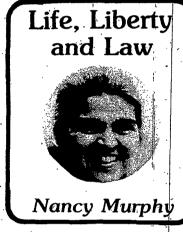


Spring Festival

Thomas Ferraro tips his hat to passersby, drawing attention to the St. Francis Xavier Festival slated for April 18 and 19. Ferraro is head of the committee for the annual fund-raiser.

The church is on Bay Street.



Nineteen years ago a scientific journal stated the now famous 'Murphy's Law' (no kin) as follows: "Whatever can go wrong will."

Today while many contemporary theologians earnestly attempt to justify, in correct behavioral terms, some abortions and some sterilizations and some acts of enthanasia, the World Health Organization has acted directly on similar justifications. With chemical, surgical and mechanical experimentations on suitable control groups of women from various nations, WHO has gone far beyond the expressed justifications and the implied intentions of the avant garde Christian spokesmen.

But things are going wrong. Murphy's Law seems to be intruding.

Some of the WHO task forces reported here (Courier-Journal 11/13/74) met with 'unaccomplications. ceptable. Although WHO does not elaborate, rudimentary knowledge of the human reproductive systems is sufficient for one to realize the possible physical distortions and damage done to hundreds of the experimental women; and it recalls to one's mind the meager concern exhibited for the black male 'subjects' used in the syphilis experimentations in Tuskegee Albama between 1932 and 1972. Some things cannot be reversed.

The WHO task forces referred to are those which focused on human sterilization techniques such as chemical tubal occlusion (blockage); intratubal plugs designed to inhibit or to interfere with sperm or egg flow; electrocoagulation (to change a fluid into a thickened mass) and the use of monopolar (single point) electrodes. The 'unacceptable complications' included toxic reacions, mechanical malfunctions, and cornual pregnancies (abnormal pregnancies). WHO scientists plan to solve the main problems by experimenting with long-term bipolar electrodes or thermal probes.

Another point of WHD concern deals with the programs (initiated in 1974) exploring new approaches to the development of fertility-control vaccines. Admitting that the risks are high, WHO has concluded that such

risks are warranted by the possibility of 'great advantages' for the underdeveloped nations. Problems are evident too in both early and delayed post-abortion complications including the 'possible increased risk of intertility' following first pregnancy abortions as well as later ones.

Murphy's Law?

Although drug firms are not specifically identified, the World Health Organization is apparently having a degree of difficulty in that area too. The long-term progestational agents necessary to the research are difficult to obtain and some described as having slight promise are unacceptable because WHO has been unable to secure public sector rights.

Interestingly, no concern has been expressed about the availability of funds. And no concern is directed toward the women involved, or their physical, emotional and physchological health (so much a part of the Supreme Court decision); no concern is shown for the husbands, families, existing children or communities. The single response has been to try a new theory, a new chemical, a new approach, a new group.

ol cannot stop the research. I cannot erase the concepts. I can neither divorce UNICEF from WHO nor dissuade Catholic school superintendents from supporting them. Nor shall I try.

But this generation of Americans cannot cry as did our brothers in silent Germany thirty years ago, "We did not know." For we do indeed know the extent to which our generation has gone in order to eliminate the next generation, more conveniently, more completely and with less compunction than any generation before us, with impunity.

#### Helen Power Named to College Board

Helen B. Power, who served more than 11 years as a member of the State Board of Regents until her resignation last month, has been elected to the Nazareth College of Rochester Board of Trustees, Judge Emmett J. Schnepp, board chairman, has announced.

In making the announcement, Judge Schnepp said, "I-know I speak for the entire college community when I say that Nazareth is delighted to welcome a person of Mrs. Power's integrity and expertise to its Board of Trustees. With her knowledge and experience in the field of education, she will be a tremendous asset to the college and I'm certain all members of the board look forward to working with her."

# New Hymnals Due for Use In Dansville

Dansville — Following a great deal of study of hymnals for use in the Mass, St. Mary's Parish has selected Worship, a publication of the Gregorian Institute of America.

Worship contains the prayers of the Mass and a wide selection of Hymns. Although the initial cost for the publication was considered high, the purchase was seen as a wise investment since it would eliminate the need for monthly missals.

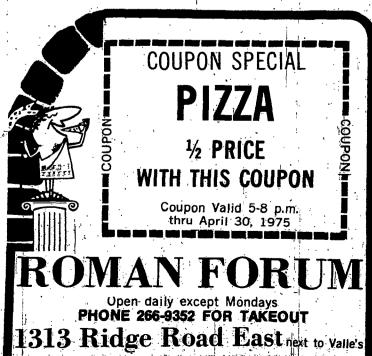
The hymnal selection is highly recommended by the Diocesan Music Commission and will be in use shortly. Members of the study group included Roxy Moyer, parish organist; the Liturgy Committee, Father Richard O'Connell, pastor, and Father William Darling, priest intern.

#### Nazareth Lists Tuition Raise

Nazareth College of Rochester has approved increases in full-time undergraduate tuition from \$2,200 to \$2,340 a year, and in room and board from \$1,350 to \$1,454, according to Dr. Alice L. Foley, president. The increases will be effective this September.

Costs for Continuing Education and graduate students will be raised \$5 per credit hour, Dr. Foley said. Undergraduate parttime students will pay \$60 per credit hour for undergraduate courses and \$70 for graduate courses beginning with the 1975 summer session.

Under the new schedule, the maximum increase for tuition and room and board will be \$244 a year, up from \$3,550 to \$3,794. The total yearly charge for tuition, room and a new 14-meal-per-week board plan, to be initiated in the fall at the request of students, will be \$3,754.





Mrs. Helen Smith, director of the CYO Invitational Cheerleading Tournament for the past 17 years, presents the Congeniality Award to Cindy Struthers (left) and June Englerth of LeRoy Central Varsity. The Silver Cup was retired to LeRoy Central for their fourth consecutive win.

### Franklin Wins Twice In CYO Cheer Contest

Benjamin Franklin High \$chool won two of the four first-place awards in the annual CYO Invitational cheerleading contest last week at RIT. More than 70 teams competed in the tourney, open to all organized high school cheerleading squads.

The Franklin squad won the Varsity Blue competition for teams with eight or more

members and in the Junior Varsity Yellow category for teams of less than eight. The Varsity White division title was won by Mynderse Academy and Bishop Kearney High captured the Junior Varsity Pink title for yeams with eight or more members.

LeRoy High School received the Congeniality Award for the fourth consecutive year.

## Blessed Trinity School To Enlarge Board

Auburn — At the monthly meeting of the Blessed Trinity School Board March 20 plans were formulated for the election of new members to the board, one from each parish. The new members will be elected in their respective parishes on May 15. Richard Boedicker was appointed chairman of the election committee.

Sister Walter Anne reported

that registration for new pupils was continuing during the week. Anyone wishing to register who was unable to come to Blessed Trinity during registration week, may come to school during school hours.

Plans for the General Report Meeting May 20 for the parents and friends of Blessed Trinity were drawn up. There will be a music program presented by the dhildren

### Divorced Women Set Meeting

The Divorced and Separated Women's Group will meet at the Cenacle, 693 East Ave., at 7 p.m. Monday, April 14. The meeting is not restricted to members of the organization, which is sponsored by the Family Life Office.

Sister Eleanor Celentani, SSI, of St. Agnes High School will be the featured speaker. She is a member of St. Joan's International Alliance, a feminist organization. Her talk will concern the role of women in the Church today.

Father Robert Collins, Family Life director, said the meetings usually continue until 10 p.m., with a liturgy, and a presentation followed by discussion and refreshments. He invited all Catholic women for whom the group would be appropriate.

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### Cancer Project Aided by Youth

The Northeast Regional Parish Youth Group will help with the American Cancer Society's "daffodil day" as one of their service projects.

Students from all Catholic high schools will be selling daffodils after masses°in northeast region parishes the weekend of April 12-13.



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