



Organizing the McQuaid benefit ball this year are (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orkey, Father John Boland, SJ, rector of McQuaid, and Mrs. Thomas Byrne and Mr. Byrne.

## McQuaid Slates Ball

McQuaid Jesuit High School will open the celebration of its 25th anniversary with the annual benefit ball, Friday, Oct. 12.

The theme of the evening is "Silver Knight," a reference to the school's sports team.

The event will be held at Monroe Golf Club beginning with cocktails at 7 p.m., dinner at 8, followed by dancing to the music of the Len Hawley orchestra.

According to Father John A. Boland, SJ, rector of

McQuaid, proceeds from the fund-raiser will be used to extend the school's co-curricular activities such as the newspaper, the yearbook, the science club and to form a debating team. Reservations may be made by calling the school at 473-9058.

## The Church 1979

By Father Andrew Greeley

### Who Cares About Chicago?

The Third World "chic" of some American Catholics makes me sick to my stomach.



They spend a few weeks wandering about some part of the Third World and become experts on the problems of the church universal. Then they patronize their own American church as though the concerns of American Catholics were provincial and unimportant. "The Third World doesn't care about the ordination of women," I have been told repeatedly by such phonies.

Whether the Third World cares about the ordination of women is an enormous empirical question to which no one really has an answer, especially not the types who flit in and out of airports. My guess is that it would be more of an issue in some countries than in others.

From the point of view of both the justice of the issue and its importance in America, what the Third World says is utterly irrelevant. If justice for women in the church bothers American Catholics (and it bothers many more than just the ideological feminists — talk to the mothers of rejected altar girls), that fact is in itself a serious matter for the American church and for the whole church. If we are to be sympathetic to the Third World (an empty slogan, by the way) then why must we be unsympathetic to American Catholicism?

Much of the Third World chic is a disguise for neo-reactionaries. I have been harassed lately in the mail by a very pompous young North American college product who is Newman Club chaplain in

New England. He takes me to task for emphasizing the impact of the birth control issue on the American church. The Third World, he tells me, was not upset by the encyclical, "Humanae Vitae."

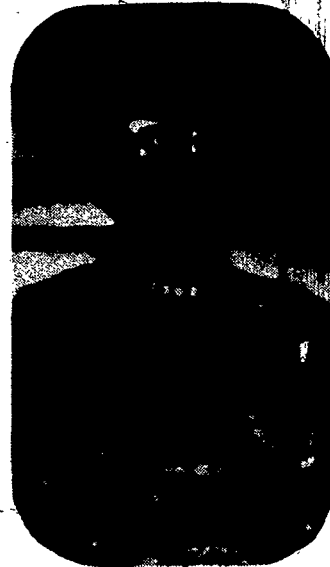
I don't know how he knows that. I gather that the hierarchy in Chile, for example, was quite upset. Nor do I see how anyone can so trippingly speak of more than half the human race. There are, unless I am mistaken, parts of the Third World where birth control is quite an issue.

Let us concede the young man's point: So the Third World was not upset by the birth control encyclical. So what? American Catholicism was mightily upset; only the most shallow, superficial cosmopolitanism can easily and patronizingly dismiss that impact as being irrelevant to the Third World. What kind of Christianity is it that cares about the Third World and not about the United States?

I trust that the young priest is not typical of what is coming out of the NAC. His lofty view from the Janiculum Hill scares me because of the prospect that some day he'll probably be a bishop: "Finally, dear Father Greeley, the whole world does not really give a damn about Chicago."

Oh, now isn't that interesting? We are to care about Asia and Africa and Latin America, but not about Chicago. Universalism with an exception. One must care about every place under the sun except home.

Well, I care about Chicago. And I expect everyone in the world who claims to be Christian to care about it. Despite my correspondent, Catholics in Chicago have as much claim on his concern and on the concern of all other Catholics as do Catholics in Asia or Latin America. When one part of the body suffers, so does the whole body.



MRS. PIEHLER

### Party Notes 95th Birthday

A candlelight dinner at Medaille Hall on the Nazareth College campus provided the setting for the celebration of the 95th birthday of Mrs. Kunigunda Piehler.

Mrs. Piehler was born Sept. 3, 1884, in Kupferberg, Germany, and came to this country when she was 18. The former Kunigunda Hoffmann, she married Michael Piehler, a blacksmith in the Bull's Head area of Rochester, who is now deceased.

The Piehlers had three children, Mrs. Helen Ives, Mrs. Marie Mahler and the late A. Michael Piehler. She also has 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ives and her children hosted the birthday celebration which was attended by friends and family.

### Leukemia Benefit

Hand-made decorative objects and home-baked foods will be offered for sale this weekend in Brighton for benefit of the Leukemia Society, Rochester Chapter. This second annual benefit is scheduled for 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 29 and 30 at 356 Hollywood Ave. Rain dates are one week later.

Money raised will be given to the Leukemia Society in the name of nine-year-old Michael Scott, who inspires his family and school friends with his courage and stoicism with his treatments.

## All in the Family

By Sarah Child

### The Making Of a Parent

I don't remember the exact day when I realized just how frightening it is to be a parent.



I do know it was NOT when we brought the first child home from the hospital and the old pro (I'd helped to bring up four younger brothers and sisters) hit the panic button for fear she'd either drown the week old infant giving it a bath or choke it to death while administering nourishment.

That was a scary time, all right, but not half as scary as when the full implication of what it meant to be responsible for another life (or in our case three of them) hit.

Maybe the full realization dawned the day I let a cuss word slip out and heard the echo reverberating the whole rest of the day.

"Damn it all," chortled the two-year-old cheerfully and when the reaction he got was even better than he hoped for, continued, "Damn, damn, damn" making a song out of it.

And, that was only the beginning: Complain one Sunday morning that you were too sick to go to church. And for the next month of Sundays, one or all are too sick to go to church.

Make a snide remark about the fuschia house with the green shutters and the next thing you know they are telling their friends about the neighbors with the "ghastly" taste.

Make an intemperate, if witty, remark about an acquaintance's affected speech or clothes horse tendencies, it was grist for their mill.

Be the slightest impatient or intolerant of another's weakness and

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there stood our three, ears wide open, minds never more.

There were days when I wanted to resign from motherhood. One of them took place a couple of years ago when the oldest took to delivering tirades to the younger ones. There was something terribly familiar about the strident tone, agitated delivery, long suffering attitude, petty catch words. One didn't have to look far to discover which fishwife she was emulating.

It doesn't seem fair, somehow. Go pick on someone else, I want to tell them. Or at least do as I say, not as I do. But it doesn't work that way. So, here I am forced to bite my tongue when my natural bent is to prattle aimlessly.

The only consolation is that I've got a lot of company. Everywhere you look are parents minding their P's and Q's hoping to make something of their kids. It would be funny, wouldn't it, if it turns out to be the making of us, instead.

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