



K of C Chalice

Father John Gagnier, left, Father Thomas Mailloux, CSB, and James Philippone, present Rev. Mr. Ronald Fabbro, CSB, with a walnut and silver chalice honoring the Knights of Columbus members who have died during 1979. The presentation took place at the Bishop Kearney Assembly fourth degree K of C Lincoln Day dinner. Deacon Fabbro will be ordained May 3.

Woman Chaplain: A Quiet Success

By Joan M. Smith

With the barrage of women's rights and equal opportunities, both in the secular and religious life, hitting the headlines, the quiet transitions and successes accomplished by many women tend to go unnoticed. It has been six months since Sister Sheila Briody, SSI, took over the duties of chaplain at St. Agnes High School — a role traditionally held by a priest. Quietly and confidently, however, Sister Sheila's position has taken hold.

She acknowledged that the students have come to accept the fact of a woman chaplain though she did admit, "It was a shock to them at first." There is no doubt in her mind that there is an advantage of having a woman minister in an all-girls school because many of the students feel freer discussing topics they might not be comfortable talking about to a man.

"I work a lot with individual students in dealing with home problems, growing-up problems in terms of relationships, sexuality, vocation..."

Though this describes a portion of her duties, Sister Sheila said there was not an

exact job description for her position and that she had to learn the ropes as she went along — a fact that has made her ministry a challenge. No two days on the job are alike, she said, except for her teaching assignments. Otherwise she can be found at any given time doing a myriad of duties: counseling, attending meetings, out on home visits, handling guidance questions, formulating the liturgical celebrations, and directing retreat programs.

Though new in the capacity of chaplain, Sister Sheila is not new to St. Agnes. She is a graduate of the school, as are her eight sisters, and has been teaching in the school for the last six years. She attended Nazareth College where she received her Bachelor's degree in Religious Studies and the University of Notre Dame for an MA in Liturgy.

Sister Sheila is aware of the social changes within society and knows that the students have to face much more than she did, 10 years ago. Teaching them to cope with today's challenges, and that they will have to make ethical decisions in face of society's challenge, and then take responsibility for these decisions is part and parcel of



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her making them aware of what it is to be a young adult. And because of this, her office is always open to the students whether they just drop in to say hello, or need a listening ear. Either way, the talks can turn into serious discussions on the role of faith in their lives, how to deal with relationship problems, how to deal with matters of sexuality and even knowing their sexual identity.

Her original plans were to do pastoral work in a parish but she "knew this position was right," when this position was right, when she heard about it because she would be able to combine providing the knowledge of faith through her teaching with a pastoral ministry.

One disappointment that Sister Sheila feels is the lack of sacramental rights. "There are times," she said, "that it is needed," and went on to say this lack has decreased the small eucharistic services that a priest can provide for the community. Yet, Sister Sheila pursues the faith course by holding student prayer services and prayer workshops for the faculty during the week.

She sees her role as chaplain as a demanding one for her as a woman and as a religious but it provides her with the opportunity to speak and act out her beliefs about the role of Jesus in life. "I can provide some of the experience of being a member of the Christian community."

F. Peter Wigginton

Around Rome

The Men of 'Unknown Vatican'

"Does the Pope wear white pajamas?"

Certainly the best person to answer is the Pope himself. And Pope John Paul II has proven himself to be the kind of human being who not only would not be offended but actually would enjoy fielding such a question.

Because of his tight schedule, however, it is unlikely we would have an opportunity to confront him with this. Last year, not counting the millions of people who greeted him in Latin America, Poland, Ireland, the United States and Italy, the Holy Father received well in excess of two million individuals at the Vatican. The bulging crowds at the weekly general audiences forced the meeting to be moved from Paul VI Hall (seating 8,000) to St. Peter's Square.

The next person most likely to help with such details is a kindly, gaunt Frenchman, seen often near the Pope. If the Pope refers to himself as "the servant of the servants of God," then Bishop Jacques Martin might well be called "the servant of the servant of the servants of God."

Bishop Martin is the prefect of the Papal Household. As a personal confidant to the Pope, he is the only prelate who can enter the pontiff's office unannounced. He attends him at all but the most private of meetings. "I have the extraordinary privilege of approaching more closely than others the vicar of Jesus Christ," he says. "The consolation of daily approaching this rock on which the Church is built is immense."

This is the person to whom the Pope may turn during an event and say, "I'd like to see 'so and so' tomorrow" or "This is how we will handle such and such."

Bishop Martin heads a staff of nine forming the unheralded crew — "the unknown Vatican" — ultimately responsible for the papal production presented to the world. It is no small task even with a Pope who seldom deviates from schedule. But since Papa Wojtyla operates "more flexibly," their duties require nearly all the hours a seven-day week can provide.

An abbreviated summary should give an idea of the Pope's activities which the Papal Household must coordinate. In addition to leading the Angelus, giving

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PUZZLE ANSWERS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1980
1. I. devil 2. desert 3. Spirit 4. stone 5. Jesus 6. banish 7. tan 8. crayola 9. man 10. one 11. loud 12. cave
Key Phrase: L. Jesus said to the devil, "Scripture says not on bread alone can man live."

II. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders, and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey.

III. For if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Faith in the heart leads to justification, confession on the lips to salvation.

general and special audiences, writing speeches, meeting Curia officials and the College of Cardinals, receiving dignitaries, consulting with bishops on their "ad limina" visits, the Pope, in little over a week's time, visited two different parishes, addressed students at three universities, offered midnight and Christmas morning Mass and delivered his Urbi et Orbi message.

For private and special audiences within the Vatican, the prefect's staff prearranges what furniture should be ordered set up, whether "men in waiting" are required, if cars should be sent to pick up visitors. If so, is a flag or Italian police escort needed? Who will escort them from the elevator? What are the seating arrangements? Will there be a liturgical service? If a head of state comes,

which anthems are to be played? Who of the diplomatic corps should be present?

When the Pope travels outside of the Vatican but within Rome or Italy, a member of the household previews the site and determines who will assist in the ceremonial function; what barricading is needed; what are the number and type of invitations, tickets and other publications to be printed; the kind and number of technicians needed; whether auto, helicopter or plane is the best mode of transportation and the size and number of such vehicles; overnight accommodations, if appropriate; police and military escorts, etc.

The distribution of audience tickets itself presents a problem of control. While every precaution is taken, it is still impossible to prevent hawkers from selling them to gullible tourists for as much as \$100 each. They are free.

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Black Heritage Discussed

Social organization in the cultural heritage of black people will be explored at a public meeting Feb. 29 in the gymnasium of the Educational Opportunity Center, 120 Franklin. A panel of specialists will discuss the family and cultural and political history of black societies in Africa, America and the Caribbean area. The meeting is the third in a series on peoples of African descent sponsored by the Marcus Garvey Memorial Black

Solidarity Committee and Monroe Community College. It will run from 10 a.m. until about 4 p.m.

Scheduled panelists are Dr. John S. Walker, executive secretary of the diocesan Office of Black Ministries; Dr. Nwabueze F. Okoye of the department of African and Afro-American Studies at SUC Brockport; Dr. Stephen Hope, associate professor of anthropology at Concordia University, Montreal, and Omobowale Ayorinde, photography and video technologist. Because of space limitations, sponsors urge early registration, by calling Roberta Farrier at 325-6900 or by writing to the Pan-African Cultural Project, 120 Ontario St., Rochester 14605.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.