

# Church Plans Cancer Liturgy

A special Mass featuring a Liturgy of Hope has been scheduled for 11 a.m., Sunday March 27 (Cancer Sunday) at Corpus Christi Church, 864 E. Main St., Rochester.

Father Joseph W. Dailey, parish administrator, has arranged the liturgy for the Mass which will be dedicated to the spirit of hope in the face of the onslaught of the dread disease.

"The Mass is open to anyone interested, especially afflicted themselves, the families of victims, people interested in research, and just anyone interested in praying for success in combatting cancer," Father Dailey said.

He stressed that the service will be strictly spiritual and is not a fundraiser. "One of the main reasons is the high incidence of cancer in the inner city," he said.

The cancer rate is high in such areas because of irregular medical checkups on the part of the populace hindering chances of detection.

The American Cancer Society estimates that two of every three American families will be touched by the disease, one in every four Americans.

Daffodils, which have become the symbol of the American Cancer Society efforts will decorate the church.

"I bought 100 bunches myself," Father Dailey said, "and many parishioners are buying bunches for the liturgy."

Each bunch contains seven daffodils, indicative of the seven warning signs of cancer.

Father James B. Callan, associate pastor, will celebrate the Mass and Father Dailey will be homilist.

"My homily will be on faith, hope and charity," he said. While I'll emphasize hope, I'll point out that you need faith to achieve it and charity to make some meaningful follow-through."

The entire liturgy will be devoted to the theme of hope. Dr. W. Lyle Brewer, Ph.D., president of the American Cancer Society in Rochester, will deliver the first reading and Karen Wielgosz, Miss Hope, will give the second reading.

A highlight will be music by the Eastman School brass quintet which is donating its time. The Corpus Christi Adult Choir also will perform. Members of the American Cancer Society board plan to attend.



## Sequence

An item in a recent Peter B. Taub column in the Times Union on Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's birthday last Friday made note of the fact that the bishop is just two years older than the Times Union.

For the record, the bishop's 61st birthday leaves him 30 1/2 years younger than the Courier-Journal.

## Alhambra Meeting

The next meeting of the Alhambra Ladies Auxiliary is scheduled for 12 p.m. on March 23 at the K of C Clubroom, 670 Thurston Rd. Members are asked to bring a sandwich.

## Fr. Gaelens

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school's Math Department, 1956-57 and 1965-70. Father Menner's other teaching positions include; Assumption High School in Windsor, Ontario; Catholic Central High School in Detroit, Andean High School in Gary where he also served as vice principal for two years. He is presently a member of the faculty at St. Thomas School in Houston.

Father Menner is originally from Detroit and attended Assumption High School in Windsor. He received his BA from the University of Western Ontario in 1952. He did his Theological studies in St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto and was ordained to the priesthood in 1958. He has done graduate studies at the University of Detroit, Wayne State University and the University of Rochester.

Father Gaelens is happy with his community's choice of successor. "He has a lot of personality and a great interest in the kids," and when Father hands over the reigns to him on June 27 he is giving him a school that weathered a crisis which threatened to close the doors five years ago.

Back in 1972 the financial situation was grave with bills totaling \$700,000 in borrowed money and the dilemma of the Aq stadium sale. According to Father, his first two years as Principal were filled with stadium oriented meetings until he thought there was

nothing else going on in the school.

"We got through it," he proudly declared and acknowledged the support of the Board of Trustees, Alumni, and from the parents and community at large as the main reasons why.

Another bright light in that dark time was this year's graduating class. In 1972 when headlines were reading that Aquinas was going to close its doors this class had a big decision to make and they decided that Aquinas was the place for them. When in 1976 Father's community requested he prolong his stay at Aquinas beyond the usual six year tour of duty he gladly agreed. The class of '77 had stood by him and he would see them through to graduation.

But now he's ready for a change. He described St. Thomas as a small community with 15 Basilians on staff and a student enrollment of 700 boys. It, like Aquinas, has a good balance between academic and sports which Father considers important.

Though aware that administration transitions are difficult for all involved in a school community, Father compares school to industry. "Industry changes its personnel and the changes bring in new ideas," and he added in referring to his predecessors, "Each man was the right man at the right time." He leaves it for others to determine if he

and his ideas were right for the times.

In looking back over his years as principal he summed up the position's most difficult challenge as "The complexity of the job." He explained, "There are so many things going on, forensics, drama, band, sports, alumni events and people expect you to be supportive in what they're doing."

Father recognizes the importance of a principal's presence at all functions but concedes, "It is an impossible job." But again, support is the key factor in accomplishing gigantic tasks; in this instance a supportive faculty. "Working with 50 people has made the difference. I could not have done the job alone."

As a graduate of Aquinas, Father has many memories of the school. "I really like it here," he reminisced, "and I'll miss it," but you can't help notice the gleam in his eye when Houston's warm climate is mentioned.

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