



More than the 3 Rs

Two after-school enrichment programs at St. Augustine's have been underwritten this semester by the diocese, and some time in the Spring there will be another song and dance show for the neighborhood. The photograph above was taken at a "Christmas Around the World" performance that attracted more than 700 residents of the 19th and 20th wards during the holidays. The school has 449 pupils, Catholic and otherwise. Sister Mary Daniel Bovenzi, principal, invites inquiries about curriculum and registration, at 328-1311.

More Opinions

Activated Reader

Editor:

You certainly "called me to action" with your edition of 12/29/76! My adrenalin glands and my gastric juices, not to mention my blood pressure have all been overly activated.

Preposterous! Just when I think our Catholic Church has begun to come alive you set us all backwards 40 years with "A Call to Action." The format of this questionnaire is unrealistic. Do you really believe even the nuns and priests will take the time to read it through and answer it?

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'Halt Lay Criticism'

Editor:

I read with great interest the **Democrat and Chronicle** (1-28-77) interview with Mrs. Diane Blum, "Cautious Criticism for Woman Priest Ban."

I am confused. Mrs. Blum and Church officials were cautiously critical - Mrs. Blum's opinions are personal and gut oriented. If the Pope were president it would be like lame duck legislation...The pope should retire...this declaration is a setback for equal rights within the Church and an impediment to talks with the Episcopal Church!"

I certainly am glad of cautious criticism! Mrs. Blum does not speak for me. I am a Catholic woman. I do not want the kind of equal rights which encourages instant criticism of the **Bishop of Catholicism!** I am tired of the thinking which says the Holy Spirit speaks only where it agrees with the personal convictions of women who aspire to equality, but on their own terms.

There are many Catholics who will not accept women priests. When the diocese implemented changes with shock treatment, many good Catholics left the Church. They were considered a calculated risk (how demoralizing) which,

certainly did not come off as an admirable attitude. Now we have those who feel they have a right to the priesthood. Not even men have that as a **RIGHT**, you certainly know: men who have not been accepted as candidates. As women this is not one of our "guaranteed" rights. Equal rights does not apply. Not even salvation is "guaranteed," it is a gift!

Episcopal parishes are leaving the official Episcopal Church because women were ordained. Many Episcopalians are not happy with women in the priesthood. Is this really what you want for us?

We have, and have had so much dissension in our church. There are many troubled Catholics. There are Catholics who are uncomfortable when women distribute communion at Mass, when girls serve on the altar...but they don't leave the church. Ordination of women could be a final bitter pill.

We seem to be in a new age. The Holy Spirit speaks to the laity, especially when He agrees with personal opinion!

If the Holy Spirit has chosen Mrs. Blum to speak for the Church officials, we should all pray that this knowledge comes to us too. Until such time, I will respect the Pope and all of our chosen bishops, and urge all Catholics to pray that we call a halt to instant attacks on the bishops.

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Write Midge, Reader Urges

Editor:

The City of Rochester and the State of New York now have a representative of our own in Washington, D.C.

In the person of Midge Costanza as assistant to the President, we can express our wishes.

She tells us she will meet daily with Mr. Carter. She has expressed the desire to be the window to the White House and will convey the wishes of the people to Mr. Carter.

Now is the time for the pro-lifers of this city and state to send large numbers of letters to Midge, expressing our hope that the new administration will support legislation regarding a right to life amendment.

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'Columnist Praised'

Editor:

The **Courier-Journal** is to be congratulated for the scholarly researched, excellently presented series, **Life, Liberty and Law** by Nancy Murphy. She rendered incomparable service to us readers through her columns on Marijuana Today, Abortion, and now, Values Clarification.

I have referred a city councilman to the Values Clarification series, and many of us are looking forward to subsequent columns. The **Courier-Journal** is the best source of information on this topic.

Many thanks to the **Courier-Journal** for carrying Nancy Murphy's superb column.

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'Mass Cards Questioned'

Editor:

I would like to make a suggestion regarding Mass cards. I always send Mass cards upon the death of a friend or relative. Why does the card have to specify a low Mass. Why couldn't it just say that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be said for the departed.

The fact that the card says a low Mass suggests that the sender is too cheap to have a high Mass said. I have discussed this with friends and they are of the same opinion. I think that this is worthy of consideration, especially since a great many people are on a fixed income budget.

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Century Club Dinner Scheduled Feb. 25

Robert Roth, president of the Bishop Kearney High School Century Club, announced that Father Charles J. Lavery, president of St. John Fisher College, will be the featured speaker at the club's tenth anniversary dinner dance to be held at The Party House on Beahan Road on Feb. 25.

The Century Club was founded by Robert Roth and

Wilbur Cooper in 1967 to assist Bishop Kearney High School in providing quality education at a cost within the means of parents. Since its founding, the club has provided the school with over \$78,000 for this purpose.

Tickets for the event can be obtained by phoning the school office at 342-4000.



FATHER CHARLES J. LAVERY
Guest Speaker



Lanzafame and Caceci present scholarship checks to teachers (left to right): Garth Tymeson, Karen Finnegan, Diane Lucchesi, Julee Perry and Anne Leach.

Scholarships Given

The Joseph F. Lanzafame Council of the United Commercial Travellers of America last week presented five scholarships to teachers at the School of the Holy Childhood. The teachers will use the scholarships to further their studies in working with and teaching the mentally retarded.

United Commercial Travellers is a fraternal order with nearly 700 councils in the United States and Canada. The group's first priority is to help the mentally retarded. Among its projects are donating scholarships to teachers of the retarded, donating equipment to the facilities which care for the retarded,

and working directly with the retarded.

The Lanzafame council recently donated a 15 passenger van to the school.

The senior counselor of the local council is Tony Caceci. The secretary is Joseph F. Lanzafame, founder of the 20-year-old council.

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