

THE SLOT MAN



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As anyone who is interested can see elsewhere in this newspaper we have completed a monumental survey of our readership. We wanted to find out what our readers thought of our efforts, where we could correct any obvious misdirections, and how we might add to the quality of the paper.

The survey was a great success — not because it indicates strong readership but because so many participated that it assures validity to the results, according to Sister Helen Butler who conducted it for the Rockville Centre Planning and Research Office. Further more, because so many participated it is an indicator in itself of the interest readers have in their diocesan newspaper.

We are making the survey public through the pages of the Courier. I don't know of many businesses, newspaper or other, who would do this. We feel that those who participated deserve to know the results and that all our readers are entitled to know as much as possible about their diocesan newspaper.

It is in that spirit that I would like to say a few things about some of our staff members. Not the so-called executives who receive plenty of notice and not the editorial staff writers and photographers who receive their measure of glory through byline credits, but the "invisible" workers here who make the newspaper the success it is.

For instance, there is Helen Cooper. She is in her 25th year of keeping our books in order and our egos in line. A true newspaperwoman, who knows

that details are all important but still knows how to let the boss know for sure when she feels that there is some problem that must be handled. She has helped keep the paper going through lean and hefty and though there is no question that asks, How do you rate the performance of Helen Cooper?, the staff here knows that the answer should be "superior."

Then there are front office dazzling duo, Lynn Camilleri and Bonnie Bishop who have disarmed many a grouchy complainer and made their day brighter. It is secretary Lynn's warm and courteous personality you meet most often on the telephone when you contact the Courier. But behind that gracious personality works an awesomely efficient mind.

Bonnie principally is the advertising department's Gal Friday and without her things just wouldn't be the same. She keeps a firm hand on sales details, does the dummy makeups, and all in all makes life easier at the paper, particularly for Bill Coffas and Jerry Falzone, our ad salesmen.

Veronica Pinkerton keeps track of the myriad details that get the product circulated. Billing, computer lists, post office, parishes, etc., etc., keep the paper on the road to our readers and Veronica makes it all happen.

But all of the work of everybody would go for naught without our composing room geniuses. In Gary Ayers and Jim Michaelsen, the Courier may have the two best printers in the Rochester typographical union. They put it all on paper and make it look good.

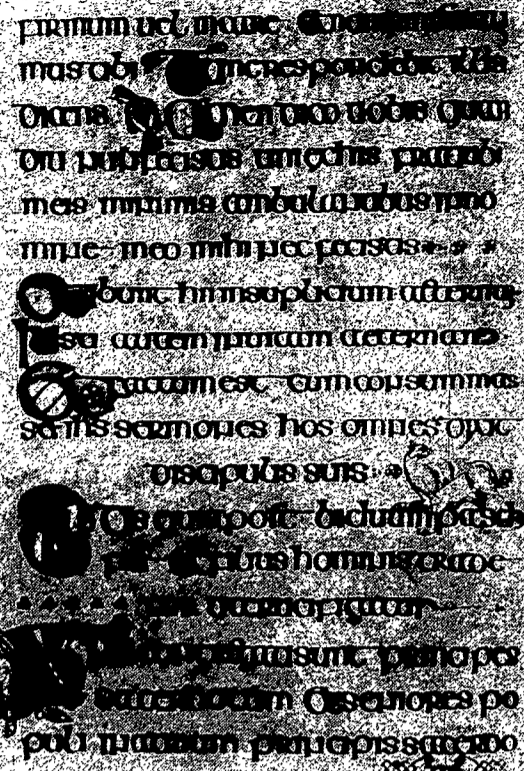
All-around man Scott Schuman and messenger Dave Migliore are the icing on the cake.

Most of these behind-the-scene workers have never had their names in any newspaper, though they make their living putting one out. It is high time they got at least this little of praise. Well done!



The Book Of Kells

Samples from the Book of Kells, one of the supreme masterpieces of Western art have recently been published by Alfred A. Knopf of New York. Left, the illumination of St. Matthew, which appears at the beginning of his gospel; at right is a page from his text. The book was drawn around 800 A.D. by monks at the island monastery of Iona, founded by St. Columba in the 6th century. The monastery was sacked by Vikings in 806, forcing the monks to flee to Kells, Ireland. The manuscript was reserved there until the 17th century when it was removed to its present home, Trinity College, Dublin. It is written on vellum in brown ink.



Hunger Workshops Slated

Ithaca — The cultural, economic and political complexities of the global food situation will be explored in day-long workshops scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 23, in Ithaca and Binghamton.

The purpose is to prepare people to stimulate action in their church, campus and community groups.

Responding to the World

Hunger Issue is the title of the workshops. The Southern Tier Area Council, United Ministries in Higher Education, is the sponsor. The sessions will run from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 315 N. Cayuga, in downtown Ithaca, and concurrently at Beautiful Plain Baptist Church, 49 Pine St., east of downtown Binghamton.

Discussions will be led by several Cornell graduate students and faculty members from

university departments of nutrition, government, agricultural economics and Asian studies.

Participants are asked to register by Nov. 18, and to supply their own lunches. There will be a fee of \$3 to cover materials. Ithaca contacts: Sister Loreta Jordan, 256-7293 or 273-5800; Bill Gibson, 256-4225. Binghamton contact: Ken Carder, 798-2262 or 754-0238.

Musicians To Sing at Mass

The Gregorian Chant Choir of the Eastman School of Music will provide music for a Latin High Mass this Sunday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. at the Cenacle Chapel. The choir, under the direction of Dr. Erich Schwandt, will sing the traditional plainchant as well as figured music of Dufay and Machault.

Celebrating the Mass will be Father Benedict Ehmman, who is acting Newman chaplain for the Eastman School of Music. The Mass, sponsored by the Eastman School Newman Community, is open to the public.

ST. ANTHONY SALE

Rosarians of St. Anthony of Padua Church, 60 Lorimer St., will hold their Christmas sale Saturday, Nov. 16, 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Featured will be baked goods, toys and Christmas decorations, a gift center and "granny's attic."

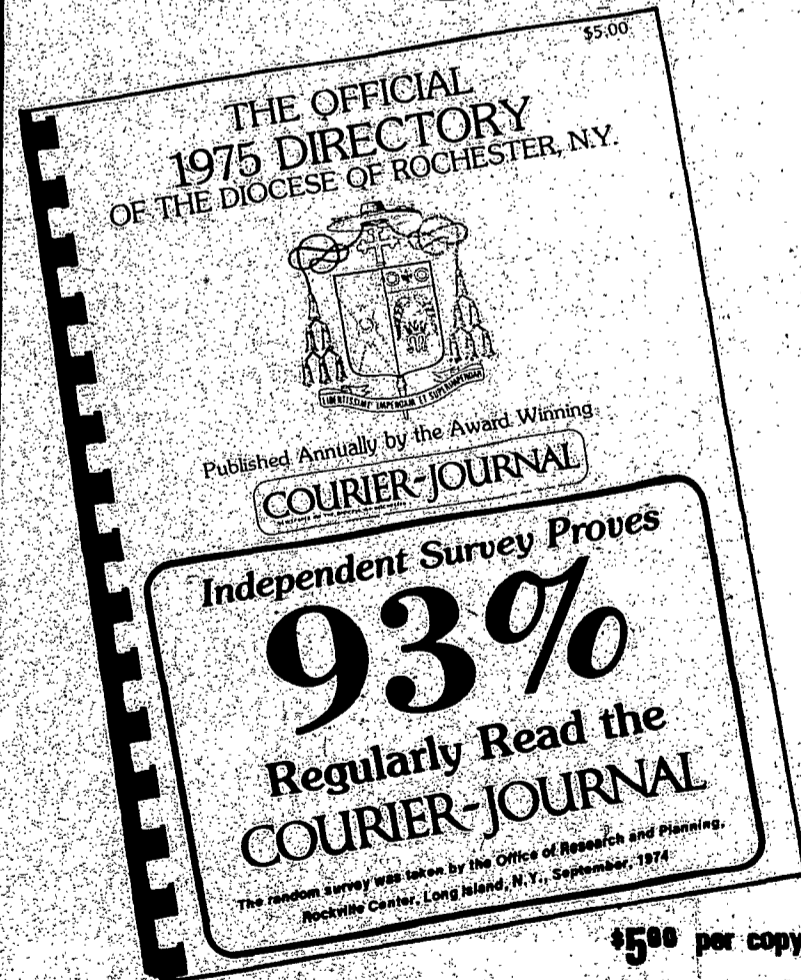
HOLY ANGELS

Mass will be celebrated for the Holy Angels Guild at 9 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at downtown St. Joseph's, now in the gymnasium of the Educational Opportunity Center that adjoins the parish property on Franklin Street. A breakfast meeting will follow at the Colony East Inn, East Avenue at Alexander. Today is the last day for breakfast reservations, through 586-1455.

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