



Photos by Susan McKinney

Motherland

Giuseppe Macri's "La Madre," a bronze group commissioned by a friend of Casa Italiana, was dedicated Sunday in the patio of the house, on the Nazareth College campus. It represents, the Italian sculptor has said, "the Motherland, under the semblance of the mother; and, in particular, the emigrant who disembarks in America with his own children, the future citizens of America." Above, Mario Destito prepares the sculpture for its base.

Book Sale Will Help Refugees

St. Thomas More Parish will hold a book sale this weekend, in an effort to raise funds for parish sponsorship of a Vietnamese refugee family.

at the sale on items in that library.

Hours for the sale, which will be held in the East Avenue parish's school gymnasium, are 2 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 28; and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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Word for Sunday

By Father Albert Shamon

Holy Spirit Makes Us Witnesses

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Lk. 24:25-48. (R1) Acts 3:13-15; 17-19. (R2) 1 Jn. 2:1-5.

There are seven Sundays of Easter between Easter Sunday and Pentecost.



Up to the third Sunday inclusive, the gospel readings are about the appearances of the risen Christ. The fourth Sunday has an extract from John 10 on the "Good Shepherd." The fifth and sixth Sundays are from Jesus' discourse after the Last Supper (Jn. 15), and the seventh Sunday is a passage from the priestly prayer (Jn. 17).

Readings from the Acts of the Apostles replace the Old Testament first readings in the Easter season. They tell of the life, witness and growth of the early Church.

The second readings are semi-continuous from 1 John, and most appropriate to the joyous faith and firm hope proper to this Season.

The episode of Luke's gospel in next Sunday's liturgy has a close resemblance to John's gospel read last Sunday. Both narratives

agree that Jesus appeared in bodily form, but not subject to the ordinary physical restrictions of a body. Both are at pains to emphasize the corporeal nature of His body.

Luke had a couple of motives for such an emphasis. First, being a good historian. From the Aramaic-speaking Church there was a tradition that spoke of Jesus as eating and drinking with His disciples after He had risen (Acts 10:36-43).

Luke also wanted perhaps to rebut any possible attempts of the authorities to try and explain away the disciples' claim of Jesus' resurrection by arguing that they had seen a ghost. To a Jew, a disembodied spirit could only seem a ghost — not a living being, but a thin, unsubstantial carbon-copy which had somehow escaped from the filing system of death.

In the Lucan account there are three elements linked closely together: the appearance of Jesus, His instruction and His mission to the apostles.

First, Jesus appeared to the apostles. He was truly alive! They all saw him talking and eating with them still.

Once the full circle of His life, death and resurrection had been completed, Jesus could explain what those events meant and why they

had to be. "Everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and psalms had to be fulfilled." "Everything" meant His passion and death, which seemed an unexplained failure to them. It also included the resurrection, which they still did not seem to grasp. Patient teacher that He was, Jesus went over all the lessons He had already taught — "He opened their minds to the understanding of the Scriptures."

Finally, He explained why He had done all these things. They were to be witnesses of them to all nations. A witness, as everybody knows, is someone who has seen firsthand what he is testifying to. The apostles had shared Jesus' life since the baptism by John. They had seen His miracles, heard His teachings, had come to understand the meaning of His life, death and resurrection, and so were ready to share with others, to be witnesses of these things to all nations. In the first reading we see Peter fulfilling this mission.

But Peter's witness happened only after the coming of the Holy Spirit. Again the Church focuses our thoughts on Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. He alone can give us an experience of the risen Christ; He alone can help us taste and see the goodness of the Lord; He alone can forgive sins that blind the understanding. Only after He has come into our hearts and possessed them can we too be witnesses of the resurrection by our words and our life!

Rosary March Scheduled For May 6

The Rosary March Committee is organizing a special demonstration for Sunday, May 6 in downtown Rochester.

Chairman of the committee, Mary Kelly of East Rochester, says that about 300 persons are expected to participate in the local march which begins at 2:30 p.m. at the Liberty Pole on East Main Street.

The theme will be "In Petition for Worldwide Humility," according to a committee spokesman, Joseph Sheridan. "The march will be similar to a parade," he said, "but instead of bands playing music it will consist of Americans saying prayers for our great country."

The route is about a mile long and will take between 20 and 30 minutes. Anyone wishing further details should contact Mrs. Kelly at 586-1664.

RIGHT TO LIFE PARTY TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE 33rd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

The Seneca County RTL Party is hosting an organizational meeting for all Pro-Lifers in the 33rd Congressional District which stretches from Syracuse to Canandaigua.

DATE: April 28, Saturday, 2-4 p.m.
PLACE: Gould Hotel, Fall St., Seneca Falls, N.Y.
MAIN SPEAKER: John Mawn, Chairman of the RTL Party's Organization and Development Committee

The New York State RTL Party, headquartered in Merrick, New York, is beginning to organize local organizations from the Congressional level down to the county and city throughout New York State.

The Right to Life Party earned an automatic spot on the New York ballot by obtaining over 130,000 votes in the recent gubernatorial election (only 50,000 were required). Mary Jane Tobin, the RTL candidate for Governor, said after the election that the RTL Party will now be able to place candidates on the ballot at all levels of government. She said unless a specific candidate is supportive of the Pro-Life position, the RTL Party will run its own candidate. We are in a position to create a real threat to virtually any public official who believes it should be legally acceptable to kill an unborn child while it is in its mother's womb. To compound this abomination, many of our so-called representatives are also obsessed with having this act of violence performed on the helpless baby in the womb with our tax dollars.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this RTL Party meeting and to help bring an end to the uncivilized and barbaric practice of killing our fellow human beings.

Paid for by: New York State Right to Life Party
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'Infact Day' Protest Draws Local Support

Catholics in the diocese joined with several church and community groups in endorsing an "Infact Day" last Saturday to protest marketing procedures of the Nestle company in developing nations. Infact is the acronym of Infant Formula Action Coalition, a national protest group.

Nestle situation of the diocesan International Justice and Peace Commission, was one of the endorsers of the day.

Activities for the day included distributing leaflets at local grocery stores, urging customers to boycott Nestle Co., Inc. products.

Carol Crossed, a member of St. John the Evangelist parish and of a task force on the

at issue is the advertising of an infant milk formula made by Nestle. The protesters say

that the infant formula is being promoted as more desirable than mothers' milk, is more expensive, and is often mixed with unsanitary water by the purchasers.

The Nestle boycott has developed as a major concern of Catholic groups around the country. The Diocese of Albany has removed Nestle products from the cafeterias and dining rooms of its schools.

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