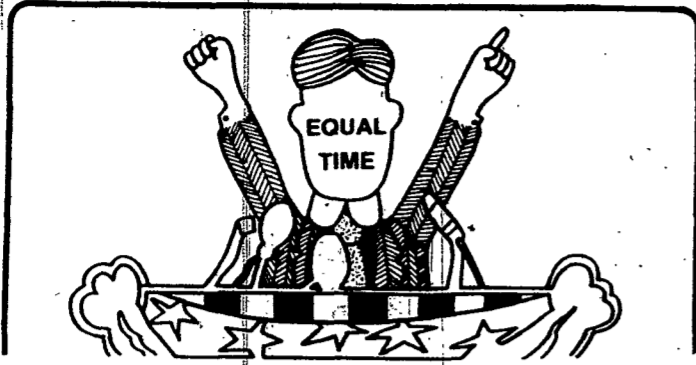


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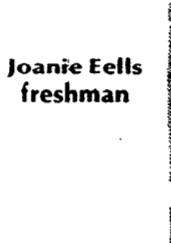
What is the value of prayer?

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Barb Hughes
senior
Maryleaf

"Talking with God and clearing your conscience are benefits of prayer and it gives a feeling that you have someone to talk to. Your friends will listen to you but they're not always there but God is. I don't think memorized prayers are as good; you're losing the meaning of prayer by merely reciting. It should be just talking to God."



Joanie Eells
freshman

"The value of prayer is to show God that you love Him and you want Him to help you in your everyday life and help you with problems. I think that prayers that you make up have more value than the prayers you memorize and I think people should pray more. They don't because they're too involved in their problems to include God in their lives."



Mark Murphy
sophomore

"Sometimes to get out their emotions, people talk to God, and pray for intentions or pray for somebody. Sometimes, people pray in their free time just to help them through the day. I think you should pray every day. Memorized prayer doesn't have much meaning because people just say it and don't know what they say. You should pray in your own words."



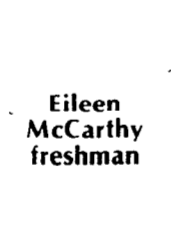
Steve Ramich
senior
basketball

"I think that man has a need for a greater being to look up to and does this through prayer to God. I think that it's reassuring that you can pray, and that there's someone greater than yourself that you can pray to and put your trust in."



Sue Shields
senior
Class Council

"Prayer is mainly for communication with God. I think prayer should be your own feelings put into words, the feelings that come from your heart. I don't think people pray enough. It seems that the only time they pray to God is when they've got problems and I don't think it should be that way."



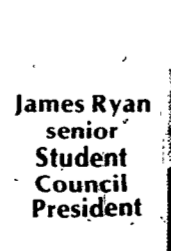
Eileen McCarthy
freshman

"The value of prayer is to show God that you really care about Him. Some people are too involved with activities to remember to pray. Prayers that are in your own words are better because they show your true feelings better than prayers that are made up by other people."



Mary Rita Wayne
freshman
volleyball

"It brings you closer to God. Some kids turn to prayer for help; for example, during exam week a lot of kids turned to prayer to help them along with their studies. Prayer makes you feel good; every morning our homeroom prays and it brings us together. A couple of kids had surgery and we prayed for them. We have liturgies in school and a lot of kids go to them."



James Ryan
senior
Student Council President

"Prayer is beneficial for the well-being of the individual. It presents an opportunity for a closer and more meaningful relationship with God and it gives the person an insight into his own being. I believe that prayer also is a means to unify an individual with his family, Church and God and therefore is essential in the development of spiritual relationships."

Mercy Activities

Lent Observed
Sister Virginia Wilson who is dean of students at Our Lady of Mercy High School wondered, "How many times do we stop a student in the hall and ask how she is and never really listen to what she says."

Her pondering gave way to the idea for "a listening Lent" project through which Mercians are concentrating on each other as individuals with special gifts. In the beginning of Lent they were given tags which asked, "Do you hear me?" Before the season ends, they will receive another which inquires, "Am I listening?" Also, posters emblazoned with quotes such as, "It takes two to listen" decorate the corridors.

Additional Lenten observances include special Penitential liturgies at which the participants receive nails representing their human faults. They place them in the cross which hangs in the school foyer. Mini homilies are read over the PA by volunteer students and a mite box is available in the cafeteria for student contributions which will be given to the St. Joseph House of Hospitality.

Creative Honors
In this, the school's 50th anniversary year, a special logo contest was held in February. All students were invited to put their creative abilities to work in designing an emblem for the school. It was senior Patti Hockenbrock who won the first place \$50 prize. Claire Hunt, a junior, received honorable mention.

Two Careers

Pam Murphy, a junior at St. Agnes High School, has been accepted for the State Summer School of the Arts in Saratoga Springs. The program is sponsored by Skidmore College and to qualify, Pam competed in auditions at the Performing Arts Center in Buffalo.

Her acting career has included parts in the Rochester Community Player's "The King and I" and as Louise in "Carousel" with the Brighton Theater Guild.

Aside from her acting abilities, she is a dancer and won the 1977 National Dance Championship in Atlantic City last year.

After school, Pam is going to pursue professional dancing in New York and will keep an eye open for Broadway stage opportunities.



PAM MURPHY

Patti's winning entry will appear on all school stationery while Claire's will decorate the activity programs especially the one for the Spring recital.



PATTI HOCKENBROCK



CLAIRE HUNT



Children's Theater

Members of the Aquinas Performing Arts Club are preparing for their children's play, Sir Slob and the Princess. Two of the knights, in the photo, are conferring with the court herald, Betsy Ripton. Performances will be on the Aquinas stage, March 18-19, 2 p.m.

Focus On Seniors

A new tradition was born over at Nazareth Academy when school administrators and senior homeroom teachers decided to challenge the February doldrums by declaring a Senior Appreciation Day. The plans were made in secret so when, on Feb. 14, Sister Mary Jean made the announcement that it was the seniors' day, it was a total surprise.

Sister noted that the

seniors held a special place in the Nazareth family and she thanked them for all they had added to the school during their four years.

Sister Ann DeMare designed a button which said in bright red letters, "Super Special Seniors". The class of '78 was also invited to the cafeteria for a breakfast treat served by Sister Mary Jean, Sister Elaine and senior homeroom moderators.

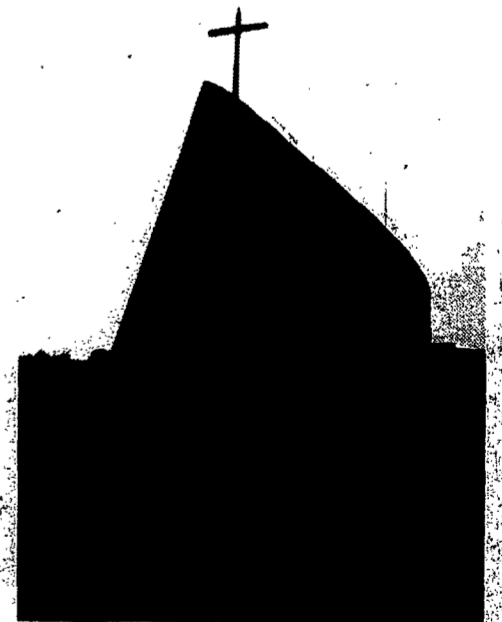
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