

Fr. Cullen to Leave Aquinas

By Joan M. Smith

Going home. After 29 years serving on the Aquinas faculty, Father Leonard "Bud" Cullen is headed for his hometown of Toronto, Canada, to assume teaching duties at the co-educational Michael Power High School.

Wasn't 29 years a long time to remain in one assignment? The Courier-Journal asked Father. "When you have something good," he smiled, "you stick with it." And there's no doubt the years have been good for both Aquinas and Father.

He came to Aquinas as a sports coach and is leaving as resident art and drama director. Upon arriving at the school in 1950, Father discovered the coaching positions all occupied and so began his association with the art and drama departments.

When he started, dramatics hadn't been in existence at the school for awhile but with characteristic jovial determination he soon had a Performing Arts group, combining Aquinas and Nazareth talents, in full swing.

In the art area, he proceeded not only to expand student interest in the subject but also the department's equipment — from the original six bottles of paint and one brush to ovens, and seven motorized potter's wheels for ceramics; an innovative air painting machine; all types of cameras and two dark rooms.

When visiting his domain, a visitor immediately senses a purpose in the disarray — a



Photo by Joan M. Smith

A typical day in the life of Father Cullen. Above, he scrutinizes the ceramic work being put out by Tom Pellitteri (left), Mike Hartman, Tom Chimenti, Kevin Butler and Bill Sidore (standing).

disarray which Father apologizes for — an apology which is unnecessary because when you have 80 students (one-tenth of the school's enrollment) working with paints, clay, oils, charcoal and spray machines, what results but creative chaos!

Last year, Father Cullen had his classes designing, building and decorating model homes. This year they're into vans. This variety of projects is Father's way of meeting what he said is the constant challenge to teaching, "To keep up with new ideas, and to introduce new methods and new approaches."

What changes has he seen in his 29 years of teaching? "A lot more diversity in what is offered," he noted and added,

"The kids have much more to choose from."

Father Cullen is adamant about students being exposed to art during their high school years. He realizes the necessity of academic curriculum (he teaches English) but observed that, "Art brings values into their lives that they weren't aware of," and he doesn't confine art to the paint brush; "The band is also a cultural influence," he explained.

Along the cultural lines, Father is a theater bug dividing his free time between the great white ways of Stratford, Ontario, Canada; New York and Toronto. But his interests also extend to the sports world with the Toronto hockey team (Maple Leafs)

and baseball team (Blue Jays) his favorites.

In talking about his ministry which spans 35 years in the Basilian order, he describes his vocation as "youth orientated" and stated he wishes to remain in the high school field. Though his Aq students bemoan the fact he is leaving, Father, with tongue in cheek tells them they must think of the students in Toronto just waiting for him to teach them.

Observing him and his students working together you note the rapport and it's a rapport which continues from year to year — class to class. How does he explain this special sense of give and take between himself and his students? "Some kind of magic," he answered, "and it works for me."

Assembly Passes Busing Bill

The bill that will require the Rochester school district to transport students living within city boundaries but who attend private and parochial schools outside city limits, was passed by the New York State legislature, June 13.

The measure, sponsored by Senator Fred Eckert (Republican) in the Senate passed that house on May 24. It then went into Ways and Means committee hearings and then to the assembly where it was sponsored by Assemblyman Gary Proud, (Democrat), and was the focus of last week's voting. As of this printing the bill is waiting

Gov. Hugh Carey's signature. If not signed by the Governor within 10 days the bill automatically becomes law — if vetoed, it will return to the legislature for the necessary two-thirds vote to keep it alive.

Benediction Scheduled

Corning — A special service honoring the Sacred Heart will be conducted in St. Patrick's Church Wednesday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m.

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Family Health Associates Wins National Citation

San Diego — The Family Health Associates, sponsored by St. Mary's Hospital of Rochester, N.Y., received an Achievement Citation at the annual awards dinner of the Catholic Health Association of the United States here. The CHA was formerly known as the Catholic Hospital Association.

The citations are given to individuals, groups and institutions who have made an impact in the delivery of health services over and above ordinary community service programs. Only three were awarded during 1979.

The Family Health Associates won the citation

for providing a hospital-based group practice of physicians who provide services to people from each economic level of the community with emphasis on maternal and child health. This service has grown despite cutbacks in state aid, pressures from state authorities to consolidate maternal and child health programs, and

regulatory interference into the comprehensiveness of services offered by the hospital, the CHA said.

Sr. Rappl Receives Grant

Sister Marion Rappl, a teacher at Cardinal Mooney High School, will be one of the 45 high school chemistry teachers participating in a four week summer project at Hope College, Holland, Michigan, June 25.

The purpose of the project, sponsored through a grant from the National Science Foundation, is to provide the teacher with additional subject matter background in order to conduct a college preparatory chemistry course.

At Your Parish...

St. Margaret Mary, Irondequoit

Gary D. Spivey of Brookview Drive, Irondequoit, has been elected chairman of the St. Margaret Mary Parish Council. He succeeds Patricia Schmidt of Catalpa Road.

Other officers for 1979-80 are R. Thomas Ament, vice chairman; Lois A. Foley,

corresponding secretary, and Eileen West, recording secretary.

Spivey is editor-in-chief at the Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Company. He had been council vice chairman.

The Altar and Rosary

St. Francis de Sales, Geneva

More than 200 parishioners of St. Francis de Sales assembled in Seneca Lake Park, Geneva, for a picnic June 10. An outdoor Mass was celebrated at 12:15 p.m.

The committee consisted of

Teresa Zucec, Ann De John, Ernie Wooster and Elinor Bryan, parish council chairman. Father Robert Rice and Sister Margaret organized the children's games. It is planned to make the picnic an annual event.

Sacred Heart Cathedral

Judy Predmore, a professional interpreter and a senior at Nazareth College, will "sign" the 10 a.m. Mass on June 24 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. A parish spokesperson said that the service "is being provided as

an experiment with the hope that a volunteer can be enlisted to provide a weekly "sign" presentation at one of our weekday parish Masses." All who suffer from a hearing handicap are invited to attend.

Society at St. Margaret Mary Parish, Irondequoit, has slated its annual garage sale for June 22-23 in the rectory garage on Scholfield Road. The sale will feature clothing, household goods, furniture and more. A baked food sale will take place on June 23.

St. Lawrence

St. Lawrence Church schedules a Family Mass once a month, and the parish wants everybody to come to the next one, at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 28. There will be a brown-bag picnic afterward, in the church yard on North Greece Road, if the weather is fair. Mass will be celebrated outdoors, too.

"All families are welcome," the announcement stresses. "Large or small, single parent, with or without children, etc." Those attending are asked to bring light desserts to pass. Beverages will be provided. Numbers to call for further information are 227-4473 and 225-2076.



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