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Nazareth President Installed

Robert A. Kidera was installed Oct. 25 as the first male president of Nazareth College in ceremonies at the Nazareth Arts Center. Among the participants was Bishop Walter W. Curtis, left, of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn. Bishop Curtis is a member of the Board of Directors of Sacred Heart University, where Mr. Kidera formerly was President. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, right, gave the invocation. President Kidera, center, has been functioning as President since July, 1976, when Dr. Alice L. Foley retired.

Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

The Unwanting Mother — Part II. If we are to help the young mother who experiences the very real pain of unwantedness we must listen to her. We must look at what she has been taught, listen to her health teachers and read the stuff she has been given to read. We must examine the values, clarification courses with their illogical incomplete "dilemmas" and confusing rap sessions, her sex education courses (AASECT or the Vatican?), her textbooks and her religious training. Please note the school/society influence vs. the home/Vatican influence in words taken from written and spoken dialogs with Catholic students on the subject of unwanted pregnancies.

No one else knew. But she had dreaded and feared the reality of pregnancy for weeks. The long wait before the expected period, the missed date and the weeks afterward. The second missed date and she knew for sure. What could she do? Where could she go? Her parents would be hurt, furious and unforgiving.

"Nine months! I couldn't take nine months! Who would help? It wasn't a real baby then anyway, just a few cells. I knew I wouldn't love it. I couldn't love it. What if it was deformed? Or handicapped and retarded? Or a Mongoloid or something? It's not right to have them like that. And it was only there to make me suffer anyway. That's the way everything's been my whole life.

"I couldn't stand nine months and I didn't want a baby anyway. And children should be wanted. The law said that I could have an abortion if it threatened my life or health, and I might have had a nervous breakdown or committed suicide or something. There's too

many people in the world anyway to feed all of them and it's wrong to have more. It's wrong to force people to have babies, that's compulsory pregnancy. I knew that my dad and mother wouldn't even have to know because that's the law. And most people favor abortion anyway.

"Well, I would never let this happen again. I will volunteer for children's things and work to really help humanity like the people in prison or migration camps. Nobody cares for them. I wasn't wrong. Sex doesn't have to wait till marriage, it all depends. I know a priest who said that I'm sexually active by nature. Planned Parenthood showed us all that stuff like books and things written by doctors. And their clinic really helped. They had girls down there like me who really understood and really helped. Parents don't understand that things have changed and aren't like they used to be. Religions are all the same now, we should be allowed to choose the one we want. I'm mature now and it doesn't bother me to talk about it (the abortion). Lots of Catholics favor it. In fact it was Catholics who referred me to the clinic."

"Oh God, oh God! I felt I couldn't take nine months. Everyone would know, my cousins and all. My grandfather—Oh God, oh God! It was awful. I wondered if the heart was beating or the brain functioned before I even knew he was there, and whether it was a little boy or girl and I cried. It was awful, I knew I couldn't keep a baby, I wasn't old enough. But I couldn't kill him. I remembered the film Sister showed about the fertilization and development and how they grow and everything. My mother took me to an older priest. I cried but I knew I had made the roughest decision of my life, human life is sacred. And I knew that it was the right decision. I knew my mother really loved me. It was a little boy. Thank God for Sister M."

Look to the sources of education if you wish to understand pain. Textbooks are not gospel, and the Gospels are not stories. Planned Parenthood and AAASECT, although they are not "all bad" (nothing created by God is "all bad") do not teach the Vatican position on personal morality. Thank God for Sister M."

NEXT WEEK: Continued

Blessed Sacrament Sets Diamond Jubilee

The celebration of Blessed Sacrament Church's diamond jubilee reaches a peak this weekend with a gala dinner dance on Friday and the celebration of the Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday.

music of the George Manning Orchestra from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The liturgy will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 7. He also will preach the homily. Following the Mass, a reception will be held in the school hall. Parish memorabilia will be displayed at the reception.

The Nov. 5 festivities will be held at the Party House with cocktails being served at 6 p.m., a roast beef dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing to the

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'Center Day' Planned at Seminary

The Rochester Center for Theological Studies, which is composed of Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Bexley Hall Episcopal Seminary, Crozer Theological Seminary, and Saint Bernard's Seminary, will hold a Center Day Nov. 8.

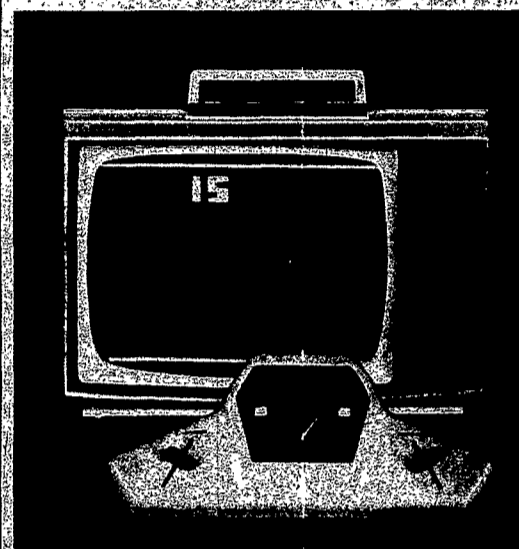
The theme will be "Imperatives for Ministry: Death and Dying, World Hunger, the Urban Mission of the Church."

Activities at St. Bernard's Seminary the morning and afternoon of Nov. 8 will include an opening service of worship at 10:15 a.m. in the St. Bernard's chapel with Father Henry Atwell as guest preacher, followed by concurrent workshops on the Center Day themes. Leadership for the workshops will be drawn from the faculties of the Rochester Center for Theological Studies, from the churches, and from the community.

The day's activities will conclude at 3 p.m. with a worship service.

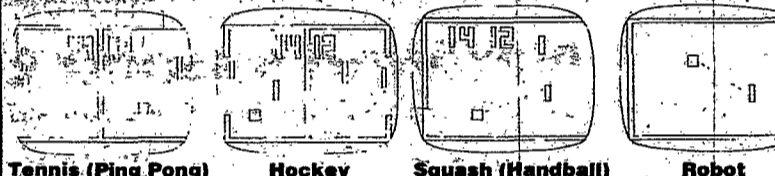
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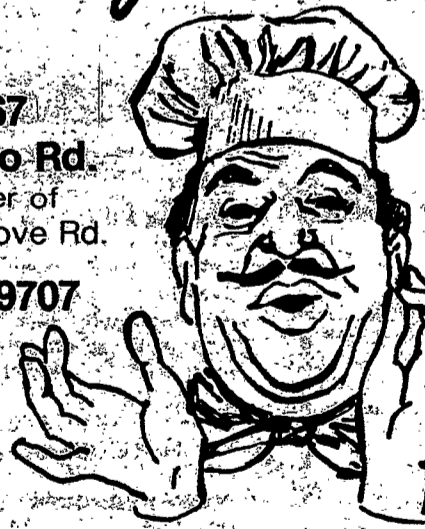
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