



Preparing for Nostalgia Night at Mercy High School are alumnae guest conductors (l-r) Shirley Tetzlaff Bezek and Monica Miller Servas, with alumnae chorus group. The school glee club, above, also took part in the performance. Representatives of almost every class took part in the varied program.



Mercy Opens Jubilee

There was a special homecoming last Saturday evening at Our Lady of Mercy High School, a gala celebration opening the school's observance of its 50th anniversary.

The festivities drew together alumnae from nearly every class graduated from the school.

Jubilee Presentation followed by a reception. Writers for the presentation were Sisters Dorothy Schleuter, Margaret Mary Mattie, and Mary Estelle Martin. The program was directed by Sister Barbara Weyand.

A commemorative booklet also was issued, written by Sisters Mary Florence, Mary Eymard and Mary Estelle Martin.

Hospitality and Reception committees was Joan Sharp Burke, assisted by Mary Whitley Connors.

In other activities planned for the celebration, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will celebrate with the former chaplains to the school a field Mass of Thanksgiving on Sept. 10. The festivities will conclude with an Alumnae Banquet on Oct. 20.

The evening included a Chairwoman of the

The Open Window

Ecumenism—Some Queries

Dear Father Hohman,

A Roman Catholic Mass and an Episcopal communion service will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m. Tuesday in St. Fr. Hohman Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 S. Fitzhugh St., to mark the feast of All Saints. It's a holy day in both Roman Catholic and Episcopal calendars.

This item is from a Democrat and Chronicle of 10-77. I understand that some local priests, Fr. Henry Atwell, to name one, practice their faith by occasionally offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in Protestant churches. A multitude of questions beg answers.

1. Are the Roman Catholic Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and a Protestant communion service: one and the same?

2. Is the spirit of

ecumenism so important in the New Catholic Church that some priests will disclaim the Real Presence and the miracle of Transubstantiation to appease their Protestant brothers and sisters?

3. Who authorizes these concelebrated events?

These questions may seem indelicate in view of the modern liberalism which has literally captured our Holy Catholic Church, but they should be answered to clear up the confusion which abounds among the laity as well as the clergy.

When I questioned a priest, who incidentally is a dear friend, he replied, "I don't know." He was honest, but really, is it not his business to know?

(Signed) N.M.

Dear N.M.,

In answer to your questions:

1. No, the Roman Catholic Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Protestant communion service are not one and the same. There are certain marked resemblances between the two and theologians from both churches have just

finished discussing the fact that there is no substantial difference in their outlook on Eucharist and Eucharistic worship. But that does not mean that they are at this point the same.

2. Your suggestion that some priests disclaim the Real Presence and the miracle of transubstantiation to appease their Protestant brothers and sisters is not only contrary to fact but indicates a very rash judgment. I am certain that none of the priests involved in the Nov. 1 service at St. Luke's had any idea of watering down their own beliefs in the interest of ecumenism. People who are sincerely involved in ecumenism recognize that this is not the answer.

3. The Bishop of Rochester certainly authorizes these events, but I think you are mistaken when you speak of them as being concelebrated. Incidentally, I would recommend for your reading the decree on ecumenism of Vatican II. It will clear up your muddled thinking on how these things have come about. It is not liberalism which has captured the Church, but rather originally the very open and beautiful mind of Pope John XXIII.

The only thing you are right about is that the priest you asked should know.

Parish Celebrates 70 Years

A Lithuanian Mass, with the composer directing visiting singers and instrumentalists, marked the 70th anniversary of St. George's Lithuanian Church May 7. The pastor and his associate, Franciscan Fathers Justin Vaskys and Gabriel Baltrusaitis, concelebrated with Father Edwin Metzger, pastor of neighboring Holy Redeemer Church.

The Ciurlionis Lithuanian National Art Ensemble, a choir and orchestra of 90 members, performed the music of Alfonsas Mikulskis under his baton. The

musicians, from Cleveland, O., had given a concert at Nazareth Arts Center the night before.

St. George's has about 500 parishioners, and about 500 people attended the Mass, the pastor reported. Dinner was served afterward in the parish hall.

Organization of the Hudson Avenue parish began

in 1905. Incorporation dates to 1908. A temporary church was built with a school in 1910, and the present church was opened in 1935. The parish maintains an active youth center. Since 1972, the pastoral staff has been supplied, under a contract with the diocese, by the Lithuanian Franciscan Vicariate of St. Casimir, which has headquarters in Kennebunkport, Me.

Science Days

Three eighth graders at Sacred Heart School in an independent study project developed models of solar energy devices which they demonstrated at Sun Day, May 3. Edward Boland, Judy Seely and Gregory Price built a solar cooker, a solar water heater, a model of a solar collector and solar cell.



After a morning at WXXI, they moved their show to Manhattan Square Park, where they again caught the attention of television crews. Their work will be displayed at the school's annual Science Fair May 23, 24 and 25. On the final night, Bishop John E. McCafferty, cathedral rector, will give prizes for the winning entries.

Cabrini Dinner

Books symbolize their goal; the Mother Cabrini Circle raises money to help black youngsters through Catholic high schools. Scanning a few texts here are Jean Ingram, Dorothy Carroll and Margaret Byrne, whose big Spring project is the smorgasbord dinner arranged for Sunday, May 21, 12:30-5:30 p.m., at Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church. Mrs. Carroll is current chairman of the 32-year-old organization's scholarship fund drive.

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