

CARA Returns With Cardinal

By John Dash

The heads of CARA, the Washington, D.C. Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, last week again visited the Diocese of Rochester. Their earlier visit coincided with the installation of Bishop Matthew H. Clark and featured a reception for Archbishop Jean Jadot, the apostolic delegate.

Last week's visit featured a private reception for Cardinal Humberto Medeiros, the Archbishop of Boston.

At a press conference hosted by Father Conrad Sundholm, chief of diocesan development, Cardinal Medeiros, head of CARA's board of directors, and Fathers Frederick McGuire and J. Gordon Henderson, spokesmen for CARA, fielded reporters' questions.

Father Henderson said that CARA was founded 14 years ago in response to the challenge issued by the bishops to apply modern technology to the workings of the Church.

Cardinal Medeiros seconded the statement, and observed that it is the mission of the Church to "make the Lord Jesus Christ better known and loved." He stated that the research in which CARA engages will enable the Church to further that mission.

Father Henderson said that CARA's two visits were made to acquaint Rochester dioceses with the center, to garner "resources," and to get feedback on CARA's programs and studies.

He also said that CARA wants to increase its resources both to keep the center independent and to widen its research scope.

CARA's research, he said, is international in clientele and application, although most of the work the center now does is for institutions in the U.S.

Father McGuire singled out projects CARA is doing, and for which resources are needed. The first, a study of the ministries of women in the Church, and lay acceptance of women in all levels of ministerial service. As to the second project, "We are anxious to study in depth the moral values of family life," he said.

This project will be undertaken with an eye to the Year of the Family, coming up next year.

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Cardinal Medeiros

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All in the Family

By Sarah Child

Summer Is . . .

The hot season with temperatures reaching into the nineties and the humidity approaching 100 percent is here.

Summer is: —Serving hamburgers, Sarah Child hot dogs or some other kind of sandwiches three nights in a row and wondering if they'll become mutinous if you try for four.

—Checking the newspaper ads for specials and filling the freezer with ice cream instead of broccoli.

—Taking at least two showers a day and wondering if you are being ecologically greedy if you go for three.

—Getting up at 6 a.m. quite cheerfully to accompany the altar boy to Mass because you know early morning is the best time of the day.

—Walking the dog before 7 a.m. and forgoing even a short jog on the grounds that it's too hot for the animal.

—Drinking gallons of iced tea, orangeade and tonic water without the gin.

—Contemplating sleeping on the back porch and being put off by the threat of thunderstorms, the neighborhood skunk and the concrete floor.

—Noting that the tomato plants are filled with green fruit and being puzzled as to why the heat has not turned them red.

—Mourning that the double pink hollyhocks are fading fast due to the heat.

—Wishing there was some dignified way to turn the hose on oneself ala kids and their friends.

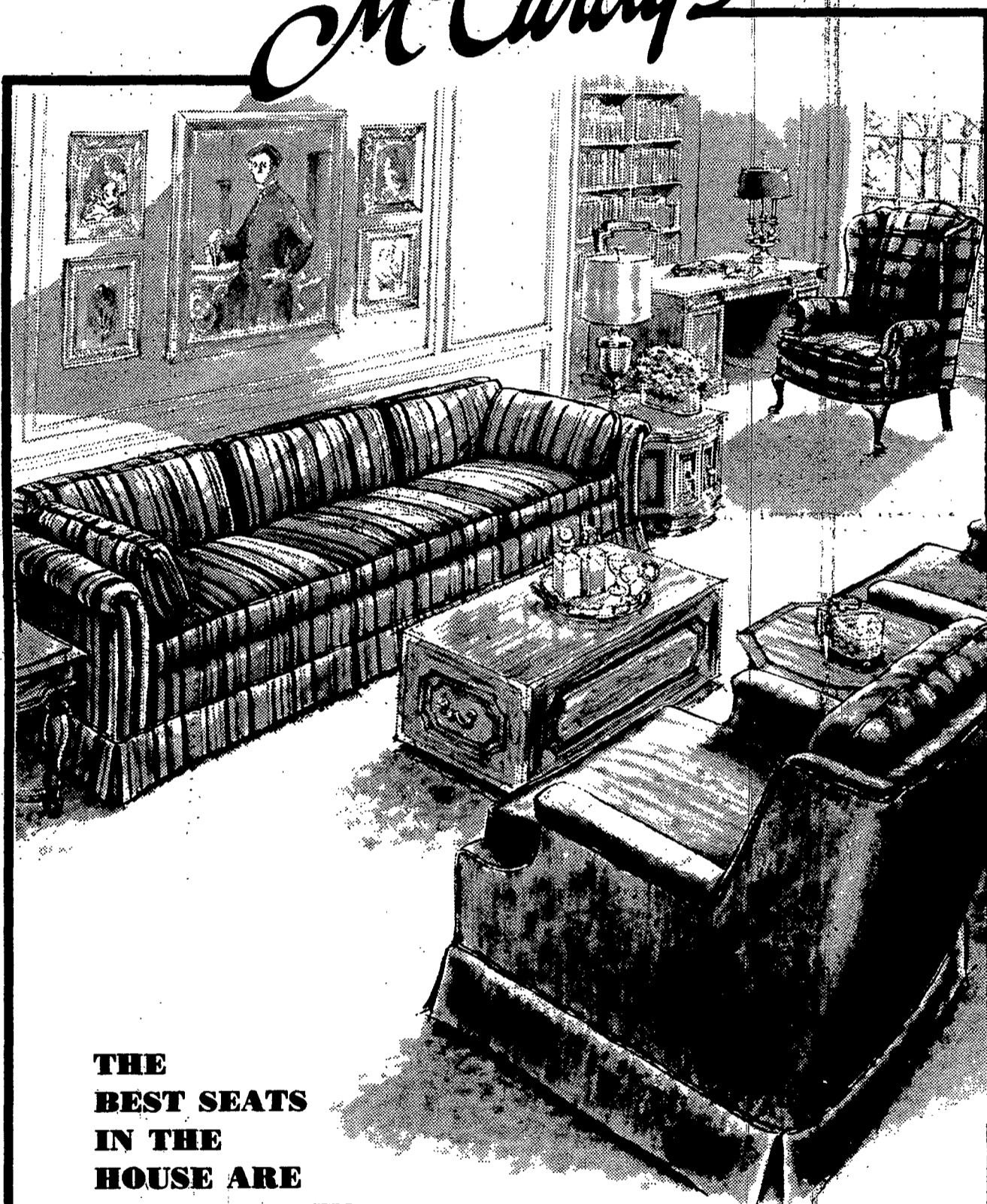
—Complaining, complaining, complaining about the weather knowing full well that in six months or less you'll be checking a thermometer that will, no doubt, be registering 28 degrees below zero.

SSND Order To Meet

Religious sisters from 27 nations will meet to explore new areas of ministry at the School Sisters of Notre Dame Education Conference, Mount Saint Vincent College, Riverdale, N.Y., Aug. 6-10. Theme for the conference is global justice and those attending will hear speakers working with minority groups including senior citizens, prisoners, Blacks, Hispanics and homosexuals. The event also marks the 100th anniversary of the death of the SSND order's foundress.

Mother Mary Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger.

Keynote speaker will be Father Peter Henriot, S.J., from the Center of Concern in Washington, D.C. who will discuss "Internationality and a World Vision." Then in special sessions sisters from around the world will share their experiences in the global church. Cardinal Terence Cooke will celebrate a Mass for the sisters, families and friends at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 2 p.m. Aug. 8.



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