



New Officers

Outgoing officers of St. Patrick's, Victor, parish council, from left, Vice President Gerald Barry, President Sheila Cody and Secretary Vicki Pancoast cut cake as part of the first annual Installation Celebration. The evening included Mass, a buffet dinner and election of officers. Next year, Barbara Wheeler will serve as president with Joseph Sullivan Vice President and Ann Guiffre as Secretary.

Life, Liberty and Law



Nancy Murphy

Of every ten people I know, probably eight of them are "against abortion". But fewer than one of the ten knows what to do about it. Considering the do-it-yourself morality taught in many classrooms and in college level conferences like the Value Clarification Conference held last Spring at Brockport which was attended by representatives of at least one Catholic high school, and the Values Clarification Conference sponsored by the National Humanists and Planned Parenthood at Nazareth College last week... it is my personal conclusion that the low Rate of Action factor is due to a lack of visible religious leadership.

I wish to emphasize that I do not intend this as an attack on the established professional/religious/educational communities. I earnestly applaud their stunning successes in their top priority areas: the grape workers, the migrants, the needy, the divorced and the troubled. They overcame towering obstacles; shouldered heavy burdens and made personal sacrifices in order to reach out to those who needed the touch of the Christian hand and the warmth of the Christian heart. Representing that which is good and pure in human nature, they have shown the depth of their Christian commitment. But their splendid successes do not obscure the fact that as yet nothing has been done to support and defend the lowliest of Christ's fragile creatures, the unborn. There is no funding for the unborn. No newsletter. No resource center. No nuns' group, no priests' group.

For the past eight months I have spoken regularly in public, sometimes three times a month, to hundreds and hundreds of people in this active and open diocese. I have enjoyed the graciousness of Communion Breakfasts; the stimulation of adult workshops; the give and take of evening discussions; the demands of small workshops. There is no apathy on the part of the population which we all

serve. On the contrary, there is a thirst for knowledge and a longing for resolute leadership. There is also, and I regret to report this, a growing feeling of despair that for the unborn, there is no relief in sight. One hears the word "abandonment" at every gathering.

I know that the energetic and imaginative leadership of my diocese is pro-life, although they are not as knowledgeable as they could be. I am positive that eventually they will display the same vigor for the unborn that they have displayed for all of the other "unwants". I only ask who will lead us? And when? It's our turn now.

Next week: Continued...

'Slo' Pitch Results Announced

The Great Northern District Otetiana Council of the cub Scouts recently finished its' fifth successful 'Slo' Pitch softball season. Over 500 cubs and their friends (85 per cent of whom come from Catholic Parishes in the Irondequoit and northeast Rochester areas) participated.

The winners include; 1st place, Pack 154, the United Congregational Church of Christ team. 2nd place, Pack 151, St. Thomas the Apostle. 3rd place, Pack 183, Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration. 4th place, St. James Church.

The Sportsmanship award went to Pack 288, the Pardee School team coached by Ed Allen. Coach of the year honors went to Chuck Cometa from St. Andrew's. Home run king was Cub Russell Landry, Pack 64 from St. Stanislaus. Most valuable player was given to Steve Miller from Pack 183. Most improved rookie was Chuck Cometa, Jr., from St. Andrew's, Pack 70. Honorary Den Mother of the Year went to Ann Doran of St. Thomas the Apostle.

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SOME THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER
 By Ed Sulewski
 Death is ever present among us and so too is the adjustment to it. Despite the inevitability of death it seems to come unexpectedly and with it an emotional crisis which we term as grief. When someone we loved has died we should not try to minimize the emotional upset we are going through. No matter how brave we think we are or try to be we must recognize grief and sorrow for what they are in order to fully comprehend them. The fact is someone we cared about is dead and no longer among us. We are human and we will certainly miss that person.
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