

Capitol Letters

In our Declaration of Independence we say, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness—" Yet two years ago, Jan. 22, 1973, our Supreme Court prohibited the protection of unborn children.

With the beginning of the 94th Congress, let each of us commemorate the anniversary of this decision by writing our elected representatives and expressing again our support of constitutional laws that protect all human beings regardless of age or imperfections.

The pressures on our government to broaden the availability of abortion and to detect the defective child and eliminate him will persist. We who realize that this attack on the value of human life strikes at the root of all human values, must be just as persistent in urging our representatives to protect by law every human life.

President Gerald Ford, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20510; Area Congressmen: The Honorable Frank Horton [34th District], Barber Conable [35th], James F. Hastings [39th], William Walsh [33rd], Howard Robinson, [27th] U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

(Compiled by Jeanne D. Sweeney)

Deaths

Sr. Antonia, 64 Years a Nun

Sister Mary Antonia Hyde, a Sister of Mercy for 64 years, died Jan. 7, 1975, at the Mercy Motherhouse on Blossom Road. She was 85 years old. Her Diamond Jubilee in the order was celebrated in 1972.

Father Terence Fleming, chaplain, celebrated the funeral Mass Jan. 9 in the Motherhouse chapel.

Besides being a teacher, Sister Antonia held many administrative posts: principal, vice-principal, superior, councillor and secretary-general of the order.

She entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1910 and made perpetual vows Nov. 16, 1912. She spent 20 years — 1916-1931 and 1950-1955 — at St. John the Evangelist parish, Humboldt Street, where she was principal for 15 years and taught grades 5-8.

Another long stretch of time — 1931-1943 — was spent teaching English, speech, history and religion at Our Lady of Mercy High School, where she was also the dramatics coach for both the high school and the alumnae.

From 1943-1949 she taught English and drama at Holy Family High School, Auburn, and at the same time was principal of the grammar school and vice-principal of the high school. Other schools where Sister taught were St. Ann's, Hornell; St. Mary's, Corning; and St. Mary's Commercial School, Rochester.

From 1955-61 she was both secretary general and a councillor of the order, and local superior of the Motherhouse community. When she retired from full-time work in 1966, Sister Antonia worked in the congregation's Catherine McAuley College. She then served on the Mercy High School library staff in the area of reading guidance until 1972.

Sister Antonia received a B.A. degree from Canisius College, Buffalo, in 1930, and an M.A. in English from Marywood College, Scranton, Pa., in 1932. She also attended Genesee State College and studied dramatics at Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

In 1932, Sister Antonia authored a book entitled "Mercy," heralding the Diamond

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She is survived by a sister, Mrs. William (Frances) Breen of Canandaigua and several nieces and nephews.

Sr. Paula, SSJ

Sister Paula Rosinski, SSJ, who taught at St. Stanislaus for 37 years, died Dec. 30, 1974, after a long illness. She was 86 years old.

Father Joseph Reinhart celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 3 at the St. Joseph Motherhouse. Msgr. William Naughton and Father Frederic Walz were present.

Sister Paula retired in 1966, after 55 years as a teacher in diocesan schools. A native of Auburn, she entered the convent from St. Alphonsus parish in 1907. Her years at St. Stanislaus were divided into three periods, the latest of which was 1935-1963. She taught at St. Augustine, 1908-1917, and at St. Casimir's, Elmira, for an additional nine years.

Hiram Crosby

Hornell — A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, Jan. 4, at St. Ann's Church for Hiram T. Crosby, 76, of 146 East Elm St., Hornell, who died Jan. 1, 1974.

A native of Pleasant Valley and a resident of Hornell the past 58 years, he was employed by the former Erie Railroad Company and retired in 1967 as a locomotive engineer on the Susquehanna Division.

Mr. Crosby was a member of St. Ann's Church and its Retreat League and was an active member and past deputy grand knight of Hornell Council No. 243, Knights of Columbus.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Stone Crosby; a daughter, Mrs. Helen (Thomas) O'Rourke of Painted Post; three sons, Robert L., Donald G., both of Hornell, Thomas W. of Liverpool; four sisters, Mrs. Mary Gilbert, Mrs. Gladys Rohan, Mrs. Julia Crowe, all of Hornell, Mrs. Adelaide Barnes of Bath; three brothers, Raymond, Leo, both of Hornell; William of Brockport; 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Orff Music Workshop

The Rochester Chapter of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association will hold a workshop entitled "Orff Schulwerk and Its Place in the Church Choral Music Program." The session will be held at St. Thomas More School, Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration will begin at 9:30 and the cost is \$3. The workshop will be led by Sue Ellen Page Johnson, director of the Orff programs at Hochstein Music School and St. Thomas More School. She received her training at the Orff Institute in Salzburg, Austria, and has taught summer sessions in Orff-Schulwerk for church musicians at the annual Choristers Guild Seminars in South Carolina and Washington. The Orff method uses music, movement and speech to develop rhythmic and improvisational skills.

Health Service For The Aging Is Feb. 5 Topic

How accessible is health care to people over 55?

The Monroe County Council on Aging, Inc., Senior Citizen's Action Council, and the Genesee Region Health Planning Council invite people in this age group who are concerned about their health care to attend a community meeting at the Al Sigl Center, 1000 Elmwood Avenue, on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 2 p.m.

Group discussions are planned to deal with both organizational and personal barriers to health care. From these discussions the sponsoring agencies hope to learn what kind of health care older people want.

Wende Sanderson of the Monroe County Council on Aging, Inc. says that lack of transportation and money, and a feeling that today's doctors don't care about the individual are a few of the major obstacles older people face when needing medical care.

Transportation to the meeting can be obtained, if necessary, by calling Wende Sanderson at 454-3403.

MASS FOR THE UNBORN

Canandaigua — The public is invited to a commemorative Mass for the Unborn at 8 tonight in St. Mary's Church, 95 Main St. Father Robert J. Kennedy will celebrate the Mass, at the request of the St. Jude Mothers Circle. The observance marks the second anniversary of the Supreme Court abortion decision.

CWU TO MEET
Auburn — St. Mary's will host the Church Women United sandwich luncheon and business meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. at the church. Mrs. Milo Auchampaugh will install the officers for 1975. Reservations may be made by calling the Volunteer Center Office mornings until Jan. 15 or Mrs. Frank Cranfield after 5 p.m.

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