



Bee-Utiful!

The five medalists from a field of 24 eighth-graders in the 18th Annual McQuaid Jesuit High School Spelling Bee. L. to R.) fifth-place finisher William Gehan (Our Lady of Lourdes), winner Christ Koller (McQuaid), runner-up David Kuebel (St. Salome's), and, tied for third, Arthur Melville (St. Louis, Pittsford) and John Sanders (Holy Cross). Koller, of 1744 Highland Ave., had a perfect record in the 90-minute competition. His prizes included a medal, trophy, and \$100 tuition grant. Kuebel, of 425 Holt Road, Webster, missed only on "ambitious." He received a medal, trophy, and \$50 tuition grant.

### St. James Graduation Held

Horrell — Thirty-one St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing students received diplomas at graduation exercises conducted

### Encounter Names Chaplain

St. Louis [RNS] — Father Edward J. Schramm has been appointed national secretary of Marriage Encounter and the national office of the marriage enrichment organization has been relocated here. Father Schramm has been active in promoting Marriage Encounter weekends among Catholic couples here, and is one of a three-member national team.

Marriage Encounter is described as "a movement for making good marriages better," and consists principally of weekend dialogue sessions for couples. The purpose is to help couples confront the deeply personal questions and issues which they usually gloss over in the course of routine, day-to-day living.

Originated in Spain, Marriage Encounter was introduced to the U.S. at the 1967 meeting of the Christian Family Movement. It is estimated that each month 4,500 couples in the U.S. take part in Marriage Encounter weekends. Most are under auspices of religious groups, although there is no particular denominational content to the program.

The national office is located at 10059 Manchester Road, St. Louis Missouri, 63122.

### AQUINAS SPEAKERS WIN 4 TROPHIES

The Aquinas Speech Team brought home four trophies from a recent competition at St. Lawrence University in Canton. Competing with 24 schools from Central and Western New York including five from Rochester, Don DiCennaro, a junior, captured two first awards for radio broadcasting and extemporaneous speaking. Pat Culhane, also a junior, took a second place trophy for impromptu speaking. Kevin Skerrett, a senior, and his sophomore brother, Terry, took the second place sweepstake trophy. Father Stephen Martin, CSB, is moderator of speech and debate.

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Bishop Joseph L. Hogan addressed the congregation, conferred diplomas, gave the Pontifical Blessing and the benediction. He said, "Although all graduations signify achievement, there is something unusual about the graduation of a nurse. A nurse is a special person, she is the healing hand of the Lord."

The bishop told the graduates, "develop yourself to be the best possible person and keep alive in your life the deep sense of dedication." Father William Cosgrove, hospital chaplain presided at the ceremonies. He welcomed the bishop, graduates,

relatives, friends, faculty and students; congratulated the graduates of the school's sixty-third class and assisted in the conferring of diplomas.

Miss Loretta Haeefe, director of the school, delivered the commencement address. Speaking on professionalism, she said to the graduates, "... you are now ready to become registered nurses, professionals in the field of nursing. A professional is a decision maker and it will be up to you to make decisions — make them to the best of your ability, do your very best in keeping your mind toward learning; seek assistance when needed and keep the delivery of the very best in patient care uppermost in your mind."

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Raleigh, N.C. [RNS] — Bishop Vincent S. Waters, for 30 years head of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, died Dec. 3 at his residence, apparently of a heart attack. He was 70. The prelate, who was a strong supporter of racial integration prior to the peak civil rights years and spurred ecumenical awareness in his diocese, was named to head the Raleigh See in 1945 when it covered all of North Carolina. The diocese was divided in 1972 to form the Western North Carolina diocese of Charlotte.

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