



Class of 1921

Members of St. Michael's School class of 1921 pose for a reunion picture outside the Lost and Found restaurant, where they assembled for lunch April 21. From left to right are Anne Weber, Edna Nickle, Amelia Schaefer, Eleanor O'Connor, Elizabeth Streb, Isabel Agness, Mildred Erath, Elizabeth Steinwachs, Loretta Huss and Amelia Rebman. Absent from the photo but also attending were Johanna Pittinge, Susan Weil and Fran McVey.

Photo by Susan McKinney

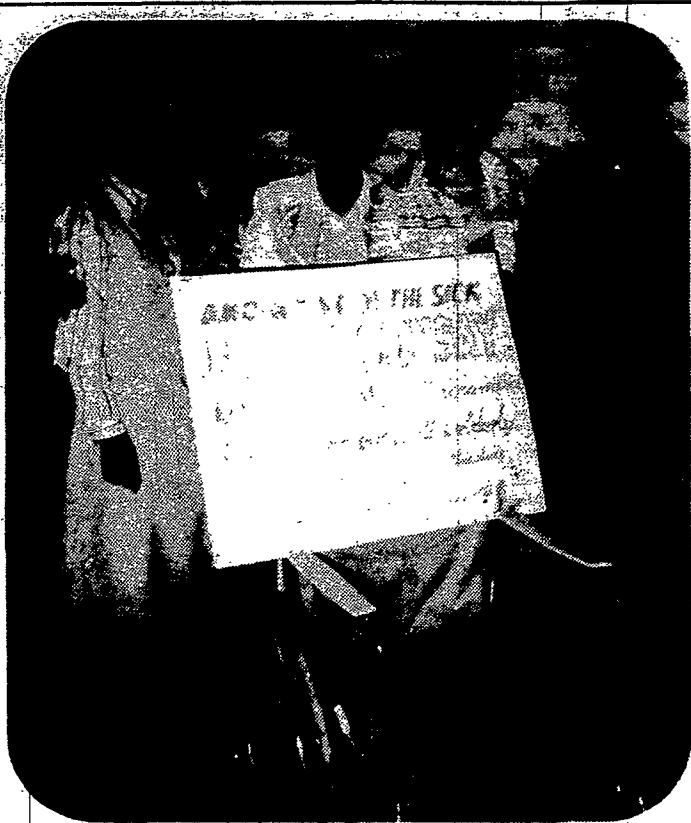
### Anointing Rite At St. Helen's

A special Mass with Anointing of the Sick has been set for 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at St. Helen's Church, 310 Hinchey Road. The prayers of this sacrament remind the sick and the aged of God's care for them, and ask for his healing and strength for body, mind, and spirit.

Any Catholic who is seriously ill, facing an operation, or growing weak from old age is welcome. Persons who were anointed in previous years may be anointed again if their illness persists or returns, according to Msgr. Patrick J. Flynn, pastor.

Guests from other parishes will find that a ramp at the side entrance by the school allows easy access for persons using wheelchairs or walkers. Trained medics will be on hand. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

The event was planned by Sue Wiedemer and Kay Spohn, assisted by Willard and Ann Dasch and Russell and May Lewis, temporary officers of the new senior citizens' group at St. Helen's.



Planners of the anointing service at St. Helen's consider where to place advertising signs. From the left are Sue Wiedemer, Willard and Ann Dasch and May and Russell Lewis.

## Bishops to Enlist Aging For Programs for Elderly

Rockville Centre, N.Y. (RNS) — New York State's Roman Catholic bishops intend to enlist the aging in a concerted effort to help meet the pastoral needs of the elderly and, perhaps, other groups in the Church.

Following a two-day provincial meeting of bishops from eight New York dioceses here, the prelates said that one of their goals would be "more effective involvement of parish people — many of them volunteer from the ranks of the elderly themselves."

"We have become more aware of the tremendous leadership potential and resources that exist at the parish level," they said.

The bishops, led by Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York, said their meeting had resulted in:

—A "deeper consciousness among the bishops on meeting the needs of all the elderly, whether they are well and self-directed, frail and home-bound or institutionalized.

—A recognition of the important contribution all the elderly can make to the life of the Church.

—A "stronger commitment to the elderly on the part of the community of faith."

—An opportunity for Church leadership to identify the values which should permeate Church attitudes and behavior toward the elderly; useful structures of and for the elderly, and effective local programs and services to enhance the life of the elderly.

The bishops met April 17-19 with about 100 priests, religious and laity from the various dioceses to reflect on the pastoral concerns of the elderly. Among the participants were aging persons who have been active in Church activities, particularly at the parish level, as well as administrators of programs for the aging.

Msgr. Charles Fahey, executive director of the Syracuse diocese and a

national expert on problems of the aging, told the gathering that no group of persons is more oppressed than America's senior citizens.

The priest, a member of the federal and national Councils on the Aging, said there are both "internal" and "external" factors involved in that oppression. He stressed that the "retirement" age of 65 is very misleading. Many people, he said, can produce well beyond age 65 but society will not allow it.

Pointing out that the number of "old" Americans is increasing, he said that within 25 years the number of Americans over 65 will leap from the present 22 million to about 33 million. He added that income maintenance and health care is going to become a more difficult problem.

Beyond the factors of frailty and vulnerability, Msgr. Fahey said, is another form of oppression — environment. He claimed this includes crime and loneliness as they affect older people.

Noting that among the elderly church-going does fall off, the priest said "we have not reached these people with the Gospel message" or used them as potential witnesses to others. "If we challenge them to lives of joy and concern, we can bring them to live in the fullness of the Gospel," he said.

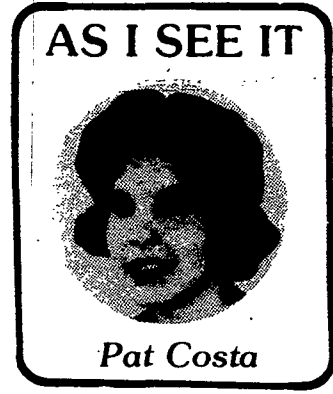
### Women's Role Discussed

"New Women? New Church?" is the title of a study-reflection event scheduled by the Rochester Regional Task Force on Women in the at 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 29 and from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 30 at the Interfaith Chapel of the University of Rochester.

Arlene and Leonard Swidler will be guest speakers. Authors, lecturers and theologians they are best known for their interest and insights into the issue of the role of women in the Church.

### PHONATHON

The 10th annual Aquinas Alumni Appeal moves into phase 3 Monday night, May 2, with a dinner at the school for the 198 men who will conduct a telephone campaign. Phonathon volunteers expect to reach more than 5,000 local alumni. Dinner is scheduled for 6:30, after a social hour. Chairmen are Don Miller, class of 1952, and Wendel Kleehammer, 1940. The Aquinas Stage Band will entertain, under the direction of John Lyon.



Pat Costa

For years the television industry has attempted to excuse its low quality of programming with the standard "But we're only giving the people what they want."

It is doubtful that the medium will be able to resort to that particular rationale any longer.

In the past six months American viewers have overwhelmingly placed their stamp of approval on such quality productions as "Eleanor and Franklin," the White House, "Roots," and most recently six hours devoted to the life and death of Christ, "Jesus of Nazareth."

In each instance ratings for these special dramatizations showed that the programs outdrew competing shows in audiences. According to TV Guide, 70 million viewers watched the Palm Sunday installment of "Jesus."

The conclusion? Yes, we Americans will watch junk if there is nothing else but

junk available. Give us something better and we will eagerly turn our backs on the garbage.

The latest Norman Lear production, "All That Glitters," recently made its debut. Cable viewers can get it on Channel 4, Buffalo, at 1 p.m. or on Channel 11, New York City, at 11:30 p.m. The show, billed as a comedy-drama, features the high-powered world of the business executive but this time the male-female roles are reversed and we see Barbara Baxley, Anita Gillette and Lois Nettleton as the breadwinners and an assortment of pitiful men playing their house-trapped husbands. Some of writer Harry Cauley's lines are so on target as to make the viewer squirm. As usual, Lear lets things get out of hand with emphasis on females aggressively pinching posteriors and the husbands reduced to whiners. Channel 4's time slot seems like a particularly poor one in light of the hanky panky.

### SANTO ESPIRITU

About 70 men and women will take part this weekend in a retreat to be given in Spanish by a charismatic team from Pennsylvania. They will assemble Friday evening at Holy Angels Home on North Winton Road and stay until Sunday afternoon. Organizers are the Santo Espiritu prayer group of people from the neighborhoods of Holy Redeemer and St. Francis Xavier.

## Divorced, Separated Groups in Diocese

Diocesan Coordinator: Sister Kathleen Kircher, Pastoral Office, 328-3210

### NORTHWEST REGION

St. Charles Borromeo School Library  
64 Maiden Lane, Greece  
1st and 3rd Sundays, 7:30 p.m.  
Georgia Gnadt, 227-1572  
St. Charles Rectory, 661-3230

### LIVINGSTON-STEUBEN REGION

St. Agnes  
96 Prospect St., Avon  
Sister Barbara Joan, 226-2100

### SENECA-CAYUGA REGION

St. Alphonsus Meeting Room  
95 E. Genesee St., Auburn  
2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.  
Betty Myers, 251-6387

St. Patrick's  
280 Denison Parkway East, Corning  
Ann Marie Kapral, 936-9012

### SOUTHEAST REGION

St. John's  
(includes widowed)  
547 Humboldt St., Rochester  
1st and 3rd Sundays  
Rita Lewis, 482-1715

### St. Joachim's

Canisteo  
Father Thomas Burr, 698-4034

### NORTHEAST REGION

St. Joseph's  
43 Crbhardt Rd., Penfield  
1st and 3rd Sundays, 7:30 p.m.  
Luz Maria DiPalermo, 381-1495

### SOUTHWEST REGION

St. Monica's  
34 Monica St., Rochester  
1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m.  
Earl Nagle, 328-8844

St. Francis Xavier Hall  
314 Bay St.  
Franette Tillman, 288-2537

### TOMPKINS-TIOGA REGION

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Meeting location rotates  
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 8 p.m.  
Rose Sagan, 257-3375

Conacle Retreat House  
93 East Ave.  
Sister Marie Williams, 271-8755

### YATES-ONTARIO-WAYNE REGION


St. Francis Church  
(includes widowed)  
130 Exchange St., Geneva  
3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Patty Miller, 584-3509


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