

Map Around



Exploring St. Agnes

Sister Anne Guerin, principal of St. Agnes, helps visiting seventh graders locate the various classes they were to attend.

Speaking Out

By Regina Morano
St. Agnes

When American soldiers returned home from World Wars I and II, they were greeted by cheering crowds and ticker-tape parades down Main Street. Veterans proudly displayed their uniforms as

everyday dress. Fathers told exciting war stories that fascinated the young and commanded the respect of their peers. Then there was Vietnam and those veterans who returned home to riot and protest. They were called suckers and mindless slaughterers. They hung their uniforms in the backs of their closets and buried the horror stories of war in the backs of their minds. America humiliated the Vietnam veteran and degraded any method behind the madness of our fighting there.

Granted we never declared war in Vietnam. Perhaps we didn't even belong there as so many seem to think. But what of our obligation to keep the world safe for democracy? Surely war is a senseless waste of human life and

resources, and to lose a war is a difficult burden for any nation. However, don't we owe something to the men and women who had no alternative but to be a part of that conflict because our laws said they must? I speak of the soldiers who fired the guns and dropped the bombs; the generals who strategized to defeat Communism; the doctors and nurses who spent years in Southeast Asia patching up bodies. I speak of people; some who came home without arms, legs or minds; some who never made it home at all.

How dare we even suggest that all their suffering was not only useless but shameful? It is time that America had the guts to be grateful to the Vietnam veterans. They didn't kill out of hatred or personal vengeance. They killed because John F. Kennedy sent them to Vietnam in 1962 and because Richard Nixon didn't get them out until 1972.

Several months ago, my father initiated plans for the construction of a monument in honor of the Korean and Vietnam war veterans. His intent is that this monument will stand proudly beside those already honoring veterans from

World Wars I and II. On May 24, this monument will be unveiled in Edmond-Lyon Park in East Rochester, and the people of our village will pay tribute to our friends and family who gave selflessly for their country. I will be there to share in the sadness, joy, and pride of my neighbors. I am not ashamed of Vietnam. I have nothing but respect for those who fought there; for those who died there. My hope is that if I am ever called upon to display their kind of courage I will be strong enough to do so.

My point is not to dig up the past or raise an issue that many consider dead. I believe that the issue of our involvement in Vietnam will never become dead as long as America refuses to recognize the efforts of our soldiers as honorable.

In April, 1945, President Harry Truman spoke these words to the American people, "Today the entire world is looking to America for enlightened leadership to peace and progress. Such leadership requires vision, courage, and tolerance. It can be provided only by a nation deeply devoted to the highest ideals."

We could claim these virtues then. Can we still claim them now?

A 25th Anniversary Gift for the Community

By Joan M. Smith

McQuaid seniors Bill Ouweleen and Jim Post have coordinated a unique project for the student body for their contribution to the school's 25th anniversary. At least Bill, Jim and their committee think it's a unique idea — but what their classmates will think of cleaning six miles of highway this Sunday is unknown — but whatever the opinion, in true McQuaid spirit they will be participating enmasse.



Photo by Joan M. Smith

When RapAround talked with Bill and Jim a few weeks ago, they said they had received an enthusiastic response to the idea and had already mustered 310 sign-ons. According to their estimate the cleanup won't take more than four hours if at least 400 students participate. The Spring cleaning of the expressway from Winton Road to Clinton Avenue will be followed by an outdoor Mass and cookout at the school.

The cleanup idea evolved when Bill and Jim, along with their committee — Don Ritz, junior; Tim Horvath, soph; Mark Ouweleen, soph; Chris Sheehy, junior; Tom

Frisinga, junior — wondered what could be planned that would embody the spirit of McQuaid over the last 25 years. The answer: community service. First step was contacting the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and talking with its president, Thomas Mooney, who also is a McQuaid alumnus. From there the committee contacted the New York State Highway Department and their idea became fact. In March a letter was sent to

McQuaid parents about the project, informing them that all safety precautions would be taken and that the NYS Highway Department would provide all bagging supplies, reduced speed signs, and protective gear for the workers. The students will work in battalions consisting of a senior and four underclassmen.

There is still time to climb aboard the McQuaid cleanup express and for further information contact Jim Post, 586-6839, or Bill Ouweleen at 482-2933.

On The Go

AQUINAS
April 19-20 — Garage Sale.
April 21-24 — Book Fair.

BISHOP KEARNEY
Saturday, April 19 — Auction.
April 24-27 — "Pippin" musical.

CARDINAL MOONEY
Thursday, April 17 — Freshmen girls retreat; National Honor Society Induction, 8 p.m.
Monday, April 21 — Men's Guild Board meeting.

MCQUAID
Saturday, April 19 — Tryouts for band.
Sunday, April 20 — Student clean-up of expressway followed by Mass and cook-out.

Monday, April 21 — NTID assembly, 9:35 and 10:34 a.m.
Tuesday, April 22 — Red Cross Bloodmobile.
Wednesday, April 23 — Juniors receive class rings.

NAZARETH
Thursday, April 17 — Sophomore class meeting, auditorium; JFSC-FSC Recognition Day; Theology teachers and administrators meeting, 1-3 p.m.; talent show rehearsal, 2:40-3:30

p.m.; PATON meeting, 7:45 p.m.
Friday, April 18 — Freshmen meeting, auditorium.

Monday, April 21 — Red Cross first aid course, 9-5 p.m.; talent show rehearsal, 2:40-4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22 — St. John Fisher College tour, 9:30-11 p.m.; talent show rehearsal, 2:40-4 p.m.; department meetings;

RCDASSA meeting, Bishop Kearney, 1-2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23 — Talent Show, 1:35 p.m.

ST. AGNES
Friday, April 18 — Report cards.
Saturday, April 19 — Father-daughter dinner dance.
Monday, April 21 — Faculty Advisory Board meeting.



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Prayers For Peace

Notre Dame students participated in an assembly on "Peace — Among Ourselves and in the World" March 21. Above, Cindy Ring sings.

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

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