



Brother/Sister Mass Servers

St. Monica's School was honored recently when two of its own became Mass servers. Michael and Michelle Trudeau are fourth-graders, brother and sister, and twins to boot! Their sister, Colleen, a fifth-grader, is also a Mass server, so it was only natural for them to follow in her footsteps. As they prepared the cruets for Mass, Michael explained that he thought it would be interesting, and Missy added she thought it would be fun. Michael is leaving open the possibility of entering the priesthood, although Michelle admits she has alternate careers in mind.

Photo by Ben Susso

Holy Ghost Congratulated By Ford, Carey

Congratulations from President Gerald R. Ford and Governor Hugh L. Carey were received by Holy Ghost Church in Coldwater on the occasion of their centennial celebration.

President Ford's letter, delivered by Congressman Barber Conable at the celebration, noted that "I think it is well to recall as we celebrate our Bicentennial year that wealth and power do not measure the greatness of this or any other nation. Our spiritual principles and moral values constitute real wealth. I salute you, and I join in your prayers for continued spiritual strength in the years ahead."

Governor Carey's letter to Father Edward Steinkirchner, pastor of Holy Ghost, quoted George Bernard Shaw's statement, "Religion is a great force — the real motive force in the world," and commented that "as our state and nation mature, we look to the religious organizations of our society for the moral leadership which keeps us strong. My best wishes for your continuing efforts."

Society Elects Mrs. Juliano

Mrs. Betty S. Juliano will be installed as president of the Holy Apostles Rosary Society at an installation banquet, Thursday, June 24, at 5:30 p. in the school hall. Other officers who will be installed are Mrs. Thelma Cutler, vice president; Mrs. Grace Doyle, secretary and Miss Marion Noakes, treasurer.

Msgr. Emmett Murphy, pastor, is moderator of the society. Chairman of the event is Mrs. Theresa Marinetti and Miss Celia Holzschuh is co-chairman.

Mrs. Juliano is the organizer of Marian devotions at Holy Apostles which last May drew more than 300 pilgrims to the church.

BICENTENNIAL PERFORMANCE
The I Love America Bicentennial Cavalcade, a touring group of 15 singers, will present their multimedia show at St. Ambrose Church, Culver and Empire, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 29. The sight and sound presentation is described as religious and patriotic and designed as family entertainment. There is no admission charge.

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AS I SEE IT

Pat Costa

Restaurateurs spend a lot of time discussing the ambiance of their particular establishments, ambiance meaning the mood, the atmosphere or character of a place. The right ambiance along with good food and, of course, good service means a winner.

But nobody, as I recall, ever spent any time talking about the ambiance of a movie theater which I have discovered is every bit as important as any eatery.

We all know that watching an uncut movie in a darkened theater and watching the same movie abbreviated, emasculated and interrupted every three or four minutes for five minutes of sponsors messages, is definitely not the same cultural experience.

I, for one, have been castigating the commercials all these years of tube movies as being the culprit. How, for example, could anyone take Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway seriously (Bonnie Clyde mystique notwithstanding) when the continuity is forever being punctuated by advisors on toilet bowl cleaners or deodorants?

With the advent of cable TV generally and Home Box Office movies, specifically, I have discovered the commercials, the editing and the watering down of a film are only a part of a much greater problem.

The crux of the issue is that the ambiance in our TV watching room, and yours, I suspect, is all wrong.

Take last Sunday night for example. Home Box Office was showing "Gone With the Wind," all three hours and fifty minutes in one unexpurgated, unpunctuated showing. With the Sunday New York Times on my lap for the slow moments, I turned on the set an

hour into the film — which is a problem in itself. (Home Box Office shows featured movies several times a month and it is possible to begin a film at the end of one day and finish at the beginning of another day, taking the middle of the movie with your lunch, dinner or midnight snack as your time fits.)

Anyway "Gone With the Wind" was gorgeous, giving the lie to its 40 years. There before me in magnificent color Scarlett was begging Ashley to tell her that he loved her as much as she did him. Small irritant — I couldn't hear his answer, although I was 10 feet away from the screen.

Possibly it might have been the fact that the fellow who pays for the cable service was paying bills and had mislaid the mortgage statement, a situation that necessitated a lot of shuffling of papers, checking under the chair cushions and other commotion.

Just as he gave up the search, one of the other members of the household came looking for clean socks to lay out for morning. Another began hunting for an overdue library book.

"Scarlett, Scarlett," Ashley was beseeching Vivien Leigh to understand he couldn't turn his back on a good woman like Melanie when the youngest stood in front of the set and began wondering aloud why the Six Million Dollar Man had grown sideburns and was sporting a confederate uniform.

Beaten I switched to Kojack or Bronk or one of those gems where it doesn't matter what you miss and left "GWTW" for one of those times when the house is empty, when I can start the popcorn maker going to disseminate the right aroma through the house and will ask one of the kids to quietly stumble across my feet and stage whisper, "Excuse me." It won't be exactly the right ambiance, but it will be close.



Speaker

Dr. Allan A. Kuusisto, president of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, will deliver the main address, "A Plug for Pluralism in Higher Education," at this year's Alice L. Foley Lecture Series at Nazareth College on Wednesday, June 30, the last day of Dr. Foley's four-year tenure as president of Nazareth. The lecture will begin at 11 a.m. in the Arts Center Auditorium and is open to the public.

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