



Annual Gift

Every year, the Knights of Columbus raise money for the bishops of New York State to disburse in aid to retarded children. Here, acting for Bishop Joseph M. Hogan, Bishop Dennis W. Hickey receives a \$15,000 check from State Deputy Thomas P. Ryan of Queens and District Deputy Raymond Pfeifer, left, a member of Trinity Council, Webster.

Priest Details Views On Catholic Schools

Father Conrad Sundholm said last week that his views on Catholic schools had been misinterpreted in a Courier-Journal news story.

"I'm in favor of a Catholic school that teaches Catholic doctrine," he declared. "We should in no way water it down. A Catholic school system should be truly Catholic."

He was commenting on a news account of Priests Council reaction to a report from the Urban Catholic School Ministry Task Force. The report "raised a number of questions in the minds of the diocesan priests who have studied it," the story said. The questions he presented at the council meeting were not reported accurately, Father Sundholm protested.

He and his North Region colleagues regard the task force plans as an attempt to create ecumenical schools, the priest said. Specifically

Catholic teaching would be replaced by general instruction in the teachings of Jesus "on a scriptural basis," he continued. Families that are not Catholic thus would be offered a substitute for the public schools that dissatisfy them. They may be right in believing that their children are not well taught, Father Sundholm said, "and I am concerned that a black kid be properly grounded in math."

"But it is not a Catholic problem. We don't have the funds."

Protestants certainly are welcome in the Catholic schools, the priest noted, but these schools have been provided "to improve the faith life of the people" and should be chosen "for the faith."

Father Sundholm, pastor of St. Salome's, is finishing a term as North Region coordinator.



EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY!

St. Philip Neri School held a gigantic birthday party for the entire faculty and student body at the school's recent field day. The unique feature of this occasion was a nine-tiered birthday cake created with layers of cardboard and filled with 279 gifts.

House Again Approves HEW Amendment

Washington, D.C. (RNS) - For the fourth time, the House of Representatives has approved amending an appropriations bill to prohibit the use of federal funds for abortions.

Introduced June 17 by Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.), the amendment to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and Labor 1978 Appropriations Bill reads:

"None of the funds appropriated under this act shall be used to pay for abortions, or to promote or encourage abortions." The recorded vote was 155-20.

Originally, Hyde's amendment said also "except where a physician has certified the abortion is necessary to save the life of the mother." The chair sustained two points of order contending that this

provision represented "legislation in an appropriations bill" and would create additional duties in administration. Hyde, a Catholic, reintroduced the amendment without the qualification.

A spokeswoman for the Illinois lawmaker said Hyde expected that the Senate-House Conference Committee would restore the

provision before returning the amendment for a final vote. It is assumed that President Carter will accept the amendment, because he is on record as opposed to the use of federal funds for abortions.

Hyde's amendment was included in the 1977 HEW-Labor appropriations bill that President Ford signed, but it has not been enforced because of legal action against it. A decision is pending in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Sisters Make Vows

On Sunday, June 26, at 2 p.m., in the Motherhouse chapel of the Sisters of St. Joseph, four young women, Sisters Mary Ellen Campbell, Patricia McDermott, Barbara Olmstead and Christine Wagner, will make first commitment and Susan Nowak and Barbara Skornia will be received into the novitiate.

The theme of the Eucharistic liturgy will be "To You, Yahweh, I Lift Up My Soul." Father Stephen Wroblewski, O. Carm. will be the main celebrant and Sister Jamesine Riley, Superior General of the

Congregation, will give the homily.

Sisters Mary Ellen, Barbara, Patricia and Christine have just completed a one-year novitiate program, which began in July with a month in Selma, Alabama. In September Sister Christine will teach at Holy Childhood School, Sister Barbara will be a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira and Sisters Mary Ellen and Patricia will continue their studies at Nazareth College.

Susan and Barbara have been involved in a one-year associate program. Susan was a May graduate of Nazareth College in

Religious Studies and Barbara taught Theology at Nazareth Academy. During their time in the Novitiate they will live at the Motherhouse and learn more about the prayer, ministry and community life of the Sisters of St. Joseph. This is a special time of growth and deepening in one's relationship with God and a discerning time regarding the living of the vows.

The Sisters, their parents and the parishes they were affiliated with before entering the Sisters of St. Joseph are:

Sister Mary Ellen Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Campbell, St. Theodore's Parish; Sister Patricia McDermott, daughter of Mrs. Elvira McDermott and Mr. William McDermott, St. Mary's Parish, Canandaigua; Sister Barbara Olmstead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Olmstead, St. Stanislaus Parish, Rochester; Sister Christine Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner - St. John's Parish, Spencerport; Susan Nowak, daughter of Mrs. Mary Ware and Mr. Robert Nowak, St. Charles Parish, Rochester; Barbara Skornia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Skornia, St. Mary's Parish, Bay City, Mich.



St. Thomas Fun

A face-painting booth will be part of the fun at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on June 23, 24 and 25. Shown "mugging it up" are Jane Cribbin, Catherine Grisdale, Michael Grisdale, James Cribbin and Patrick Cribbin.

Pastors Elect 2 Representatives

The pastors of the diocese have chosen Fathers John S. Whalen and L. John Hedges to be their representatives on the Priests Personnel Board. For Father Whalen it was reelection. The term is three years.

Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, board chairman, announced also that the Rev. Mr. James D. Peters would serve his deacon internship at St. Thomas the Apostle and that Basilian Father John Robbins had been tran-

sferred in the campus ministry from Nazareth College to Cornell University.

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