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Immaculate Conception Visited by Love Inn School

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Ithaca—It's not too often that the student body of one school visits another, and it is probably more unusual when both schools are religious, but not the same religion.

But such a visit took place Jan. 24, when the students of Love Inn School, Freeville, visited Immaculate Conception School.

Love Inn is a Christian community founded in 1969 in a renovated barn on Dryden Road in Freeville, north of Ithaca. The school, with 83 students from pre-school through the tenth grade, is one of the programs in the building.

All but the pre-school students visited Immaculate Conception accompanied by their principal, Ragnild Kjeldaas, and some volunteer parents. The visitors went into classes near their own age, splitting into three groups: about 25 in grades one through three; 25 in grades four through six; and four students above sixth.

In the classrooms, the students asked questions of each other. In the first grade, the questions dealt with such things as schedules and lunch periods. In the fourth grade, Immaculate Conception students, preparing for their first Sacrament of Reconciliation, explained that to their visitors.

The Love Inn's students in grades seven, eight, nine and ten, one to each grade, visited Immaculate Conception's seventh and eighth grades. The students saw advantages and disadvantages to each other's school.

The Immaculate Conception eighth graders liked the Love Inn students' three-fourths of an hour for lunch, the weekly field trips, and the absence of uniforms at the Love Inn.

But they also found out that corporal punishment is used at the Love Inn School, which they didn't think they'd like, and that the school has no sports teams because of its size.



Photo by Martin Toombs

Four children from Love Inn sit in front of Immaculate Conception eighth grade, as youngsters from the two schools exchange information.

Both groups of students seemed to enjoy the exchange.

Before their visit to the school, the Love Inn students were taken on a

tour of Immaculate Conception Church by Father John Glogowski.

St. James Nursing School Confers 22 Diplomas

Hornell — Twenty-two members of the St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing's 68th graduating class received diplomas at ceremonies Sunday, Jan. 21 in St. Ann's Church.

Father Charles Mulligan, diocesan Director of Social Ministry, delivered the commencement address. He told the graduates that "Life is what you make of it. Live your life to the fullest. Be not only technologically professional, but also show compassion. Be aware of the uniqueness of your patients."

Father Eugene Emo, hospital chaplain, gave the invocation, blessed the diplomas, introduced the speakers and award presenters, and gave the benediction. Loretta Haeefe, school director, welcomed all present and congratulated the graduates. Class speakers were Pamela Brown and Mary Fitzpatrick. A reading was given by Holly Hickey.

Sarah Curtis of the board of directors congratulated the graduates on behalf of the board, and Sister Rene expressed the best wishes of the sisters and staff of St. James.

Five graduates received awards. Mrs. Donna Kenney of Hornell received the Medical Staff Award for attaining the highest average. The Women's Board Award, given for the second highest average, went to Denise Fenton of Addison.

Holly Hickey of Scio received the Sister Mary Aid Award, given to the student who, in the opinion of the faculty, qualified as the "best all-around nurse."

The St. James Alumni Achievement Award for the most improved student went to Isidora Celestino of Marikina, Philippines.



Award recipients at the St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing graduation ceremonies were, front (from left), Barbara Watson, Donna Kenney; back, Denise Fenton, Isidora Celestino, Holly Hickey.

Mrs. Barbara Watson of Nunda received the Faculty Award, given in recognition of "demonstrated leadership, professionalism, self direction and contribution to the health of the community."

Other graduates are Janet Allen, Therese Niezgoda and Mrs. Linda Weiler of Danville; Pamela Brown and Teri Gross of Wellsville; Judith

Broe of Oneonta; Collen Clark of Canandaigua; Mary Fitzpatrick of Marilla; Joyce Furey of Olean; Susan Gorman of Rochester; Deborah Koon of Cameron Mills; Ned Mollica of Allegany; Sandra Painter of Salamanca; Roberta Pederson of Brewster; Vickielee Roshia of Bolivar; Mrs. Margaret Teribury of Jasper and Lisa Voller of Belmont.

Enrichment Series Set in Auburn

Auburn—A four-session marriage enrichment series focusing on communications, sacramentality and spirituality: Eucharist and renewal of marriage vows will begin on Sunday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m.

The Feb. 4, 11 and 25 sessions will be at Blessed Trinity School here. The meeting site for Feb. 18 has not been announced. The series, opened to couples from

throughout the area, is sponsored by the Seneca-Cayuga Regional Family Life Committee.

Committee spokesperson Mrs. Kathy Dandino said the series is in response to a need for couples to look at ways to enhance their marriage relationship in these times of stress and demands on the family.

A small fee will cover expenses.

'Superstar' Feb. 11

Elmira—"Jesus Christ, Superstar" will be presented by Celebrate Life Sunday, Feb. 11 at 3 and 8 p.m. at the Clemens Performing Arts Center. Adult tickets are \$4; tickets for students and gold card holders will be \$3. Tickets are available from the Clemens Center box office or from Celebrate Life members. Celebrate Life is the teenage folk group from St. Mary Our Mother Parish, Horseheads.

St. Patrick's Sets Activities

Owego—A variety of activities will mark Catholic Schools Week, Feb. 4-11, at St. Patrick's School.

The school week theme, "Next to the family, the Catholic school," will be the homily theme Sunday, Feb. 4.

On Monday at 12:45 p.m., the students will present a talent show in the school library. On Tuesday there will be an open house, with babysitting available.

On Wednesday, the students will make greeting cards for the various events in their family during the year. On Thursday there will be a dance demonstration in the church hall at 10 a.m., with everyone invited.

A Mass at 11 a.m. Friday, followed by an early celebration of Valentine's Day will complete the week's activities.

Childbirth

Auburn—A film dealing with childbirth titled "That's Our Baby" will be shown on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's School, 17 Clymer St. The film, sponsored by the Childbirth Education Association of Cayuga County, is open to the public and there will be no charge.

St. Patrick's, Owego To Add Kindergarten

Owego—St. Patrick's School will be offering a full-day kindergarten beginning in September.

Presently, St. Patrick's has no kindergarten.

Sister Miriam Nugent, school principal, explained that "our enrollment is down, and we want to do something about it." After consideration of ways to increase enrollment, the decision was made to add the kindergarten, she reported. The move also

will aid parents, she noted, as they will not have to send their children to the public schools for kindergarten and then to St. Patrick's for first grade.

Sister reported that she has "already had a good response" and she expects a "good enrollment" for the class. Registration for the coming school year is Feb. 21, she said.

An advantage with the full-day sessions, she noted, is that the students can be included under the school's current tuition structure. That means that a family with students already at St. Patrick's can send a child to the kindergarten with no further charge.

The full-day program also has greater potential benefit for the students, she noted, and is something not otherwise available locally.

Sister Miriam also pointed out that the school has students from the neighboring parishes of St. Margaret Mary, Apalachin, St. Francis, Catatonk, and St. John the Evangelist, Newark Valley, and she encourages parents of those parishes to consider St. Patrick's School for their children.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Sister Miriam at 687-1770.

School's Week Events Planned

Horseheads—St. Mary Our Mother School will observe the Catholic Schools Week theme "Next to the family, the Catholic School" through several activities the week of Feb. 4-11.

To strengthen the bond of family and school, students' families are encouraged to attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, Feb. 4, at which students will be lecturers and gift bearers.

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, students will participate in mini-sessions, special learning experiences not normally available in the regular curriculum.

Friday will be Grandparents Day, with the grandparents invited to take part in a day at school.

In the days preceding Catholic Schools Week, students will be adding family portraits to a large mural decorating the hall, signifying each family's contributions to the life of the school.

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