

# St. Monica's Plans 'Black Cat Bazaar'



St. Monica's schoolchildren get into the fund-raising act too. At a recent hot dog sale, above, Sister Janet Mary, David Steadman, Peter Young, Tonisha Hall, Alfred Miller and Jermain Robinson, package the goods; and, right, Jacquelin Bennett, samples the product.



Photos by Susan McKinney

St. Monica's School, one of the bulwarks of the Church in the 19th ward, is throwing a "Black Cat Bazaar" this year to raise funds to continue its 80 year history of service to the neighborhood.

According to Sister Clare Francis Mogenhan, principal of the school, proceeds from the bazaar will go into the school's operating fund.

She noted that of the 278 students in the pre-kindergarten through eighth grade program, 65 per cent are minority members. The bazaar, she said, is but one of several projects in the works under the aegis of the school's

parents' group, Concerned Parents.

She said that the school is financed according to the following breakdown: 61 per cent, tuition; 13 per cent, parish subsidy; 18 per cent, bingo; 8 per cent, fund raising.

The school charges \$480 for open enrollment tuition and \$450 for parishioner families.

Both the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs are financed on a per student cost.

She observed that the school has incurred an

unexpected expense this year, that of fixing the roof. She also said that parishioners and parents are "going to try to fix it for only \$3,000." Professional estimates of the repair range from \$11,000 to \$28,000, she said.

She sees the school as an exemplar of urban evangelization, and hopes one day that "St. Monica's could be a pilot school of how urban Catholic schools can succeed."

She said that "Last year we received sensational support from alumni and friends of St. Monica's, and we would welcome names and addresses of anyone wanting to help us."

## Church Notes 130 Years

Livonia Center — This month the "little white church on the hill," St. Michael's, celebrates 130 years of service to the Catholic community here.

On Oct. 15, parishioners of St. Michael's will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving and will host a coffee hour in honor of the anniversary.

According to Ann Rains of the parish, who has compiled a brief history of the Church in the area, back in 1848 Catholics would walk to Lima to attend Mass in a cooper's shop. When the first resident priest organized a parish there, St. Michael's was entrusted to him as a mission.

The first church was built in 1957.

St. Michael's today is pastored by Father Vincent LeFrois and has its own mission of St. Mary. Our Lady of the Hills.



St. Michael's, Livonia

## Southeast Regional Assembly Oct. 15

The Southeast Regional Assembly is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m., in St. Bridget's Church.

One question before the house will be whether the other parishes of the region are considering helping St.

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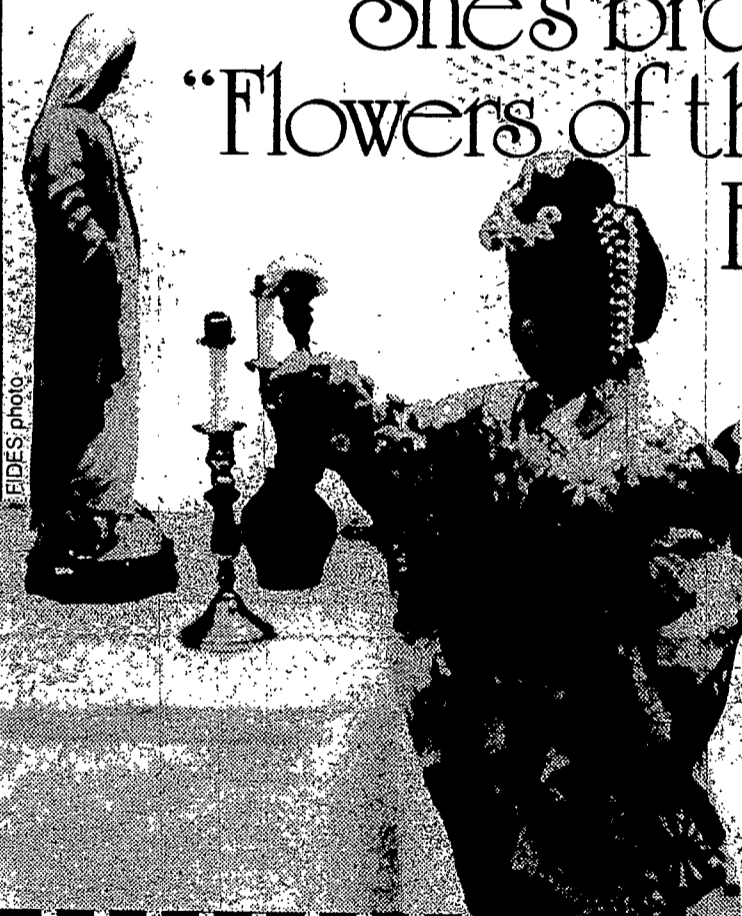
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