



Photo by Susan McKinney

Seniors Kathy Scarlata, [left] and Elaine Febrey pose with their favorite flavor — chocolate!

Up With Chocolate!

BY SHARON DARNIEDER

From the looks and delicious smell of Nazareth Academy last Friday it was difficult to tell if it was a school or a chocolate factory. Boxes, bags and mounds of chocolate bars cluttered classrooms and lockers as the school kicked off its annual Chocolate Drive, Sept. 20 to Oct. 1.

Sister Jeannine, SSJ, vice principal, said that in 1973 students sold \$47,000 worth of chocolate at a profit to the school of \$22,000 for the operating budget.

The school was number one in the country last year in sales for its time period, according to industry salesmen.

"We sold nine and a half tons of chocolate last year during the seven-day sale," the vice principal said with a smile. "This year our goal is \$50,000. Considering that we don't sell the bars all year and that we only have 850 students people in the industry are really amazed."

"Nobody but nobody with that amount of students sells that much chocolate," she added.

ON THE RIGHT SIDE

Father Paul J. Cuddy

Have you any ideas about the decline in Mass attendance?

Of course. It is largely from loss of confidence in the Catholic Faith. An article in September's St. Anthony Messenger quotes Notre Dame's Father Hesburgh: "Catholics are asking themselves what the hell is distinctive about Catholicism? Why should I be a Catholic?" In this comment, Fr. H. bluntly exposes the fruit of anti-Catholicism, peddled by the ultra-liberal Catholic theologians, by anti-papalists and anti-institutionalists for the past decade.

Oh, you exaggerate!

Nonsense. Where have you been? Read a list of the ultra-liberal leaders of a decade ago, and your heart will weep. Why do you think Commonweal's John Cogley quit the Church? Why do you think Bishop Shannon quit the bishopric to the scandal of the faithful? What do you think the prophets we laud so greatly for their fearlessness and telling it as it was, would have to say? About six years ago I had a letter from a Catholic matron in Louisville. "We sent our son to the Catholic High school. The only texts used for the sophomore religion course were Cox's Secular City and the National Catholic Reporter. Our First Communion Mass was a travesty. Just before Communion the children did a frug in the pews. In this aggiornamento liturgy? I was sick to my stomach. What ever happened to the sweet, innocent love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament?"

About three years ago I watched Sister Elizabeth McCormack and Jesuit Kenneth Baker on Wm. F. Buckley's FIRING LINE. The subject was Catholic education. At the time Sister McCormack was the president of the prestigious Manhattanville College at Purchase, N.Y. It was prestigious not because of the present, but because of the inherited traditions and work of those great Religious of the Sacred Heart who established the college and developed a social elite who were splendidly educated and profoundly Catholic in faith. Sister McC. divested of any religious garb, of

course, was glib of tongue, and quite unsatisfactory in logic. With evident satisfaction she said: "Manhattanville is a Catholic College with a small c. We do not indoctrinate the students with religion." Father Baker, Editor of Homiletic and Pastoral Review, exploded with startled incredulity: "Then what's the purpose of having a Catholic college if you don't have anything special to offer?" Sister McCormack replied: "The students absorb religion from the beautiful lives of the Religious." Both Wm. Buckley and Fr. Baker tried to look polite. Sister McCormack quit religious life about six months ago.

Oh, you make such a fuss about things!

As did St. Paul with the Gnostics and Manicheans; St. Augustine with the Pelagians; Aquinas with Siger de Brabant; as did Newman, Manning, Benson, Chesterton, Knox with the Reformation; as did Maritain and Sigrid Undset with European secularism. Do you think the searching and the finding of the Catholic Faith by these intellectuals was a matter of indifference? Or to quote Fr. Hesburgh in paraphrase: "What the hell is distinctive about Catholicism?"

What do you suggest?

Brother Thomas Guamenta, CSC, until recently of Mooney High School, Rochester, said: "When a youngster says to me: 'Brother, I don't go to Mass anymore, because the Mass doesn't have any meaning to me,' I reply: 'Nothing has any meaning unless you know what it means. And therein lies the key to intelligent, affective Catholic faith.'"

How can I tell if our parish has a good religion course?

Test the children from 5th grade through high school for their knowledge and practice of the two Marian and incarnational devotions Pope Paul asked for last February, viz. the Rosary and the Angelus. If they know them, chances are your parish religion course is in the right direction. If so, bless the Lord, and their teachers.

Dr. Savlov To Address Bar Group

"Of Life and Living" is the title of a talk Dr. Edward D. Savlov will give at the invitation of the Women's Auxiliary to the Monroe County Bar Association, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, in the Town House.

The sub-title is "a positive approach to death and dying."

Dr. Savlov, an associate professor of surgery in the University of Rochester Medical School and a member of the university's Cancer Center, has achieved national recognition for his cancer research. It is unusual for him to speak to groups outside of his profession, ac-

ording to Dolores L. Celli, auxiliary president.

Members are asked to invite their husbands and other guests

and to make reservations with Josephine Taddeo, 288-8275; Jean Iacovangelo, 889-1797, or Gianna Faga, 621-3734.

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