



Winners!

Two St. Joseph's Villa residents pose next to their Snoopy and Woodstock snow sculpture. The boys were winners in one of several events held during the villa's three day Olympic Games. Seventy-two children participated in snowball throwing, snow sculpture, bobsledding, and biathlon.

St. Lucy Still Serves

There have been reconciliations down that long road since those fiercely controversial days when it was announced that St. Lucy's parish on the west side of Rochester would be closed.

Today, in the words of one of its trustees, "St. Lucy's is still alive, maybe not on Troup Street, but active."

Those words were echoed last week at the close of a meeting of the trustees of St. Lucy's by all parties concerned. Father William Flynn, diocesan chancellor, speaking for Bishops Joseph L. Hogan and Dennis W. Hickey in the matter, and by Andrew Edwards and Walter De Rouen.

The Troup Street property was sold for \$75,000 to the

Lily of the Valley Church of God in Christ, of which the Rev. Leon Dupree is pastor. Cash involved was put into an interest account, Edwards said, and the money it earns is disbursed to projects that serve former St. Lucy parishioners.

De Rouen cited the early childhood educational programs operating at St. Monica's and at St. Bridget's Churches as examples of programs helped. Edwards cited the Mother Cabrini Scholarship program as another.

De Rouen noted that the board "is learning by doing" as it pursues other areas where the interest from St. Lucy's could be most effective. Edwards said the board will continue its standard assistance to on-going programs, will

examine innovative new programs, and will seek to enhance its initial investment.

He stressed that he wanted the board to be accountable to those who built St. Lucy's.

De Rouen said that program proposals will be "subject to review." Such proposals should be mailed to St. Lucy's Trustees, in care of the Chancellor's Office, 1150 Buffalo Rd. Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

Edwards said that the main objective will be to benefit the area which St. Lucy's once served.

De Rouen, cautioning against raising hopes for large sums of money, said that "We want to do small things well, not big things poorly."

Rome's 'No' to Women Continues to Draw Fire

Dissenters from the latest Vatican ban on women priests are directing their heaviest fire toward the "natural resemblance" argument.

A 70-member Cincinnati group called Action for Women in Ministry found this argument "particularly offensive to us as women," and suggested that it was "tantamount to denying women their full stature as Christians."

In Washington, several members of separate Catholic organizations declared that the document written by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith was "deficient in understanding of Christ, because the human nature of Jesus is important not for its maleness, but for its humanness."

The Brooklyn branch of the national Women's Ordination Conference said that "Many theological studies, some under the auspices of the Papacy itself, have refuted the findings of the declaration."

These reactions were made public after Pope Paul had blamed "intemperate" feminism for "unduly troublesome" responses to the document he had ordered released. In an address to thousands of pilgrims in St. Peter's Square, the Pope exhorted women "to carry out, with a new consciousness and with renewed vigor, their mission of piety, wisdom, and love that makes woman, like the Madonna, a teacher and a queen."

"Diversity of functions does not imply a diversity of dignity in the objective order of grace, nor any disparity in degrees of charity or sanctity," he said.

The statement of the Cincinnati group said the document must be given a respectful hearing but does not close discussion. Noting that their ordinary Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin, who is president of the national bishops' conference, had stated a preference for "dialogue" over "confrontation," the women said they welcomed the invitation to discussion. The archbishop need not fear, they said, that the document had alienated women from the church.

The Brooklyn WOC expressed agreement with Bishop Francis Mugavero that the declaration reflected present teaching of the Church. A letter to the bishop added, "We ask the hierarchy to recognize that, in the freeing of women to respond to the Spirit in all facets of Church life, they liberate Christ, Christianity, and the Church from the stagnating confines of an earlier age."

The Washington group described itself as a coalition of "angered, wounded, saddened" Catholics. It included Father William R. Cahalan, St. national secretary of Priests for Equality, and members of the Core Commission of the Catholic Women's Ordination Conference, the

Center of Concern and the Quixote Center, among others. The coalition said it would organize prayer services in all U.S. cardinalates for Feb. 27, and it suggested that people withhold contributions to parishes or dioceses "where there is no visible movement toward equality for men and women."

The primate of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America meanwhile hailed the document as a "welcome witness to the Orthodox Catholic Tradition of the faith at this time when the ancient and unbroken teaching is challenged." Metropolitan Philip Saliba said the declaration was a "definitive confession" that "gives the overwhelming majority of the Christian world one voice on a paramount issue."

Reynolds Ups Rate

The Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Company has hiked the rates it will pay for aluminum cans, foil, pie pans and the like, to 17 cents a pound.

The recycling van will be in Rochester on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 11 a.m. until noon at two locations: Wegmans on Mt. Read and Wegmans Eastway.

Sisters Explore Insurance Question

The Diocesan Sisters Council, held last week at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph was by turns feisty, relaxed, solemn and jovial.

Pursuant to a letter written by the council, Thomas Weber, the diocesan finance officer, addressed the sisters on a number of their concerns, chief of which was the role of financial policies and practices.

What brought the issue to the fore is a current study being made by the finance office and the diocesan finance committee, an advisory group of accountants, lawyers and business leaders, of the diocesan property insurance package.

Weber would not reveal for public record details of the plans being studied, but he did tell the sisters that there is, at present, no official input from the three major consultative bodies in the matter.

At one point during the discussion, during which tempers were raised, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan interjected that the Church, in the consultative process, "lives by experience." He stated that he wants as much input as possible, but acknowledged that "mistakes are made and people are hurt."

The bishop later, referring to a frequent use of the word "diocese" to mean the central administration, said that "when I talk about

diocese, I mean the whole building up of the Kingdom of God." He said that the vision of the diocese which limits it to the Pastoral Center "galls me."

He assured the sisters of the value of their consultation with him, but said at times he consults only with himself and "sometimes I consult only with God."

He also told the sisters that the diocesan response to the Call to Action program is "quite unique throughout the country." He said that, in the portion of the program where dioceses have written him personal letters "I intend to read every blessed letter."

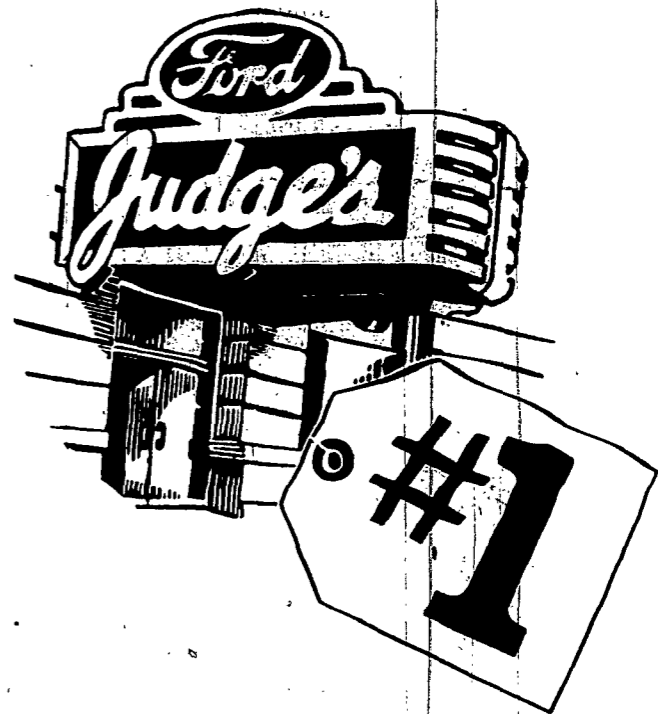
He further said that he wanted to be present at as many meetings of the sisters council as he could, to which Sister Mary Jean Smith responded that he would indeed be welcome and "I'll even make your sandwich."

Her remark brought laughter, since, unlike the Priests Council, the sisters "brown bag" their lunches for the meeting break.

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The sisters were presented a number of committee reports and requests at the February meeting, among them these:

A report on the Rochester



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conference entitled Ethnicity and Race

He pleaded with the sisters to examine their own attitudes towards those of other races. The fact that there are not black folks sitting in this room says that we have a problem," he said.

He challenged the nuns to understand people "out of their own background."

and not from one's own culture

He said that the Ethnicity and Race document was written in a "high time," but "what do we do in the day to day times — that's what's critically at stake"

He said both blacks and whites need to "claim themselves and share what they have claimed"

"Racism is the stance that holds people at bay — at a distance from ourselves and ourselves"