



### In Memory

Youngsters at St. Monica's School commemorated the birth of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. a day early, and had a holiday on the actual anniversary, Jan. 15. Preparing for their parts in the program are, left to right, Paul Boutte, Curtis Terry and Shaun Caroline. At right, Teressa George rehearses her poem.

Photos by Susan McKinney



## St. Mary's Volunteers Give Hospital \$79,000

A check for \$79,000 was presented to Sister De Chantal, administrator of St. Mary's Hospital, by Mrs. John Schroth, president of the Women's Board of the hospital, at the annual meeting of the board Jan. 19. The check represented the efforts of all the Seton branches, the Marillac Gift Shop, the Seton Shop, baby portrait program and the Scholarship Fund committee for 1975.

## 2 Mercy Sisters Leave for Chile

Sister Janet Wahl, assistant superior general of the Rochester Sisters of Mercy, is making a two-week official visit to the congregation's mission in San Luis parish, Santiago, Chile. She left Jan. 20 with Sister Margaret Mungovan, who had been on a one-month leave.

Sister Margaret works with the elderly and in the charismatic retreat movement. Her mission colleagues are Sisters Janet Korn, Janet Caulfield, Jane Kenrick and Marilyn Gerstner.

In announcing this year's gift, Mrs. Schroth expressed special appreciation to those who worked on the Seton Sale, which raised \$20,200, and the Seton Ball, which raised \$22,650.

New officers of the Women's Board are Mrs. Joseph McHugh, president; Mrs. Richard Murer, first vice president; Mrs. Raymond Porter, second vice president; Mrs. William Sheehy, third vice president; Mrs. Mark Goddard, recording secretary; Mrs. Raymond Bergan, corresponding secretary; Mrs. James Haher, treasurer; Mrs. Raymond Salamone, assistant treasurer.

The following new members were received: Mrs. C. Peter Bush, Mrs. Norbert Wrona, Mrs. Gilbert Langmeyer, Mrs. John Greisberger, and Mrs. Ellie Rohrer.

### FAMILY PLANNING

An information session sponsored by the Rochester Natural Family Planning Group is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at Blessed Sacrament School, Oxford at Monroe. All interested couples are invited.

## CIM Series Continues

Elmira — Heinrich Boll, German Nobel Prize winning novelist and his book, *The Clown*, will be discussed in the third Christian Institute of Man lecture at 8 p.m., Monday, Jan. 26 at the Park Church, 208 W. Gray St.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Christine Rosner of Elmira College. Dr. Rosner teaches German language and literature at the college. Educated in Munich, Germany and Paris, France, she received her B.A. from Columbia University. She also has a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. Dr. Rosner has held non-academic posts with the American Consulate at Munich, and with NATO in Paris.

Dr. Thomas Berry opened the lecture series Jan. 12 with an introduction to the topic "Human Experience in Literature."

"The story," he said "is the primary religious literary form on which Western civilization is based." As examples, Dr. Berry cited the books of Homer and the Biblical stories, especially the story of the Exodus.

## Nazareth Art In Falls Show

Clay and metal objects made by two faculty members and six students in the Nazareth College Art Department are on exhibit through April at the Carborundum Crafts Museum in Niagara Falls.

The teachers are Mary Jane Edwards and Paulette Myers; the students, Maria Sanguedolice, Hareg Seifu, Donna Detraglia, Diane Spaeth, Leo Williams and Mary Beth Carroll. Colleges in New York State and Ontario Province contributed to the show.

## Toy Drive A Success

A Christmas collection for the families of parolees and prison inmates netted toys for 264 children in 105 families. Money donated provided holiday dinners for 20 families, and quantities of clothing and personal items also were distributed.

The figures were reported last week by Richard T. Haines, area supervisor for the State Department of Correctional Services. Peter A. Requa and Bruce E. Babcock were co-chairmen of the drive which parole office employees conducted last month.

## Savings Banks Seek Legislative Break

Possible legislative changes and the current position of Savings Banks and Savings and Loan Associations have spurred the Savings Association League of New York State to hold a series of press conferences to explain their position in the financial system, and its importance. The system provides more than half of the home mortgages in the state.

The president of the League, Paul A. Schosberg, pointed out that the state regulated interest on mortgages set at 8 1/2% and the increasing competition for the savings dollar has resulted in a decreasing yield for the banks. The League advocates a flexible system allowing for changes in interest charged corresponding to changes in interest paid.

Schosberg also noted the unfavorable position of savings institutions in taxation. Rather than

being taxed on earnings as are commercial banks, they are taxed on interest paid, meaning that a bank operating at a loss still owes taxes. The savings institutions also are not allowed to invest in certain tax-free securities, or benefit from tax deposits on which no interest is paid, he said.

Schosberg also stated that establishment of checking accounts for savings institutions, recently ruled illegal, is not part of the league's legislative program.

Redlining, the practice of not granting mortgages in certain neighborhoods, by Rochester Savings institutions, was denied. Local spokesmen asserted that neighborhoods decline because of a lack of pride of ownership, not because of the banks, citing the apparent failure of the city of Rochester's housing improvements plan to entice homeowners to make improvements.

## BRIDGE Volunteers Cited at Dinner

BRIDGE, a volunteer organization that helps ex-prison inmates ease back into society, held a commemorative dinner Jan. 12 at the Holiday Inn downtown to make awards and to present a program of appreciation for everyone associated with the project.

## Legislative Course Set

State legislators from Monroe County will be guest lecturers at a three-month course starting Jan. 22 entitled "Manpower and the State Legislative Process." It will be offered Thursday nights at East High School in Rochester.

Sponsored by the State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University, the course will be taught by Mitchell Kaidy, for 10 years a legislative assistant to senators and assemblymen as well as a former lobbyist in the State Legislature.

The course will conclude with a two-day class observation of the legislative process in Albany. To be given for undergraduate credit if desired, the course is open to all state residents and may be audited. The tuition is \$72, plus the cost of the Albany trip. Information is available at 428-9906.

### GERMAN NIGHT

Members of the Cardinal Mooney High School Women's Guild have invited their husbands and friends to a "German Night" Jan. 27. Festivities will begin with a social hour at 6:30. Entertainers include the Temple Trio-Omph Band and the Reber Family Singers and Dancers. There will be a catered German dinner and a "Sing-along with Oscar." Reservations are being taken at the school office, 865-1000.

# Vatican Reaffirms Teaching on Sex

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solely on sincere intentions but "must be determined by objective standards.

"These," it quoted the council as saying, "based on the nature of the human person and his acts, preserve the full sense of mutual self-giving and human procreation in the context of true love."

The document said this council teaching on the finality of the sexual act indicates that it is the "respect for its finality that ensures the moral goodness of the act."

Noting that the purpose of the present declaration was not to deal with "all the abuses of the sexual faculty, nor with all elements involved in the practice of chastity," the document stated that its aim was "to repeat the Church's doctrine on certain particular points, in view of the urgent need to oppose serious errors and widespread aberrant modes of behavior."

Initially, the document said that the practice of pre-marital sexual relations "is contrary to Christian doctrine, which states that every genital act must be within the framework of marriage."

"Through marriage, in fact, the love of married people is taken up

into that love, which Christ irrevocably has for the Church," the document stated; "while dissolute sexual union defiles the temple of the Holy Spirit which the Christian has become. Sexual union therefore is only legitimate if a definitive community of life has been established between the man and the woman."

The document noted that "most often" premarital relations exclude the possibility of children and the development of paternal and maternal love, and if children do result it is detrimental to them because they will be deprived of a stable environment.

On homosexuality, the document said those who "judge indulgently" and "even excuse completely" homosexual relations do so "in opposition to the constant teaching of the Magisterium (teaching authority of the Church) and to the moral sense of the Christian people."

Drawing a distinction between those whose homosexual tendencies are "transitory or at least not incurable" and those whose tendencies are judged "incurable," the document said that in the pastoral field the latter "must certainly be treated with understanding and sustained in the

hope of overcoming the personal difficulties and their inability to fit into society.

While noting that their "culpability" should be judged with prudence, it stressed that "no pastoral method can be employed which would give moral justification to these acts on the grounds that they would be consonant with the condition of such people."

"For according to the objective moral order, homosexual relations are acts which lack an essential and indispensable finality," the document said. It added that while it cannot be concluded that all homosexuals are responsible for their condition, "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered and can in no case be approved of."

On masturbation, the document reaffirmed that Catholic doctrine maintains that the practice "constitutes a grave moral disorder" and contradicted psychological and sociological claims that the practice "is a normal phenomenon of sexual development, especially among the young."

"Whatever the force of certain arguments of a biological and philosophical nature, which have

sometimes been used by theologians," it said, "both the Magisterium... and the moral sense of the faithful have declared without hesitation that masturbation is an intrinsically and seriously disordered act."

Again, the document noted that the practice — the "deliberate use of the faculty outside normal conjugal relations" — essentially contradicts the finality of the faculty and the act. It added that "all deliberate exercise of sexuality must be reserved" to the regular relationship that involves mutual self-giving and human procreation in the context of true love.

Admitting that modern psychology "provides much valid and useful information" for formulating judgments on moral responsibility and pastoral action concerning masturbation, the document said, however, that "the absence of serious responsibility must not be presumed."

The document went on to state concerning the minimalization of the "reality of grave sin" that there are those who affirm that mortal sin exists only in the "formal refusal" of God's will, or in that selfishness which "completely and deliberately closes itself to the love of neighbor." But the document contended

that "whatever the case, it is wrong to say that particular acts are not enough to constitute mortal sin."

"A person... sins mortally not only when his action comes from direct contempt for love of God and neighbor, but also when he consciously and freely... chooses something which is seriously disordered."

The document made a special plea for the positive practice of chastity which it said St. Paul numbers "among the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

"The more the faithful appreciate the value of chastity and its necessary role in their lives as men and women, the better they will understand by a kind of spiritual instinct its moral requirements and counsels," the document added.

The Vatican document said the faithful today, more than ever, "must use the means recommended by the Church for living chaste life. These means are: discipline of the senses and mind, watchfulness and prudence in avoiding occasions of sin, the observance of modesty, moderation in recreation, wholesome pursuits, assiduous prayer and frequent reception of the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist."