



Richard J. Susat, a parishioner of St. Mary's in Scottsville and mayor of the village, has been named director of University Plant at the University of Rochester. He has been associate director since 1964 and acting director since 1977.

8th Graders See Justice In Action

Eighth grade students from St. Rita's School in Webster recently got a closeup view of the local judicial system when Judge Donald Mark invited them to a day in court and a tour of the Monroe County jail.

The program began in Judge Mark's chambers where he explained his role as judge of Criminal Court and described as judge's discretionary power in dealing with youthful offenders.

Anthony Yazback, chief of detectives for the sheriff's department; Sgt. Dan Wright; head of the juvenile division of the Sheriff's Department, conducted the pupils on a tour of the department. Deputy David Gerew explained the workings of the county jail and showed them an inmate's quarters.

Deaths

Sister Mary Claire Was Also Journalist

Sister Mary Claire Doran, a Rochester native who belonged to two religious orders in the course of a long life, and made a living in journalism between times, died in Syracuse March 4, 1978, in her 89th year.

She had been a Franciscan Sister of the Third Order, Minor Conventuals since 1935. From 1906 until 1921 she was a Sister of St. Joseph and a teacher in this diocese. Her given name was Carolyn Ruth. Her relatives include Dorothy Doran of Albany.

Father Jeffery

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial for Father Richard Jeffery, CSB, was celebrated at Holy Rosary Church on March 28. Father Jeffery died in St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto on Holy Saturday, March 25, 1978.

The son of the late Raymond E. and Marie Elizabeth Klem Jeffery was born in 1924. Father Jeffery entered the Basilian novitiate in 1942, following his graduation from Aquinas Institute. He was ordained June 29, 1951 and taught at Aquinas from 1952 to 1954.

He pursued an apostolate to Spanish-speaking U.S. citizens and Mexican citizens for the remainder of his priestly life.

In June of 1971 he was named pastor of St. Teresa's Parish in Sugarland, Tex. Four years later he was appointed to St. Ann's Parish in Houston, Tex., which appointment he held until his death.

A confrere in the community said recently of him, "He was very friendly, a great community man, a gentle, open, quiet and unassuming priest. He was particularly responsive to children and they were drawn to him."

At the time of his death, his brother priest said, "he was working to begin and train a youth choir for St. Ann's."

Father Jeffery's survivors include his mother, a twin brother Raymond E. of New Jersey, and two sisters Mrs. Walter (Dorothy) Snell and Mrs. Joseph (Joanne) Fitzgerald.

widow of a nephew, Joseph Doran, onetime assistant U.S. attorney here.

Sister Mary Claire left the religious life to take care of an invalid brother, according to a memorial notice published by the Franciscan Sisters in Syracuse. She joined their order in New Jersey after her brother's death. It was her intention, the sisters reported, to serve at the order's mission to the lepers on Molokai but after a ten-day visit there and a novitiate in Honolulu, she was assigned chiefly to administrative positions on the mainland. While teaching in Hoboken, she obtained a masters' degree in English at Fordham, and gave a summer course in radio and television broadcasting at the university.

She had been a radio commentator in Elmira and a feature writer and critic for Gannett newspapers in Elmira and Rochester.

In religious life, she continued to write, and many of her poems and prose articles were published in national Catholic magazines. For some years, she represented her order in the Mission Secretariat of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. In 1962, she wrote a history of the Franciscan community for the revised Catholic Encyclopedia undertaken by Catholic University of America, and for the next three years she was editor of such historical articles prepared for the encyclopedia. Her last position was directress of the Duns Scotus House of Studies in Washington, D.C. She retired in 1967.

Sr. Sponsa

Sister Sponsa Hennessie, SSND, died Wednesday, April 12, 1978 at the age of 85, at St. Joseph Hospital in Baltimore, Md.

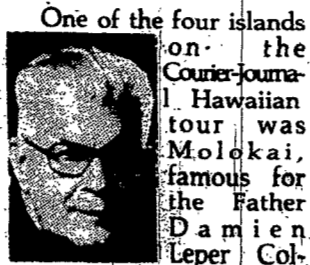
Sister Sponsa served in Rochester from 1953-1959 at the old St. Joseph Church on Franklin St. as superior and school principal.

She had been living in Northcliff, Md. in the retirement home for the School Sisters of Notre Dame just prior to her death.

On The Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

More About Hawaii



Fr. Cuddy. To prepare for it, I bought a paperback — Damien, the Leper, by John Farrow. What is the history of this colony?

In the 1860s the dreadful disease of leprosy was spreading in the Hawaiian Islands. It was contagious and incurable. The troubled government ordered all lepers to be picked up and to be isolated at the bottom of Molokai Island. It was a natural prison, four square miles of windswept, lava-formed peninsula.

Lepers were sought out, taken from homes and families, put into a sailboat and dumped on this jut of land to fare as best they could. The government provided minimal food, clothing and care. As a result these lepers lived like animals, drowning their despair in sex orgies, drunkenness, filth, animality.

The Catholic spiritual care of the islands was in the hands of the Sacred Heart Fathers — Belgians, Dutch, Germans, French. The Protestant care was from New England Congregationalists, who became strongly entrenched in Hawaiian religious, political and economic life. James Michener's book, Hawaii, gives a hardly sympathetic picture of them, but historically they were puritanically self-righteous and strongly anti-Catholic.

A Belgian priest, Father Damien Joseph de Veuster, came in 1864 as a Sacred Heart missionary among the Hawaiians. He was a farmer, strong in body, character and

Faith. Word of the spiritual plight of the lepers struck the missionaries. With full realization of the awful task among lepers, Bishop Maigret asked for volunteers. Many did volunteer — a peculiar plus for a celibate clergy. Father Damien was chosen.

Until his death 16 years later, only 49 and a leper, Damien labored for the lepers. He came as a priest, to bring the Mass, Communion, confession and all the sacraments and sacramentals. He taught the catechism, the rosary, devotions. He brought all those supernatural graces from Christ through His Church to people abandoned by their own. But such is the history of the Church, as we see also in Mother Teresa of Calcutta. He integrated the corporal works of mercy with the spiritual. He became nurse, carpenter, grave digger, counselor, music man, cottage builder, fund raiser, sanitary director, confidante — as well as Father. He served the non-Catholics with equal heart.

The present leper colony is what it is today because of him. When I met my guide, Pete Reola, we shook hands. I was startled to find he had no fingers — only stubs left from leprosy, but sufficient for him to drive the tour car. Scientific research at Carville, La., discovered a sulfa drug 40 years ago to arrest leprosy. I asked Pete, "Could you leave here?" Yes. But where would I go. I was 17 when they took me from my home in Honolulu. I have been here 32 years. This is my home. These are my friends. The government provides us with food, clothing, medical care and a monthly check. I will live out my life here and be buried here among my friends. Today, at the leper colony there are 180 people, of whom 132 are lepers. About 90 are Catholics; 15, Mormons; the rest, general Protestants served by a minister and his wife from the midwest.

Omission
Inadvertently Nazareth College was not listed in the publication of Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's quinquennial report in the April 19 edition.

Under seminaries and universities should have appeared: Nazareth College — approximately 2,500 full and part-time students — one chaplain full-time.

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