Immaculate Conception makes vivid in my mind the truth that I, and every other human being who has ever lived, came into this world tainted by sin, unlike Mary who, by special privilege, came into the world with a soul unstained by sin. Through Baptism you and I gained what Mary had from the moment of her conception. Mary carried that immaculate soul through life until she returned to the God who made her.

What a lesson there is here for us — doesn't God expect you and me to do the same? Surely, Father, you who have studied this truth of our faith in much more depth than I, must admit that study and meditation on this dogma is essential if we are to understand our own spiritual origin and that of the Mother of God. This lesson told at a child's level of development is not difficult to understand. True it may not mean too much when the child first hears it, but as the story is retold, the child's developing mind should begin to grasp the significance of it.

What does the Annunciation mean to me? How does it pertain to my personal life (which at the present is that of wife and mother)? If I understand you correctly, you don't believe the study of these great events in Our Lady's life have any relevance to the student's personal life, present or future. I beg to differ with you, Father! The Annunciation means to me that God was so gratified by the simple, beautiful faith of this young woman that He found her worthy to become the mother of His Son. What beautiful example Mary gives to all of us. In Mary's total love and dedication to the will of God we have such a magnificent example of what God expects of us. The more one studies and meditates on The Annunciation, the more one realizes that it was complete trust and faith in the divine will that made her accept the invitation to become the

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**Meningitis Rise Causes Change In Disciplines**

Sao Paulo, Brazil [RNS] — A meningitis epidemic in the Sao Paulo area has prompted Roman Catholic church officials to urge the faithful to stay away from Mass and other church functions.

Cardinal Paulo Evaristo Arns of Sao Paulo has also instructed the priests of his archdiocese to distribute Holy Communion by placing the consecrated host in the hand of the recipient rather than on the tongue.

The Ministry of Health in Brasilia has not given a death total, but reports from here on August 6 said that about 500 persons had died of the disease around the country.

The same reports said that more than 1,600 patients were hospitalized with meningitis in the metropolitan area of Sao Paulo.

Meningitis is an inflammation of the membrane surrounding the brain. The epidemic in Brazil is said to be caused by the meningococcus bacterium, which can be spread through nasal and throat discharges.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Addison — Officers recently elected to the St. Catherine's Parish Council are: William J. Kiefer, chairman; Mrs. James (Sharon) Aumick, vice chairman; Mrs. James (Sheila) Gotshall, secretary.

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The Rochester Area Right to Life Education Committee is sponsoring a paper drive Sept. 21-22 with drop-off centers at the Wegman's supermarkets and several shopping centers. For pick-up call the Right to Life office, 271-2121.

The theme for the paper drive is "recycle your waste paper to preserve our greatest natural resource — our children." Proceeds will be used for the informational activities of the committee.

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