

Br. Ellis Celebrates 25 Years in Religious

By Joan M. Smith

Brother Francis Ellis, CSC, principal of Cardinal Mooney High School, attended schools taught by the Holy Cross Brothers and, impressed with their work, decided on a vocation in the order. That will be 25 years ago come August; and this Saturday, the order, Mooney community, friends and relatives will be on hand to help him celebrate his Silver Anniversary.

Brother Ellis is a quiet, unassuming man who has not been daunted by the confinement and frustrations of administrative duties. His desk is the desk of a principal — mountains of paperwork, but all neatly stacked, attesting to the fact he is an organized man. He enjoys the challenges of administration but like all educators his ultimate goal is to return to the classroom. In the meantime, he quietly directs Cardinal Mooney and its 1,300 students.

Brother Ellis came to Mooney as principal in July, 1978. His previous assignments included: Coyle High School, Taunton, Massachusetts; Vincentian Institute, Albany; and Holy Cross High School in Flushing, N.Y. He received his BA in Education and History from the University of Notre Dame, and his MA in History from Siena College, Albany.

During his years in



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education, Brother Ellis has seen changes. The present emphasis put on the individual student rather than programs, and trying to make the student fit into the programs, he views as the most significant change. "The emphasis," he said, "is on designing programs to meet their needs."

All phases of guiding a high school interest him, whether it's formulating curriculum to fit student needs or coordinating people in areas where their talents are best suited. He did, however, mention a few drawbacks in being an administrator — the never ending flow of forms that have to be filled out, and the fact that, as an administrator, there isn't the opportunity to relate to the students like there is in the classroom.

Throughout his years of service, Brother Ellis' philosophy has been to "be as patient as possible," and in his official capacity to be flexible, offering people considerable room in their respective fields to work. He described his own job satisfaction in "seeing people do well," and in "realizing that the coordinating of all these talents makes a better run school."

The Courier-Journal talked with Brother Ellis just before he left for his Easter retreat so we asked him for a quick reflection on his past 25 years. "I've enjoyed them," he said and dispelled any doubt in his words when he added with a confident smile, "and I'm looking forward to the next 25."

Chest Distributing \$13.7 Million

The allocations committee of the United Community Chest has recommended that \$13,709,406 be allocated to 76 Monroe County agencies, including 20 day care centers. The Chest board approved the report.

Seven agencies will receive less Chest money this year, including the Southeast Community Center, which has been defunded. Hugh Cumming, committee chairman, said SECC, which received \$53,849 last year, will be phased out by June 30. The Chest is seeking an alternate sponsor for the services provided by the SECC.

Among other agencies whose funding was reduced is the Catholic Youth Organization. Cumming emphasized that a reduced allocation does not necessarily mean an agency is not providing services properly.

"On the contrary," he said, "many of the agencies which received less money this year did so because their management effectively sought and obtained outside sources of funding, and therefore required fewer Chest dollars."

In the case of the CYO's 24.8 per cent reduction,

reflected was the spinoff of one of its programs — Project Poder — to the Puerto Rican Youth Development and Resource Center. CYO will receive \$164,300 and the Puerto Rican center \$62,400. Last year, CYO received \$218,353.

Catholic Family Center's allocation is \$675,000; up 15.8 per cent.

Religious Life To Be Discussed

The Sisters of St. Joseph have scheduled an Information Day for anyone interested in religious life at the Motherhouse, 4095 East Ave. from 1 to 7 p.m., Saturday, April 26.

The program will consist of presentations on the history of the St. Joseph Sisters, their spirituality and ministries. Time will be set aside for Scriptural reflections and a Eucharistic liturgy and supper will conclude the program.

For reservations and information, anyone interested should write to Sister Kathleen Weider, 4095 East

Holy Hour

The Rev. Mr. Anthony Mugavero will lead the Holy Hour sponsored by the Holy Trinity Chapter of the Peoples Eucharistic League at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 21, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Infirmary.

At Your Parish . . .

Blessed Sacrament, Rochester

Junior High students at Blessed Sacrament took part in a two part Career Education Program recently. The two day event featured talks given by area people representing different careers and occupations.

The speakers included Dr. Joanna Gugliemino, a veterinarian; Linda Gulbransen who teaches retailing at M.C.C.; Fred Ickel, Monroe County Airport; Hank Majauskas, Rochester Police Department; Barbara Mesler, RG&E; and

Our Lady of Mercy, Greece

Our Lady of Mercy parish, on Armstrong and Denise Roads, is sponsoring a vocations week starting Monday, April 21. Each day will provide an opportunity for a visit to a church-related community including the Brockport Newman Center, St. Bernard's Seminary, the Cenacle and the Mission Helpers of Sacred Heart school of religion.

St. Anne, Rochester

All women parishioners at St. Anne's are invited to the Installation Dinner of the

St. John, Fairport

St. John of Rochester parish, on Wickford Way in Fairport, will be the site of a Marriage Encounter Renewal on Friday, April 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All encounter couples are welcome to attend.

Rich Funke, TV 10 sportscaster.

Students also toured different places to see first hand how people work. Tours included Sibley's Bake Shop, Coco-Cola Bottling Co., Strong Memorial Hospital, the Hall of Justice, Channel 10, and the Sheriff's Department.

The two day event is a part of the Career Education program, a regular part of the curriculum at Blessed Sacrament.

On Friday, April 25, a Mass for vocations to the religious life and priesthood will be celebrated in the church at 5:30 p.m. A pot-luck supper will follow.

Those interested in the Vocations Week, April 21-27 may contact Sister Pat Prinzing, 865-0775, before April 18.

parish's Rosary Society on Wednesday, April 30 at Logan's Party House, 1420 Scottsville Rd.

Father Joseph Hart, from St. Bernard's Seminary, will be guest speaker at the event which begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. For ticket information those interested in attending may contact Patricia Parker, 424-4448 or Patricia Walker, 424-4139. Reservation deadline is April 23.

St. Thomas More

"Friday Afternoon Happenings," an enrichment program at St. Thomas More for junior high students, is now underway. The program features a guest speaker each Friday. On April 18 Tom Moran of the Brighton Police Department will give a talk on "You Are Important." Future programs include "Cambodia Update" with Jerome and Marsha Vaiana, and a talk by Mayor Tom Ryan on "Your City and Mine."

Holy Family, Rochester

Holy Family parish, 415 Ames St., is planning a German Night on Saturday, April 26, complete with a German style dinner and dancing. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. with dinner and the entertainment will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Reservations are requested by April 20. For further information or reservations contact Peggy Wamser, 328-6377 or Mary Schwartz, 328-5404.

St. Theresa

The parish council at St. Theresa parish is sponsoring its traditional Polish Easter Supper, "Swieconke," on Saturday, April 19. The evening begins with the traditional blessing and sharing of the Easter egg. Dinner and dancing will follow at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend may call the rectory for tickets 546-3503.

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