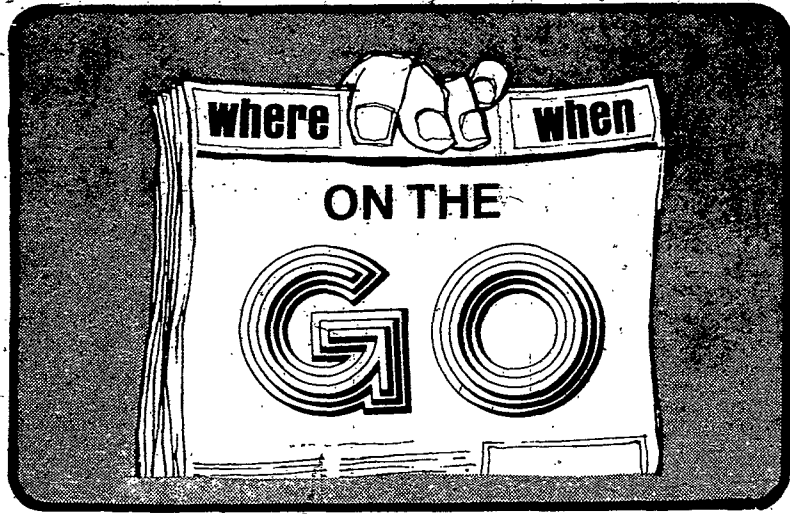


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AQUINAS:
 Wednesday, Oct. 1 — Performing Arts Club performance "The Invisible Dragon", 1:15 p.m.
 Sunday, Oct. 5 — Performing Arts Club performance "The Invisible Dragon", 3 p.m.

BISHOP KEARNEY:
 Friday, Oct. 3 — Carnival workers' party
 Monday, Oct. 6 — Meeting of Faculty Advisory Board and Administration
 Wednesday, Oct. 8 — Yearbook pictures

DESALES:
 Wednesday, Oct. 1 — NYS Regents Scholarship Test — seniors PEP test — freshman

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NAZARETH:
 Thursday, Oct. 2 — Awards for Candy Drive, Convent Day for Seniors
 Sunday, Oct. 5 — Students participate in Walk for Water

NOTRE DAME:
 Saturday, Oct. 4 — Homecoming weekend

OUR LADY OF MERCY:
 Tuesday, Oct. 7 — Area College Night; 7:30-9:30 p.m. in auditorium

ST. AGNES:
 Thursday, Oct. 2 — Shareholder's day
 Friday, Oct. 3 — Opening dance featuring Justin Wiley, St. Agnes gym,

Convent Day At Nazareth

"Do seventy-five Sisters really live here?" "What's it like inside your home?" Seniors at Nazareth Academy will have these questions answered Thursday, October 2, when they and the lay faculty are guests of the Sisters in their convent at 16 Lake View Park.

All classes will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. so seniors and teachers can gather in the convent's large living room to celebrate a special liturgy together at 1 p.m. Games, sing-alongs, and lots of chatter—all topped off with light refreshment—will be a welcome change from the classroom "order of the day" as students and teachers enjoy each other's friendship out of school.

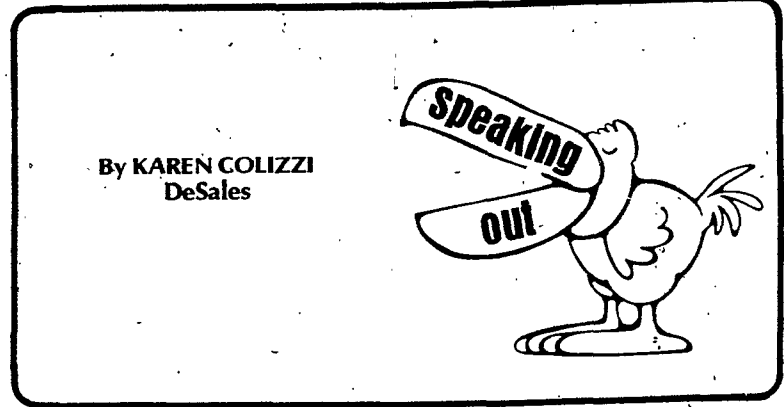
Walk for Water Set for Sunday

The Walk for Water Environmental Festival, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 5, is the major fund-raising event for Delta Laboratories, the nation's first non-profit environmental lab.

Area school representatives have been active in planning for the Walk, which begins and ends at the Community War Memorial.

The walkers will also have a chance to participate in a "Silly Walk" (Monty Python's Flying Circus) contest which will be held on that day from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Registration will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; all 20-mile walkers must register by 10 a.m. Park & Ride bus service will be available from six suburban shopping centers to transport walkers to and from the War Memorial at 40 cents round trip.



By KAREN COLIZZI DeSales

There is a noticeable growth away from parish life these days, especially among students in junior and senior high school. Many theologians are searching for answers. One explanation could stem from the church's ability to be an active part of day-to-day life.

When was the last time that a Eucharistic celebration made you feel anything but bored? When was the last time that you felt as if the priest were talking to anybody but you? If the unfortunate answer is "quite often", then this is the answer!

The church should involve all members as soon and as often as possible. A student who has grown up with the parish as an integral part of life will be less likely to grow away from it in high school and college. The church should grow with its members.

For these reasons, a strong need for youth-oriented liturgy arises, which if geared toward junior high students and young adults could be a valuable link in the parish family.

Every parish should try to reserve one unscheduled time for this celebration. A committee could be formed, made up of students and young adults. The wide variety of books and music now readily available, could be

used to plan meaningful, thought-provoking thematic liturgy.

The order of the mass offers great flexibility. It should be taken advantage of. Variety and personal identification can play a big part in the success of such a celebration.

Why not try having the kiss of peace moved to after the gospel, which could read "a new commandment I give to you, love one another as I have loved you". Or, at the kiss of peace, exchange name tags with a new person in the congregation? Then make it a point of calling that person during the week. It shows how we can carry out, during the week, what we profess on Sunday.

It's a lot of work, and a lot of thought — but the rewards are great. It would bring meaningful, alternative liturgy to all who wish it, and a vital source of life to the parish family.

It has to start somewhere, and if your parish isn't already lucky to have such a program talk to a school faculty adviser who would be willing to cooperate, and make an appointment with your parish pastor. Go armed with well thought out ideas, and present your case.

Youth of a parish have just as much of a right to ask for equal time, why not try it . . . NOW! You've got nothing to lose . . . and everything to gain!!

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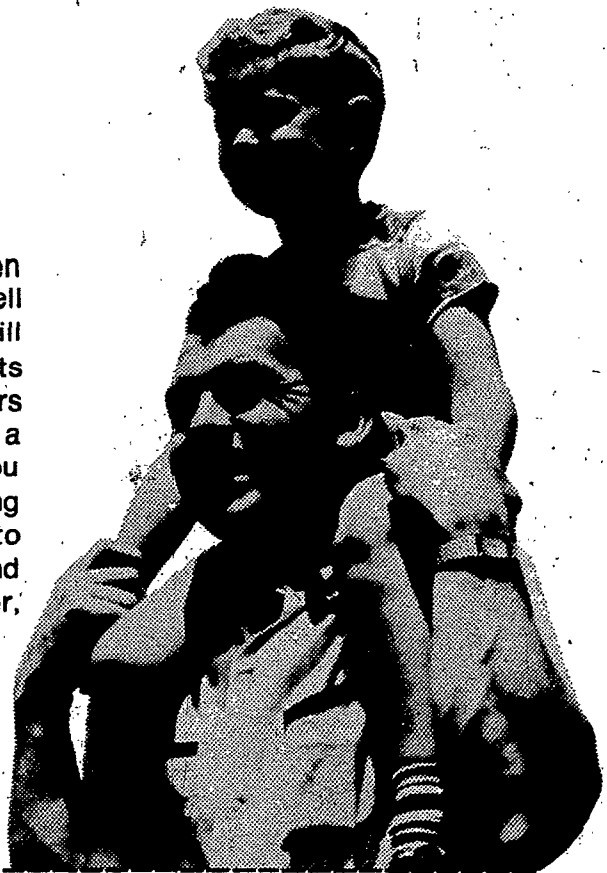
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