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## Kings Conquer Ireland

By Joan M. Smith

In Galway there are two experiences which have become a part of that city's tradition — John F. Kennedy's visit in the 60's and the Bishop Kearney Marching Kings parade performance on March 19.

This however, is getting ahead of the story. The beginning was in Dublin where the band performed in the St. Patrick's Day parade and where in Brother Brian Walsh's words, "the miracle" started. Parading through Ireland, the Kings won a bonanza of awards, a first for any marching unit performing in Ireland.

In Dublin the marchers took the Best Overseas Band Award, Best Overall Parade

honors; the majorettes won first place and lead majorette, Kim Jackson, tied for Best Drum Major.

In Limerick they captured the silver cup for Best Overall Parade unit, took the Best Overseas Band Award. It was a repeat performance in Galway with them winning Best Overall and Best Overseas Band awards. The Concert and Jazz bands also won laurels for the group by sweeping first place awards in their competitions.

The band's path to glory wasn't an easy one. According to Dublin residents it was the worst St. Patrick's Day, weatherwise, in decades. The sky threw everything at the marchers — wind, snow, sleet and rain. Limerick wasn't much better — grey, windy

and more snow. But no matter what the weather, crowds were the order of the day wherever the Kings appeared. According to Limerick officials, it was the largest turnout ever for that city's St. Patrick festivities and it was because the people knew BK was marching.

"It's the greatest band group ever seen in Galway," exclaimed that city's Lord Mayor John F. King.

They were a hit in Callan, birthplace of the Christian Brothers Order. During the festivities in honor of the band's visit Father John Kennedy, pastor of Assumption Church, said



Photo by Joan M. Smith

Lord Mayor of Limerick B. Byrne and city officials present drum major, Kim Jackson the grand prize awarded to the Marching Kings for being the best overall band in the Limerick parade.

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## Stewardship '79

### Plans Under Way For Visits

Plans for Christian Stewardship 1979 got under way last week as Stewardship staff members began their visits to parishes who have shown an interest in the program.

Father Conrad Sundholm, executive director of diocesan development, is confident that this year's program will be even more productive than last year. In a memo to pastors and parish council members Father Sundholm said that Stewardship '79 "will be bettered in design and implementation because of the experience undergone in the '78 effort and the many excellent suggestions submitted by parishioners . . .

He said the diocese will offer the program to parishes each year and hopes that those who participated in Stewardship '78 will continue the program annually.

Last year 6,000 volunteers from 40 parishes throughout the diocese visited 33,000 homes and talked to some 100,000 Catholics. The home



Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Father Conrad Sundholm shows a part of the new slide presentation to two members of the stewardship speaker's bureau. At left is Mrs. Fred Merle and at right Laimute Lelis. The slide presentations are used by the speakers when visiting parishes interested in Stewardship.

visitations are designed to ascertain what spiritual needs the individual may have and to give the individual a chance to offer his or her Time, Talent and Treasure to the parish by filling out a commitment card specifying their needs and activities they would like to be involved in.

Results of last year's program were very satisfying, according to a summary report issued by the Stewardship office recently. The report lists a series of comments taken from some of

those who participated in Stewardship '78.

One respondent said, "The greatest benefit of the program from my point of view was the personal visit of one parishioner to another. This showed the parish's concern for the people. I think that it led to the great response that we had with so many volunteering for a variety of things . . . The program was well organized. We followed the procedures and they worked."

The Stewardship Speakers Bureau, made up of participants in last year's program, is now visiting parishes to speak about their experiences with Stewardship. Father Sundholm stressed the fact that Stewardship '79 officially begins in June and parishes who wish to conduct a program should contact the Stewardship office by May 1 if possible. The address is Stewardship Office, Diocese of Rochester, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624, (716)328-3210.

## Near Stella Maris

### Livonia Board Limits Truck Use Of E. Lake Road

By Michael Groden

Livonia — The Livonia Town Board unanimously adopted a town ordinance last week that places an eight-ton weight limit on vehicles traveling over the East Lake Road.

The action stops a planned gravel hauling project that would result in large dump trucks making 50-150 round trips per day on the narrow road that winds around the east side of Conesus Lake.

The gravel pit, owned by Richard Kennis, is located some three miles south of Route 15. The gravel project, scheduled to begin this summer, was to be done by the Lane Construction Company, is working on the Genesee Expressway nearby.

East Lake Road residents, including Camp Stella Maris executive director Ray Tette, opposed the gravel hauling saying it would create a serious safety hazard to people living there.

The project was approved by the Livingston County Board of Supervisors in January providing that Lane Construction meet certain restrictions and that they post

a \$50,000 bond as insurance against any property damage done by the trucks.

During the one-hour public hearing Livonia Town Board members heard testimony from residents and concerned citizenry including the Conesus Lake Association, the Superintendent of the Livonia Central School District, Camp Stella Maris officials, a highway expert from Cornell University and legal council for the gravel pit owner.

John Schwartz, representing the Conesus Lake Association, presented the board with a petition signed by 122 East Lake Road residents opposing the gravel hauling and supporting the town ordinance prohibiting the project. Stanley Ruger, school superintendent, said that a survey of school bus routes, taken by the district, showed that during the course of a school day some 120 stops were made by buses on the road picking up or delivering some 375 children. He said that the district also found 13 spots on the proposed route were "potentially dangerous."

Tette endorsed the ordinance saying that the

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