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Aquinas Gets New Principal

By Joan M. Smith

Father Joseph J. Moffat, CSB, has been named to succeed Father John Menner as principal of Aquinas Institute. He will arrive within the next few days to assume his new duties.

He will come here from Andean High School in Gary, Ind., where he has served since 1962 except for two years he spent at Northwestern University for advanced studies in music and education.

His academic credentials include a BA from Assumption University, Windsor, Ont., an MA in English from Wayne State, Detroit; a master's degree in music from Valparaiso University in Indiana, and he has taken graduate studies in education at Indiana State University.

Father Moffat has an extensive musical background as director since 1973 of the Chopin Choir of Gary, which won first prize this year for the second time at the International Chopin Festival in Koszalin, Poland; as a member of the Pastoral Music Association of Gary; as ar-



Unconcerned

Photo By Susan McKinney

Baby Aubrey Streb plays with her pacifier, unconcerned about the weight of the sack of groceries perched atop her stroller, as her mother Jan sorts through fresh corn at Rochester's Public Market last week.

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Laymen Named to 2 Positions

Nurnberg Ecumenical Director

By Martin Toombs
Southern Tier Editor

Elmira — Margery Nurnberg is known in the Elmira area for her work on several ecumenical projects, including the Lenten preaching mission, the Day of Prayer for Christian unity, the Christian Institute of Man lecture series, and as a member of Church Women United. She also is the delegate representing ecumenism on the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

During the past six years, she has contributed her expertise to the diocesan Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

And during that time, she has seen four different directors of the Ecumenism office.

So when Father Henry

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Georger Development Administrator

Father Conrad J. Sundholm, executive director of the Diocesan Development Department, announced the appointment of James M. Georger as the organization's administrator last week. Georger started his duties Aug. 13.

Georger, a teacher at St. Salome's school since 1973, attended St. Salome's, Aquinas Institute and St. John Fisher College. He recently received a master's degree from Nazareth College.

He served on the St. Salome Parish Council from 1974-78, represented the parish in the diocesan North Regional Assembly and served as assembly chairman last year. He resides with his wife and four children on Lake Breeze Park in Irondequoit.

The appointment followed

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Vatican Terms Sexuality Book 'Harmful'

Washington (RNS) — The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has assailed a book on sexual ethics, written by five American Catholic theologians, as contrary to the traditional moral teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

The congregation reprimanded the authors of Human Sexuality: New Directions in American Catholic Thought "for the erroneous conclusions and the potentially harmful impact these ideas can have on the correct formation of the Christian conscience of so many people."

Although the Vatican criticism was harsh, the book was not banned from Catholic libraries or institutions. The Vatican office called on the authors "to give rigorous reconsideration" to their views but did not demand a retraction or order them removed from teaching posts at Catholic institutions.

The book, a research project commissioned by the Catholic Theological Society of America, proposed that the morality of human sexuality be viewed from "personalist" criteria rather than an "objective" approach that categorized certain actions as "intrinsically evil." The study offered a new perspective for judging the modes of sexual expression from premarital indulgence and adultery to masturbation and homosexuality.

The authors are Father Anthony Kosnik, professor of moral theology at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Or-

chard Lake, Mich.; Sister Agnes Cunningham, professor of patrology and church history at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Ill.; William Carroll, psychologist and professor of law at John Marshall School of Law, Chicago, married with two children; Father Ronald Modras, professor of theology at St. John's Seminary, Plymouth, Mich.; and James Schulte, director of instruction at St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing, Marshfield, Wis.

The hardcover edition, originally published by Paulist Press in 1977, sold 30,000 copies. A paperback edition by Doubleday and Co., is scheduled for release Sept. 9.

In a covering letter to Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Franjo Seper, head of the congregation which is responsible for overseeing official Catholic teaching also criticized the Catholic Theological Society for not scuttling the project.

"The congregation," Cardinal Seper said, "cannot fail to note its concern that a distinguished society of Catholic theologians would have arranged for the publication of this report in such a way as to give broad distribution to the erroneous principles and conclusions of this book and in this way to provide a source of confusion among the people of God."

Cardinal Seper commended the actions of individual bishops and the doctrinal committee of the NCCB "who

exercised their pastoral ministry as authentic teachers of the faith" by publicly rejecting the book when it was first published.

The U.S. bishops doctrinal committee, chaired by Cardinal

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