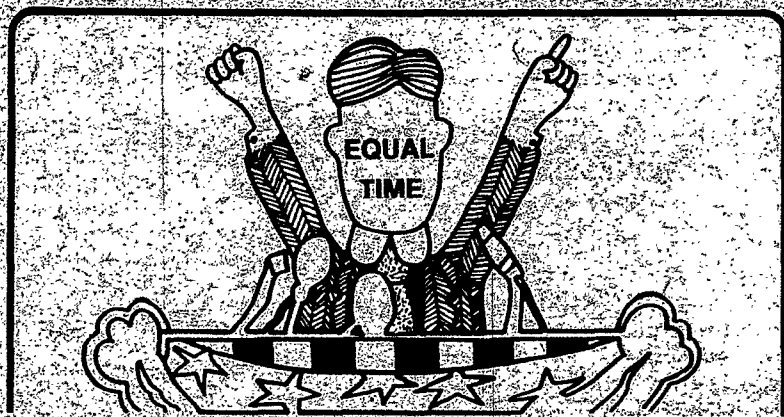


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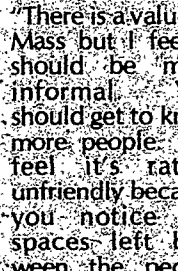
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Joe Wagner, senior



"It should be left up to the individual whether it is important to him. I think the homily should be left in the Mass but it should relate to modern times, to today's problems and not the olden times. The Mass should be on a more casual basis rather than so formal. Mostly laziness and inability to relate to the Mass keeps people away.

Frank Montalbano, senior



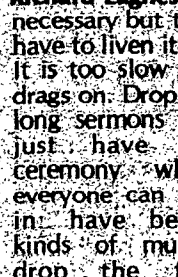
"There is a value to Mass but I feel it should be more informal. You should get to know more people. You feel it's rather unfriendly because you notice the spaces left between the people who attend Mass. Smaller churches would add to a cozier and friendlier atmosphere. When you go to church you're alone; you don't get the whole family atmosphere.

Jose Chanfrau, senior, photography club



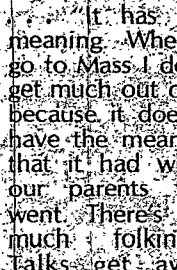
"I think most people that go to Mass really don't want to be there. They just go to show that they go and once they leave they go back to doing what they've always done. The reason some people stay away is because they feel the Mass has lost its meaning by repetition, there's no originality. Some sort of discussion between priest and the people asking their thoughts instead of preaching would make it better.

Richard Lagnese, senior



"It is necessary but they have to live it up. It is too slow and drags on. Drop the long sermons and just have the ceremony where everyone can join in. Have better kinds of music; drop the folk music."

Debbi Clementi, senior, ski club



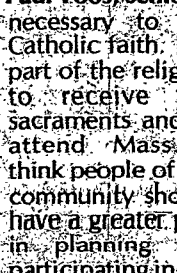
"It has lost meaning. When I go to Mass I don't get much out of it because it doesn't have the meaning that it had when our parents first went. There's too much folkiness; talks get away from the subject of God and I think the homilies should be dropped. I wouldn't like a Latin Mass. I much prefer the English one."

Reen McEntee, senior



"I think Mass is necessary. The Mass in the way it is presented today is good. When it was in Latin no one understood it. If you are a Catholic it is what you should do; they go because they are obligated to, but a lot of people do get something out of it. A lot more people would go if they could fulfill their duty on any day rather than just a Saturday and Sunday."

Paul Foss, senior



"I think it is necessary to the Catholic faith. It is part of the religion to receive the sacraments and to attend Mass. I think people of the community should have a greater part in planning and participating in the celebration. I don't think the same priest should give the sermons all the time. I feel they should bring in people that know the problems of the world and talk about them. A good idea which would get people to come would be to make it so they could fulfill their obligation any day of the week."

Bill Fackalman, senior, football



"I don't feel it's necessary. It has lost its interest because of the repetition. A more informal atmosphere rather than the stereotyped service would be good; an open concept where there would be conversation with the priest rather than a ceremony."

Proposed Law Goes to Albany

Two St. Agnes girls will be traveling to Albany Dec. 10 for a weekend of government. Vincette Smith and Nancy Wolkonowski, working in the YMCA Youth and Government program, have constructed a bill to carry through mock government procedures.

They will have the services and advice of legislators in carrying out the procedure of presenting, explaining, debating, and voting.

Their bill, if passed, would provide mandatory voter education as curriculum in the 11th grade American History program of New York State high schools.

In five sections, the act provides for the writing of the curriculum, a description of content, statement of the requirement of question of the Regents' examinations, teacher responsibility, and dates for completion and implementation.

As Vincette says, "Many of the laws passed by the Youth program in Albany have really become laws." The program has been in existence since 1935.



Brother Aubert Harrigan, principal of Cardinal Mooney, happily accepts the American Chemical Society's plaque which Joe Nobel won along with \$100 for first prize in movie contest sponsored by the American Chemical Society.

Film Award Granted To Mooney Photographer

Joseph Noble, a senior at Cardinal Mooney High School, won first prize in the American Chemical Society's High School Movie Contest.

Joe produced a five-minute color film, entitled, "Joseph Priestly, Discoverer of Laughing Gas." He wrote the script, produced and directed the project. His cast included Mooney students Paul Vassow (graduate), Gary Groth, Laurie Muszak, Beth Steubler and Michael Poinan. His right hand man in stage construction and

operating equipment was Tom Fink.

The film was shown to the ACS to illustrate achievements among young high school students.

Joe, who also received a plaque which he presented to the principal, Brother Aubert Harrigan, for the school, will pursue his interest in photography at The Rochester Institute of Technology. He has had a busy senior year being on the staff of the Apogee as well as the football and wrestling teams.

Retreat Centers On Awareness

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, DeSales High School had a "Day of Christian Awareness" for the student body. The day consisted of talks, films, discussions, a Penance Service and the Eucharist. Father Timothy Weider gave the keynote address. The aim was to make the students more aware of the responsibilities of being a Christian in the world and not simply pay lip service to abstract ideas.

Sister Alice McLaughlin, Father George Wiant, John Engles, Judy Wehlin and Dr. James Tette, also spoke and inter-acted with the students throughout the day.

One outcome will be the formation of a school Human Development Committee to try to carry out the many ideas for service generated by the retreat discussions.

Speech Contest

"To further the cause of Articulate Christian Leadership," is a statement which expresses the aim and purpose of the Aquinas Oratorical Scholarship Competition. For over a decade Aquinas Institute has sponsored this speech contest for eighth grade boys.

On Sunday, Dec. 12th at 1 p.m. boys from a number of local parishes will compete for trophies and scholarships. Under the coaching of their teachers, they will prepare a five minute original speech which they will memorize and deliver before an audience and three judges. Eight finalists will then be chosen for a deciding round in which they will speak extemporaneously on a topic chosen by lot. Top prizes are scholarship grants. The competition is open to the public.

Nazareth Activities

Zoo Art

Students in Sister Kristin's three Studio in Art classes recently took a trip to the Seneca Park Zoo. Before they went, they practiced drawing animal figures in class. The girls did quick drawings to prepare for sketching animals and they practiced drawing moving figures. At the zoo they spent an entire class period looking and drawing — observing the three-dimensional forms necessary in wire sculpture.

Film Fun

Seniors in Sister Margaret Brennan's Film Class elective are learning what it takes to put a film together. These students agree that the best way to come to a point of intelligent criticism of any film is to go through the whole process, see the problems, pitfalls and creativity which emerge from a simple idea.

Preliminary scripts have already been finished for these original films. One student's project is "The Senior Class." It was staged by a group of seniors in November and will be shown at the Senior Class Dinner this month.

Other scripts include a monster film staged in one of Nazareth's science labs, featuring Super Sister, a new folk heroine who is a nun by day and fights crime and evil by night; an interpretation of "Imagine"; a satire on the modern housewife; love stories and mysteries; comments on the state of the environment; mood films; and interpretation of "You've Got a Friend" which features parallel

action to build suspense and an older person's look at "The Way We Were." Students are now shooting and editing their films in preparation for the December Grand Premiere.

Giving Thanks

When the Liturgy Committee met to discuss preparing a prayer service to celebrate Thanksgiving, Theology teacher Ms. Mary Rose McCarthy saw an opportunity for her juniors studying Church History to work on a project appropriate to their studies. The class responded eagerly to the idea and the morning of Nov. 24 saw the culmination of hours of work when the entire school community assembled in the auditorium to give thanks together.

Each of Nazareth's 34 homeroom groups played a big part in the paraliturgical service. As the students sang "Of My Hands I Give To You, Lord," representatives from each homeroom carried in a large poster prepared by the group to symbolize their thanks to God.

Rene Spells then welcomed everyone and invited them to join in thanking God for all His gifts. A student from each homeroom offered a prayer petition prepared by her group. Liz Schwartzmier read a poem appropriate to the theme.

Debbie Griffith read from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians and everyone joined in praying the "Magnificat" as a response. The class then concluded the service, singing "All Good Gifts."

BK Singers Offer Concert

On Friday, Dec. 10 the Kearney Singers will present their Christmas Concert, "A Quest for the Christ Child." It will be held in the Bishop Kearney auditorium at 8 p.m.

The program will include "A Christmas Song," LeRoy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," and "The Nativity," a selection from the film, "Kings of Kings."



It is the aim of Rap Around to touch all of the bases. If we are missing any, let Mrs. Joan M. Smith know your ideas. Drop her a line.

We need suggestions and invite criticism.

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