

Paper Wins 'Excellent' Award

# Courier Photographer Wins Top Prize in State

Susan McKinney, Courier-Journal director of photography, has been awarded the 1975 first prize for best feature picture by the New York Press Association. The NYPA membership is made up of weekly secular newspapers across New York State. The Courier-Journal is one of three diocesan newspapers in the membership.

In 1974, the Courier-Journal won the General Excellence first place award thus was ineligible to compete in that category in 1975, as per NYPA rules. However, this newspaper was awarded a Certificate of Excellence on the basis of judging on 40 separate categories. Only those newspapers in the state who garnered at least 190 points out of a possible 200 are awarded the certificate.

The Courier-Journal was rated excellent in each of the 40 categories for a perfect 200-point total.

This newspaper also won honors in the Best Front Page category for 1975.

Miss McKinney's first place was awarded for a photo run in a centerfold on the Elderberry Dinner



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Club, a nutrition program for senior citizens. It was taken at St. Mary's school cafeteria in Bath. The centerfold, Life is Brighter at Elderberry, appeared in the Courier-Journal Nov. 27, 1974. The contest

year ran from Nov. 1, 1974 to Sept. 30, 1975.

The judge in making the first place award noted that "the thrust among maturing newspapers is toward a more thoughtful reflection of the lives of people and away from cute-kids and amiable animals. Hence our selection (of the Courier-Journal photo) as the best feature picture of the year. It was treated photographically as interestingly as it was typographically, and we believe this is the true craftsman's blend of the pen and the picture."

"And it had something to say," the judge continued, "in fact, a great deal that a broad spectrum of the Courier-Journal's readership must have found enlightening. The pictures and the article seemed to us to get down to the nitty-gritty of the life of the aging, a subject completely worthy of examination by adult newspapers."

Miss McKinney joined the Courier-Journal in February of 1973 as a photographer. In 1975 she was named director of photography.

## Sisters Accept 'Peace and Justice'

By MARTIN TOOMBS

The Diocesan Sisters Council (DSC) approved the Peace and Justice proposal at their meeting last Saturday, the last consultative body to act on the proposal.

DSC discussion primarily raised objections to the proposal, but a roll call vote showed a 23-4 approval. Also approved by the Pastoral Council while rejected by the Priests Council, the proposal will now go to the bishop for his decision.

Objections to the proposal were the same as those raised in earlier discussions: why is a new body needed to implement goals the Office of Human Development and the Propagation of the Faith could implement? Apparently most of the sisters felt that the proposal should be approved.

In other action, the salary scale for sisters for the year 1976-77 was announced — a \$400 increase to \$3750 for either a 10 or a 12 month work year. A maximum housing allowance of \$600 per year also was established. A committee to discuss transportation to be part of the agreement for 1977-78, also was convened.

Election procedures for the Sisters Council delegates to the Pastoral Council were changed.

## Father Mull

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Pastoral Education work at Norwich State Hospital in Norwich, Conn.

Explaining his choice of ordination theme, Father Mull commented: "It seems that in today's world a man called to the priesthood must work in a variety of situations, serving a variety of people."

"In all of this it is important for him to remember that first of all he is a priest — called to be the leader of Christian prayer, called to be the servant of all. A priest best exemplifies the life of Christ and his chosen life of service when he acts with justice, loves with tenderness and in humility knows that he does not walk alone but always in the presence of God."

The newly ordained will return to his hometown and celebrate his first Mass in St. Mary's Church at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 21. A reception is scheduled for the previous evening, at 8.

Concern over the fact that four out of the five DPC representatives this year are Sisters of St. Joseph resulted in a motion establishing a limit of two sisters from a single congregation (as at-large members; the liaison membership will be unaffected).

A proposal to establish an Urban Catholic School system was discussed. Many questions about the definition of urban, and why the effort apparently won't include poor not in the urban area were raised. Most sisters were in favor of the idea of reopening the schools in the inner city but were concerned about the system failing as Council of Inner City Parish schools did. Sister Mary Beatrice Curran asked if aid for the Elmira consolidated school system would be part of the proposal. Sister Kathleen Kircher, a guidance counselor at Nazareth Academy, expressed hope that the high schools would be included in the planning.

The council also discussed placement of sisters in the diocese. Sister Barbara Ann Foes and Sister Judith Heberle explained some of the procedures now used and some problems the system is encountering.

## Culture Mass

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runs William Grimm's Institute of Music, 380 Andrews St. The celebrant on occasion might be Father Martin Gomes, SSCC, of St. Peter and Paul, Rochester, rather than Father Robinson. Miss Brown continued. Any group interested in sponsoring the black presentation should contact Norma Holmes at 889-1832. Messages addressed to the Black Ministries Church Worship Committee can be mailed to 1150 Buffalo Road, the Pastoral Center, where Father Robinson's office is located.

The Dominican priest, ordained last Nov. 1 in Dubuque, Iowa, has been here since the start of February, working with Msgr. George Cocuzzi, vicar for urban ministry. According to the Pastoral Office summary of the function of the new Black Ministries, Father Robinson is expected not only to "serve the spiritual, material and political needs of blacks in the diocese to help their development as persons and Christians," but also to "share the unique gift of blackness within the inner workings of the Church in Rochester."

In line with this charge, Father Robinson has been surveying his Southern Tier territory during the past two weeks. His visit to St. Monica's will be followed by a similar Mass next month at St. Francis Xavier on Bay Street.

## Abortions

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These statistics are based on place of residence. That is, they represent abortions performed on residents of a county, not the number of abortions performed in the county.

Cayuga County, for example, reports no elective abortions performed in the county. Yet 205 abortions were performed on Cayuga County residents, elsewhere in the state.

The Monroe County Health Department, in a detailed vital statistics report, also lists "repeaters." These are women who have had more than one abortion. There were 329 women who had their second abortion in 1975, 54 their third, nine have had four and six women had their fifth abortion in 1975.

A spokesperson for the Bureau of Biostatistics suggested that a comparison between total pregnancies, live births, fetal deaths (excluding abortions) and elective abortions would give a more complete picture of the impact of legalized abortion. These detailed statistics will be available in April.

## Your Heritage

Jan. 15, 1711: Death of Father Eusebio Kino, SJ, who brought the Faith and the cattle-raising industry to the Arizona Indians. Eusebio Kino, a native of Italy, entered the Jesuits in 1665. In 1681 he arrived in Mexico to undertake missionary work among the Indians. From 1687 to 1711 he labored in northwestern Mexico, the section called Pimeria Alta, which embraced Arizona south of the Gila River. He baptized 4500 Pima Indians and taught them how to raise livestock. A trained mathematician and cartographer, he drew important maps of Lower California and the Colorado River area. It was largely through his work that the discovery was made that Lower California was a peninsula, not an island. A "holy cowboy," constantly in the saddle but also constantly praying, Father Kino did so much to lay the foundations of Arizona that the State of Arizona placed his statue in the United States Capitol. — Rochester Diocesan Bicentennial Commission.

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