



Benefactors Thanked

Robert A. Kidera, left, president of Nazareth College, at a dinner for the college's President's Society, honored "two special benefactors" of Nazareth College. James Bruce, second from left, represented the Eastman Kodak Co. which, Kidera said, set the pace for all contributors to Nazareth's new Otto A. Shults Community Center with a leadership gift of \$350,000. James Wilmot, third from left, chairman of the board of Wilmorite Corp., was singled out for the largest capital gift of the year, \$250,000, in memory of his late wife, Lorette. Looking on is Homer Babidge Jr., president of the Hartford Graduate Center and a trustee of the Gannett Foundation, who delivered the main address at the dinner.

Alumnae Open House

St. Agnes alumnae are sponsoring an Open House at the school on Dec. 12. In response to a request by alumnae themselves, the day's program will provide for visiting classes, meeting old and new teachers, seeing physical and curriculum changes that have taken place and attending a talent show assembly.

A welcoming committee will provide schedules for the time any graduate wishes to spend in school, between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Baby sitting will be provided by the Child Development class. Anyone planning to bring children should call Joanne Lo Bozzo at 288-7619.

Committee members include Vanza Oliver McIntee '72, Pat Drews Fair '66 and Sharon Altonberg Woodruff '66.

SECRETARIES FETE BOSSES

Local members of the National Secretaries Association entertained their bosses at lunch Nov. 18 at the Holiday Inn. Krag Donovan, a lawyer who serves on the boards of Catholic Charities and

Rochester General Hospital, among others, was cited as "Boss of the Year." He had been nominated by Grace Calarco, former secretary to Father Charles Connell of St. Philip Neri. Father Connell gave the invocation.



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Nancy Murphy

I interrupt the series on Natural Family Planning for a vitally important and very fitting prayer of encouragement. As readers of the Courier-Journal know, our St. Mary's Hospital has been threatened with severe financial sanctions unless it closes its splendid (and busy) OB unit.

(Editor's note: Despite Gov. Hugh Carey's pledge, as reported on Page One of this issue, to grant a religious waiver to the facility, Sister DeChantal LaRow, administrator of the hospital, will continue to pursue an established course in petitioning for the waiver.)

Surely the tragic example of another Catholic facility, St. Francis Hospital of Poughkeepsie, serves as an ill omen to all of us. Two years ago this column reported that the staff and administration of St. Francis volunteered to merge their OB unit with that of the Vassar Brothers Hospital where sterilizations and abortions are routinely performed. Using reports taken from the Poughkeepsie Journal, I pointed out that this action was taken with neither prior warning to the Catholic pulpits nor prior discussion with the Vassar Brothers Hospital. Thus, on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1974, at exactly 1:48 a.m., Kenneth William Lang became the last baby to be born at St. Francis Hospital. Recently, spokesmen for that facility have voiced regrets over the dreadful "merger mistake". The reason for the remorse is their loss of several hundred thousand dollars.

But St. Mary's has fought the demands for closure

I ask, I implore, that we of the Rochester area — we whose families and ancestors have been served for 120 years by St. Mary's Hospital — pray, pray, pray for a continuance of St. Mary's loving care. It has held gratefully to the rigors of Catholicism; it has remained loyal to the teachings of Christ; it has enacted absolute principles in this era of gaudy indifference. The tranquility of the hospital reveals the rewards. I especially ask those of you who did not have the opportunity to sign one of the petitions Sister DeChantal will carry to Albany next week, to say a rosary a day for her intentions. Please also join in an appeal to St. Gerard, the patron of mothers and of children yet unborn. Surely he who helps to preserve the sanctity of all human life will not turn a busy or a deaf ear to our plea. Surely he will understand the unique needs of the women of this area who simply want to give birth in a Catholic atmosphere without abortions and sterilizations being performed in the same building.

May I add that I have witnessed on more than one occasion the tears of young mothers in non-Catholic hospitals who weep, as they hold their new ones, for those "down the hall" who remain unborn forever. In St. Mary's, human life is sacred, and the OB unit, thank God, is busier now than it has been in months. Surely we can afford a few prayers. What other hospital is there? St. Gerard, pray for us. Please...

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

The advertising pages of the New York Times in the 30 day shopping period just before Christmas are wondrous things.

Dedicated to the proposition that an inordinate number of people are too thoughtless, lazy, or indifferent to put any care into selecting a gift for other individuals upon whom they nevertheless feel they must bestow some token, the ads are filled with expensive, sometimes useless, often tasteless baubles.

From that giant of gimmickry, Hammacher Schlemmer, there are such memorable gifts as the staple-less stapler, the golf ball marker and an electronic calculator pen with an eight digit readout

Macy's has a push button dresser valet that works on two batteries. Push a button and you find your keys, push it again and your wallet appears.

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