

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan visited St. Louis School in Pittsford last week to describe some of his experiences when he attended the North American College in Rome last year. Here with photographs and a blackboard lesson he explains the ceremony of opening the Holy Doors in the Vatican and Rome as start of the Holy Year.



Father John Reddington, St. Louis pastor, and pupils look over Bishop Hogan's photo album of his trip to Rome last year.

Bishop Addresses Junior High

Sister Barbara Hamm, principal of St. Louis School in Pittsford, decided to teach the meaning of the 1975 Holy Year to seventh and eighth graders in a big way. She brought in the bishop as speaker.

On Feb. 11 Bishop Joseph L. Hogan lectured to his first junior high class since his ordination as bishop. Besides hearing an explanation of the chronological development of the Holy Year, the 90 pupils saw pictures from the bishop's 1950 pilgrimage and his trip last fall to Rome.

A majority of the photos concerned the Vatican's

celebration of the opening of the 1975 Holy Year. The students seemed particularly fascinated by the Holy Door which Pope Paul VI opened with three knocks as the symbolic beginning of the year's ceremonies.

After the lecture, the bishop answered student's questions and asked them for suggestions on what they could do for the year. Through the discussion, it was concluded that celebration of the Holy Year begins within the individual and spreads outward to the needy. The students suggested visiting nursing homes, corresponding with the lonely, making amends with enemies, self-sacrifice and prayers as ways

to bring the Holy Year closer to home.

"The theme is renewal and we have to keep getting ourselves renewed. Reconciliation means that there are a lot of people that we have to get closer to, and some of them are right here," Bishop Hogan said.

According to Sister Barbara, the idea of having the bishop conduct the religion class sprang from a goal-setting session at the Faculty Day of Recollection.

"We thought it would be a good idea if the Bishop explained

the Holy Year to the kids. Since we are a pilgrimage church, this is a good way to begin our celebration of the Holy Year. If the students understand the true meaning of the year, the pilgrimage that we are planning will mean much more to them," she said.

THE SLOT MAN



Carmen Viglucci

What were you doing in the Summer of 1940? If anything.

Two things happened last week that brought that period back to me.

One, I read Plain Speaking, the book on the life of Harry S. Truman. During the hot months of 1940, he was a 56-year-old United States senator seeking a second term in Missouri against the wishes of most powerful men concerned, including the President who was later to tap him for the vice presidency.

He had little money, so he drove himself around his native state, often sleeping in his car to save expenses. And to open an uphill campaign (and he says in the book that this election was much tougher for him than the famous 1948 presidential try), he used civil rights as the theme of his first speech. Back in 1940. In Sedalia, Missouri. With no blacks present or within hearing.

At the same time, an 18-year-old kid whose second most obvious claim to notice was that he wiggled his hips before he swung a baseball bat was playing for the Albany (N.Y.) Senators. His most obvious talent was hitting baseballs over fences, even though in his Eastern League career he didn't do it that often, 9 one season, 14 the other. Still that was more than anybody else.

The young Ralph Kiner eventually went from Albany to Toronto to Pittsburgh and last week to the Hall of Fame. I spent a good part of the Summer of 1940 watching Ralph Kiner swing at baseballs, seeing some 45 of the 70 home games Albany played that year. And it was and still is good.

Perhaps someone will tell me why it strikes me as intriguing that at the very same time an 18-year-old Ralph Kiner was beginning a highly successful athletic career, a 56-year-old Harry Truman, all but washed up, also was headed for a somewhat auspicious career of his own.

Only in America.

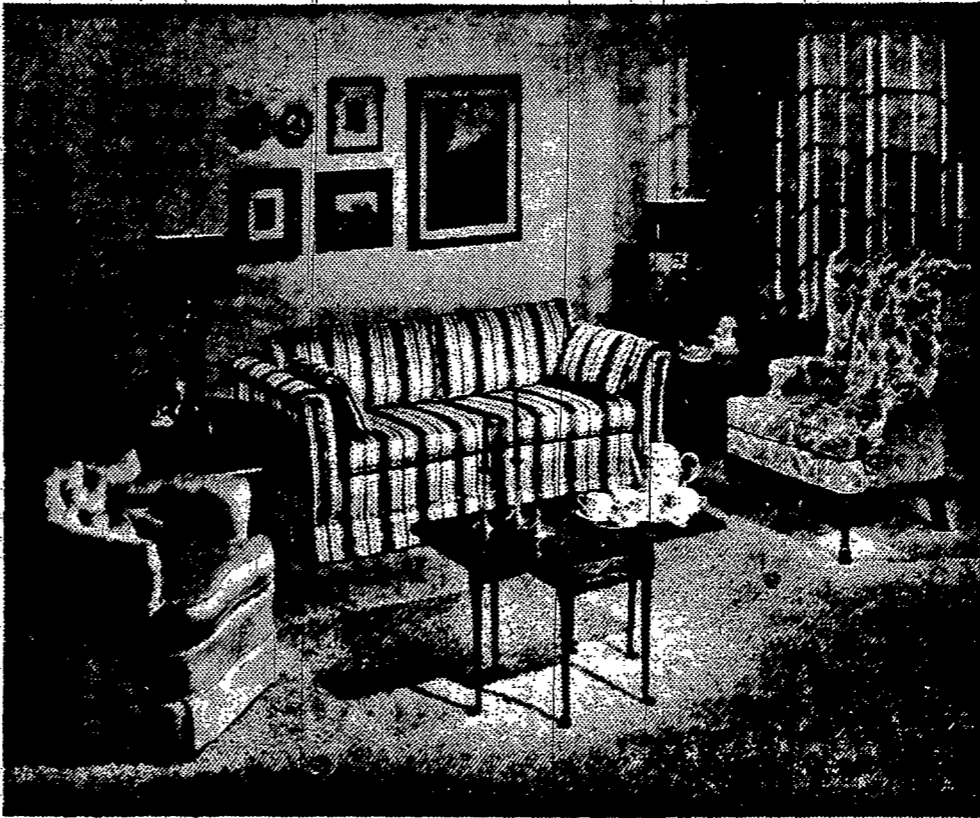
Generally unsigned letters wind up in the round file — often without being read. Every once in a while you get caught. Like last week when someone, apparently without the brains to form his own thoughts, clipped someone else's letter out of another newspaper and dared us to print it. "Dared" because it was critical of our bishop.

This secret person apparently does not know that our bishop has never been afraid of objective criticism. Second, he must not realize that is unethical to clip someone else's letter and try to publish it in that other person's name. Third, in case this person in hiding is able to read, we invited him to write his own letter and sign his own name to it. Then the odds will be considerably less than his 10-1 quote that we will print it.

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