



Sisters and seniors at St. Anne's

# Seniors and Sisters Share Holiday Fete

More than 75 senior citizens from St. Anne's Parish recently welcomed 35 retired Sisters of St. Joseph and Sisters of Mercy.

The occasion was the St. Anne's Senior Citizens' annual Christmas dinner. Entertainment for the occasion was provided by the Men's Choir of the Rochester Gas and Electric Corp.

According to Sister Anne Maloy, pastoral assistant at the parish, "These retired senior adults have much to share — the wisdom of their years, the celebration of their Christian Faith, the joy of just being together and the happiness of sharing a gift with the sisters."

Sister Anne noted her hope that the occasion was but one of several such meetings.

## Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

He was a tall and thin and gentle man — a chef in one of the tiny gem-like restaurants in Manhattan — and he made the most rewarding vegetable-beef soup ever served. He always insisted that in a physical sense, we are what we eat. If that is true and I am inclined to believe it is, it is equally true that in the intellectual sense we are what we read; and in the spiritual sense we are what we believe. And so, to mark the rebirth of truth and hope and beauty, I offer this brief list of good books. I hope it will add to the joy of your spirit.

**The Human Body**, from the new series of Papal teachings compiled by the Monks of Solesmes. Contains all of the teachings pertaining to the origin, value, education, use and destiny of the human body. Subjects covered include marriage, nursing, the medical profession, athletics, the blind, cycling, relief work, housing conditions, pharmacy, tobacco, innocence, genetics, heart diseases and painless childbirth. Among the very best is the Allocation to Italian Midwives 10/29/71. Order from the Daughters of St. Paul, 525 Main St., Buffalo, N.Y. 14203. \$3.25.

**Man the Greatest of Miracles — An Answer to the Sexual Counter Evolution** by Lutheran philosopher theologian (Ulm, Germany) Dr. Med. Siegfried Ernst with a foreword by Father Paul Marx, Ph.D. A clear and refreshing change of pace from the sterile squabbling of some religious writers. Dr. Ernst builds a remarkable case for the sanctity of human life. The Liturgical Press, 76 Collegeville, Minnesota 56321. \$3.95.

**Morals Law and Life** by Cahal B. Daly of Queen's University, Belfast, Ireland. Covers everything from contraception through sterilization, abortion and eugenic parenthood. Solid stuff on euthanasia. Dissects the 'New Morality'. Available from Scepter, 30 North LaSalle, St. Chicago, Ill. 60602. 95c.

**Death, Dying and the Law** by Cassam et al. Edited by Msgr. James T. McHugh, director of the Bishops' Committee for Pro-Life, National

Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. This book was a gift to me from His Eminence, John Cardinal Wright, prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Clergy, the Vatican. It contains a series of essays dealing with euthanasia, based on moral and ethical principles. Paperback edition available (as are so many good Catholic manuscripts) from Our Sunday Visitor Press, Noll Plaza, Huntington, Ind. 46750. \$1.75.

**The Hour of Our Death** by Dr. Sylvia Lack and Dr. Richard Lamerton with a special preface by the late John Cardinal Heenan of London, England. The Rochester diocese would be well advised to convene a similar conference on euthanasia, in my judgment. Geoffrey Chapman publishers, 35 Red Lion Square, London, WC. 1R 4SG. Very inexpensive. Very touching. Tiny and valuable.

**The Ethics of Fetal Research** by Paul Ramsey, Ph.D., Harrington Spear Paine professor of Religion at the Princeton University. Dr. Ramsey writes as he speaks, with a javelin of truth and humor. "God so loved the world that He did not send a committee." Published by Yale University Press, New Haven, Connecticut.

And of course, **Vatican II** edited by Austin Flannery, O.P. The council has been misinterpreted and misrepresented so often that it has become imperative for us all to read the documents themselves. Today the Church is not blind to the discrepancy between the message she proclaims and the human weakness of those to whom the Gospel has been entrusted. We must combat (these) earnestly lest they hinder the spread of the Gospel. (D64, The Church in the Modern World, IV, 43). Touches equality of women, education of youth, ecumenism and the Eucharist. First Confession before First Communion, celibacy, contraception, theology etc. If you feel confused about changes, you will welcome this very valuable paperback. Available at any bookstore \$2.75. Peace.

# Ithaca Has Role In White House Christmas Decorations

Ithaca — The Christmas decorations in the White House have a distinctive Ithaca flavor this year, as a former resident has coordinated the decorating plan for the White House with the assistance of the first grade at Immaculate Conception School.

Jack Bangs, son of Mrs. Rita Bangs, president of Bangs Funeral Home here, "supervised the whole production" of the White House Christmas decorations, Mrs. Bangs said. He consulted with First Lady Betty Ford several weeks ago on the plan, she explained, and then coordinated the preparations and the actual decorating.

Bangs, who manages a specialty shop, The Gazebo, in New York City, was selected for the job after having done floral arrangements for Mrs. Ford on previous occasions, including the visits of the emperor of Japan and the president of France.

Immaculate Conception's first grade participated by making artificial forsythia for the top of the 18-foot White House Christmas tree, Ithaca is known as the "Forsythia City." Included in the class are three god-children of Bangs who, along with his six

brothers and sisters, is a graduate of Immaculate Conception.

Mrs. Bangs joined her son in Washington Tuesday, Dec. 7, and witnessed the decorating the following day. She said that "I was impressed with all of the people who came and volunteered their time and talents" for the operation, many of whom are professionals. She noted that everyone, including her son, were volunteers.

When the decorations were completed, "Everything was just beautiful," Mrs. Bangs said. After Bangs had shown Mrs. Ford the rooms, she personally thanked all of the workers, Mrs. Bangs noted.

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## Deaths

### Bernard Lee

Mass. of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Patrick Church, Victor, for Bernard Lee, who died Dec. 6, 1976, at the age of 72.

Mr. Lee was born Jan. 26, 1903, in Lima, the oldest of the nine sons and two daughters of the late Albert and Anna Burke Lee.

He leaves his widow, Mary Crowley Lee, a son, Edward, of Victor, and two daughters, Anne Pratt, of Rochester, and Kathryn Latier of Canandaigua, four granddaughters; a brother, George, and a sister, Amelia, and nieces and nephews.

### John Harrigan

John Harrigan, father of the Cardinal Mooney High School principal, died Dec. 16, 1976, in Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Survivors besides Brother Aubert Harrigan, CSC, are the widow, Yvonne, and two daughters, Mrs. Roland Parquette of Taunton, Mass., and Mrs. Patrick Sheehy of Tavernier, Fla.

The funeral was held yesterday in Taunton.

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