

# Nazareth Teacher Named to Study At Planck Institute

A Nazareth College of Rochester biochemist will conduct research this summer at the renowned Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry in Munich, Germany.

Sister Therese Lang, assistant professor of chemistry at Nazareth, has received a German Academic Exchange Fellowship for a three-month study visit to the well known institute. The study visit grant also allows for travel within Germany to neighboring universities and research institutes to meet with other German scientists.

While in Munich, Sister Therese will conduct a research project in the laboratory of Dr. Kalus Kuhn, internationally known for his work in the area of protein structure, particularly in the structure of the collagen molecule. Collagen, a fibrous protein, is an essential component of the connective tissue.

Study of collagen's detailed structure and composition, Sister Therese said, is of physiological importance because such studies can throw light on some aspects of the aging process and such health problems as rheumatoid and cardiovascular diseases.



Eastman Musical

Catholic members of the Eastman Children's Chorus who will take part in the Family Christ Mass at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23, were grouped for this photo. Row one (starts at center of picture and runs right): Laura Parsons, 110 Kirk Road; Ann Lachance, 19 Parkland Drive, Fairport; Nadine Monchecourt, 111 Wedgewood Drive, Penfield; Lesli Tette, 50 Ambassador Drive; row two (starts at left of picture): Karen Wirley, 1234 Crown Point Drive, Webster; Lori Frankunas, 695 Stone Road; Ann Benvenuto, 158 Garden Pkwy., Henrietta; Mary Ellen Fitzgibbons, 65 Weston Road; Elizabeth Dooher, 29 Gaslight Lane; Joanne Holiday, 114 Ridgecrest Road; row three: Sheila Palmer, 743 Arnett Blvd.; Jeffrey Johnson, 100 Erath Drive; Michael Giardino, 22 Stonewood Ave.; Dawn Armanini, 460 Pemberton Road; Donna Mobilio, 7 Gatewood Ave. Other members not pictured: Robyn Bloom, 3862 Lake Ave.; Robert Broccoli, 68 Wilsonia Road; James McCorry, 155 Shore Acres Drive. The concert is free.

# Scout Official Disputes Archdiocesan Decision

Philadelphia [RNS] — A Girl Scout official here has charged that the withdrawal of more than 300 Girl Scout troops sponsored by Roman Catholic parishes from the local council was the result of a misunderstanding by the Philadelphia archdiocesan youth director.

Muriel Lehman, president of the board of directors of the Greater Philadelphia Girl Scout Council, said she is "appalled" that Msgr. Francis X. Schmidt obtained privileged material that was not for public issue and took "two or three words out of context."

She referred to a pilot program called "To Be a Woman," which dealt with gathering information on birth control, abortion, rape and other subjects to win a merit badge. Msgr. Schmidt released an outline of the program to the press recently.

In February, the archdiocese withdrew its sponsorship of Girl Scout troops in 334 parishes and decided to form a new affiliation with the Camp Fire Girls, Inc. The action, announced by Father Sch-

midt, affects some 8,600 girls — about a fourth of all Girl Scouts in the Philadelphia area.

At that time, Father Schmidt confirmed that the split between the archdiocesan Youth Activities Department and the Greater Philadelphia Council on Girl Scouting stemmed from Catholic disapproval of an "awareness" program being developed by the council. That program grew from the earlier and controversial "To Be a Woman" merit badge program.

The archdiocesan official said the subjects in the proposed program were religious matters and said that the Church authorities should have been consulted. He said the outline of the program suggests reading material involving sex and lesbianism.

Mrs. Lehman said the program is only in its formative stages and will be continually revised and changed in future months. She also noted that girls would require their parents' permission in order to take part.

# Deaths

## H.R. Griswold

Hornell — A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Ann's Church, March 6 for Harold R. Griswold, 72, of 41 John St. who died at his home, March 3, 1975.

A native of Buffalo, he moved to Hornell in 1923. He was employed as a yard conductor by the Erie-Lackawanna Railway Company 44 years and retired in 1967. A veteran of World War I, serving in the U.S. Navy, he was a communicant of St. Ann's Church and a member of Hornell Council 243 Knights of Columbus and United Transportation Union.

Survivors are four sons, James, Robert, Paul and Donald of Hornell; three daughters, Mrs. Betty Cipolla and Miss Margaret Griswold of Hornell, Mrs. Rosemary Argentieri of Arkport and 25 grandchildren.

## Mrs. Gessner

Wayland — A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church March 12 for Mrs. Marion I. Gessner, 71, who died March 9, 1975, at Noyes Memorial Hospital.

A native of Wayland, she had lived there all her life. She was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church and a member of the

Altar and Rosary Society. She was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Wayland Chapter of Knights of Columbus, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Wayland Fire Department, the Wayland Golden Agers, the Royal Neighbors and the Ladies Christian Benevolent Association.

Surviving are her husband, Clarence, of Wayland; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Jerome of Wayland and Mrs. Patricia Lewandoski of Fairhaven; three grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Rose Mark of Dansville; a brother, Harold Fox of Wayland; several nieces and nephews.

## Mrs. Sweeney

Hornell — A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 12 at St. Ann's Church for Mrs. Anna Saxton Sweeney, 80, of 71 Washington St. who died March 10, 1975, at the Hornell Nursing Home following a long illness.

The widow of J. Gerald Sweeney, she was a life-long resident of Hornell.

Survivors are three sons, Robert A. of North Hornell, Jack of Phelps, Richard of Silver Spring, Md.; three daughters, Mrs. Robert Dunning and Mrs. Harry Sengstock of Hornell, Mrs. John Dineen of Canisteo; three sisters, Mrs. Lester Cornell, Mrs. Harold Kreason, Mrs. Theodore VanOrder of Hornell, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

# Busy Schedule Belies Talk of Pope's Illness

Vatican City [RNS] — The Vatican has announced a Holy Week schedule for Pope Paul that should lay to rest for the time being the reservations that have expressed in some circles about the state of health of the 77-year-old pontiff.

The Pope will inaugurate Holy Week ceremonies on March 23, Palm Sunday, by blessing palms in St. Peter's Square at 9:30 a.m., then go in procession into St. Peter's Square at 9:30 a.m., then go in procession into St. Peter's Basilica, where he will celebrate Mass.

On Holy Thursday, the pontiff will celebrate Mass in the Basilica at 5 p.m., wash the feet of 12 members of the faithful, distribute Holy Communion, and carry the Blessed Sacrament in procession to the "Chapel of Repose."

On Good Friday, he will preside at the liturgy in the Basilica at 5 p.m., though the service itself will be conducted by Cardinal Giuseppe Paupini.

# St. Thomas HD Group Off to a Good Start

"The Holy Spirit is really moving in this parish. It's a great feeling!" enthused Mrs. Maureen Madonia, newly elected chairperson of the St. Thomas the Apostle Human Development Committee. She reported last week that the committee had completed the training session, selected two projects, and chosen to implement the projects immediately. "I couldn't believe it when everyone said they wanted to start right away!"

The first Human Development committee at St. Thomas began in September, 1973 and lasted until April, 1974, when its four members held their last meeting. Mrs. Doris Jones, the parish council member assigned to the committee, credited the group with laying valuable groundwork and explained that part of their difficulty had been the other church committees were involved in so many projects. She added that the training program was very necessary to the starting of a committee.

This winter, 32 parishioners completed the training course

prepared by the Office of Human Development. Father Neil Miller, Sister Alice Cooney, and Neil Quartier, a third-year student at St. Bernard's Seminary, conducted the three-hour sessions for six weeks.

The training program sought to accomplish four main goals: to build a good understanding of the theology of social mission, to learn skills necessary to deal with other committee members, to acquire research skills, and to spend time in prayer and reflection. The committee also studied possible action projects. Mrs. Madonia said that she learned not only more about the needs that people have, but also "what we have to give."

## A SIGNAL?

Persistent hoarseness or difficulty in swallowing could be a warning signal of cancer. See your physician because only he can tell for sure, the American Cancer Society reminds us.



Parish Stocks Emergency Rations

St. Michael's Parish in Newark has been collecting canned goods monthly since Thanksgiving. The food is given to Father George Wiant of the Office of Human Development in Wayne County for distribution to the needy, or stored in St. Michael's "food closet" to provide emergency relief for neighborhood families. Helping with the food collection are, left to right, Carmon Espada, Bart Bankert, Cornada Espada, Bill Bankert, John Burgess, and Mrs. John Burgess.