

Monks to Close Monastery

The Carmelites at the Monastery of St. John of the Cross in Waverly announced last week that they were in the process of leaving the diocese. The house no longer will take retreatants and Masses open to the public will cease after Sunday, Aug. 22.

Fathers Cyril Guise and Timothy McGough are among the few who will remain in Waverly until the property is sold or rented. The monastery has been a novitiate, or training center for new members of the order, since its establishment in 1961.

Because of a personnel shortage, the announcement said, Carmelite superiors decided in June to send the Waverly men to other monasteries in the province, which stretches from the East coast to the Midwest. Most of the priests, brothers and novices will go to Brookline, Mass., near Boston.

At the start of this year there were eight priests, four brothers and five novices at St. John's. The two priests who remain are chaplains at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira.

Sister Mary Agnes Resigns Top Post For Principalship

Elmira — Sister Mary Agnes Zimmer, RSM, has resigned as regional superintendent of Southern Tier Catholic schools and superintendent of the Chemung County Catholic School System to become principal of St. Mary's, Bath.

The Bath school needed a principal, she explained, and could not afford to hire a lay person. She also felt, she said, that the superintendent's position might be eliminated from the Chemung

system, which now consists of three elementary schools and one junior high, each with a principal.

Sister Mary Agnes has a Master of Science in Education degree from Fordham University and has been in administrative and supervisory work for her order and the diocese for about 14 years. She became coordinator of Chemung County schools in 1968, and has been regional superintendent since 1970. The region comprises Chemung, Tioga, Steuben and Tompkins counties.

Karen Quinlan Still Survives

Trenton, N.J. [RNS] — Karen Anne Quinlan, who was transferred from an acute-care hospital to a nursing home on June 9, continues to breathe strongly without aid of a mechanical respirator.

Miss Quinlan, 22, was transferred to Morris View Nursing Home in Morris Plains following a New Jersey Supreme Court landmark decision which allowed the respirator to be removed even if it meant her death. She was "weaned" from the machine and continued to live.

The young woman, who has been in a coma since April 1975, is fed a high-protein formula through tubes inserted through her nose to her stomach. She is given antibiotics.

However, in the event of a major crisis such as a cardiac arrest or respiratory failure, no attempts would be made to revive her under an agreement reached by the Quinlan family and Dr. Richard Watson, director of medical services at Morris View.

St. Patrick An Eagle Scout?

Philadelphia [RNS] — The bishop of Derry, Ireland, thinks St. Patrick would have made a fine Eagle Scout.

Bishop Edward Daly, speaking to thousands of Boy Scouts and other young people here at the Eucharistic Congress, said that because Scouting makes demands it is good for youth.

"Scouting is good because it does not pamper young people. It treats

them as adults. It asks something of them. Most of all, it teaches you to fend for yourself, and to help others as best you can," Bishop Daly declared.

"I am convinced that, had there been Scouts in St. Patrick's time, he would have been a most enthusiastic member. He would have won a great number of proficiency badges," the 42-year-old prelate said.

Father Richard O'Connell had a chance to brush up on his Scripture and Biblical criticism at the Program for Ministerial Renewal at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie.

Ongoing Education

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"I'd like to do it again. It was hard to leave but it was hard to come back after ten weeks of education-vacation. Maybe I'd like to try a desert retreat experience next," added Father O'Connell.

Holy Redeemer Centennial

The people of Holy Redeemer are alerting their friends, neighbors and former parishioners to a day of celebration, Oct. 17. They will be commemorating the 100th anniversary of their church building, the second church in the 107-year-old parish.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will celebrate Mass at 12:15 p.m. that Sunday, and a dinner and entertainment will follow in nearby St. Stanislaus Hall. A centennial booklet is in preparation.

The committee includes Harriet and Ray Warth, Ruben Ruiz, Virginia and Jack Miller, Marguerite Boehmer, Edwina Dedozak, Leo Miller, Dorothy Gefell, Stan Napierala, Leona Honan, Mike Struble, Ed Wandtke, Sister Susan and the pastor, Father Edwin Metzger.

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The escorts, Rev. Joseph Reinhart, Diocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and Rev. John Rosse, Chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital have travelled extensively and have conducted tours to Europe several times. Their helpful leadership will add much to the enjoyment of another travel group of the Courier Journal.

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Baked Alaska

The hot weather only makes these polar bears want to sprawl out and dream of cooler climates where their fur coats and the temperature are more compatible. The bears were photographed in the Baltimore Zoo. (RNS)