



Colorful banners proclaimed their joyful Christmas messages while the gifts of food told of McQuaid students' sharing. Food baskets will be given to needy.



Photo by Susan McKinney

Lionel Young, McQuaid freshman, highlighted the program with his violin solo of "Oh, Holy Night." His music provided background for a narration of the Life of Christ.

McQuaid Makes a 'Joyful Noise'

By JOAN M. SMITH

In a setting of religious festivity reminiscent of medieval times the McQuaid student body participated in a Christmas liturgy on Monday, Dec. 16.

The gym which had been decorated with colorful replicas of cathedral stained glass windows was a scene of happy activity. Lovely strains of "What Child is This" (a 16th Century melody), played by the McQuaid String Band, accompanied the student procession into the gym. As each homeroom carried in its banner, and food basket for the needy there was no doubt the

true Christmas spirit was present — unity.

The gifts, presented during the Offertory, told the story of McQuaid's sharing, while the flags proclaimed their directives in bold variegated print on backgrounds of red, blue, purple, red and orange. Their messages were direct and reassuring: "Joy makes the world go around!" — "Get high on life" — "Christmas is the season, Giving is the reason" — "Be a bear and share."

The McQuaid Glee Club, under the direction of Sister Mary Margaret, sang the liturgy which was concelebrated by resident

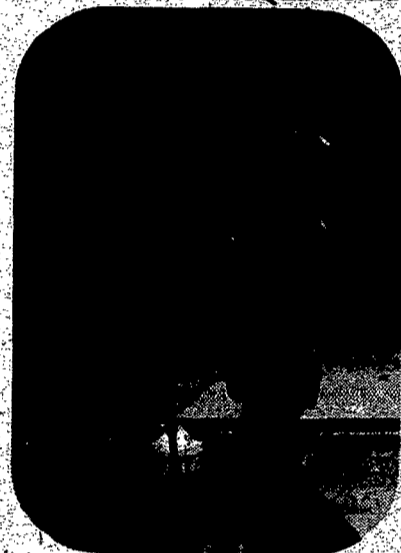
priests. During the homily students were reminded that the banners were just slogans, the food baskets just symbols, and the light they were sharing would be useless unless it was brought to others.

Highlight was freshman Lionel Young's violin solo. His sensitive playing of "Oh, Holy Night" as background music for a narration given by Thomas Seymour gave the final touch to a moving Christmas experience.

What made this unique program operable was three weeks of intense preparation. All student classes joined in the work

of drawing, cutting, painting and pasting. Sister Janice, program coordinator, attributed the event's success to everyone. "The students were phenomenal," she said, "and the faculty were cooperative."

Father John McDonald, rector, paid tribute to the students. He acknowledged he'd been apprehensive about the project, but conceded he had been wrong. "Thank you, gentlemen," he happily commented, "for what we have done here this morning." What they had done was to join with Christ in a spirit of giving in order to "make a joyful noise" for Christmas.



Student placing banner during liturgy procession.

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