



CWV Man of Year

Donald Foley, left, with his wife Mary, accepts a plaque noting his designation as Catholic Layman of the Year from Sam Colantoni, county commander of the Catholic War Veterans of Monroe County. The event took place during a communion breakfast at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. More than 140 attended the ceremonies which honored Foley for his years of service both to the community and the Church.

Sets Family Fete

The Lithuanian community of St. George Parish will celebrate its annual Spring Parish Family Dinner following the 11 a.m. Mass on May 4 at the Church, 545 Hudson Avenue.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Love Is An Act Of Will

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Jn. 13:31-35. (R1) Acts 14:21-27. (R2) Rv. 21:1-5.

Love is the ID card of the disciples of Jesus. "This is how all men will know you for my disciples: your love for one another."

But what kind of love is it that Jesus has commanded?

Surely not the romantic love celebrated in songs and novels and movies. A young boy having his first experience of love, confided in his father that he wanted to marry. Skeptically, the father asked, "Are you sure you love her?" Confidentially, the boy answered, "I'm sure. When I was kissing her, Dad, her dog bit me and I never felt it until I got home." Such love is commended, not commanded. No, Christian love is a tougher, less attractive variety. At the heart and center of it is the cross. That is why Christian love is a yoke, a burden, although a sweet yoke and a burden light.

The Greeks had four words for love: eros (romantic love); storge (parental love); philia (friendship love); agape (Christian love).

Agape, or Christian love, means loving the unlovable, as Damien loved the lepers of Molokai. It means loving the undeserving, as God loves us. Remember the fairy tale of the handsome prince changed into an ugly frog by a wicked witch. Only the love of a beautiful princess, who hated cold, clammy frogs with bulging eyes, could break the enchantment. Only when a young princess could

overcome her natural repugnance for frogs and accept the prince disguised as a frog was the prince able to become himself again. Christian love is something like that: it is more than a feeling; many times it demands overcoming one's feelings. It is essentially a will act. As it is expressed so beautifully in Marriage Encounter: "Love is a decision!" — a deliberate drive toward the unity of the separated.

For the Christian love has to be agape, a will act. "We must undergo many trials," preached Paul and Barnabas, "if we are to enter in the reign of God" (R1). The world crucifies two kinds of people: the very bad like the two thieves on Calvary; and the very good, like Christ between them. The very bad, because they disturb the peace of society; and the very good, because they disturb one's peace of mind.

Though our love may not be returned here, still we must love. For one day life will be judged by love. "In the eventide of life," wrote St. John of the Cross, "they shall be judged by love."

And the reward? A new heaven and a new earth in which the sea will be no more. The sea symbolizes earthly bitterness, restlessness and grief. This earth, as Thompson put it, is overplussed with heavy griefs. Or, as O. Henry wrote so humorously, "Life is made up of sobs, sniffles, and smiles with the sobs predominating." Truly a heaven and an earth without grief is a new heaven and a new earth. New — if every fear will be wiped away, because death will be no more. New — if no mourning or crying, because pain will be no more. "Behold I make all things new!" It will be a whole new ballgame for all who have loved!

North Region Discusses Sacramental Guidelines

Representatives of North Region parishes met last Wednesday at the Church of the Annunciation to discuss sacramental guidelines for the diocese. Discussion centered mainly on the First Eucharist and First Penance guidelines.

On whether Penance should precede First Communion, for and against were divided evenly. Participants against Penance first felt that children in the second or third grade could not understand the importance of Penance at such an early age. One gentleman asked what a second grader could possibly do to "warrant regular Penance anyway."

Proponents of Penance first, Eucharist afterwards felt that it was more in keeping with Church tradition and was in line with Pope John Paul II's feelings on the sacrament as voiced in a recent message.

Confirmation was the next topic. Robert Bowman,

representing St. James parish, gave a formal statement. The St. James Religious Education Committee urged that the guidelines remain the same with Confirmation celebrated in seventh grade. He said that the seventh graders at St. James are very well prepared for the sacrament. He added that older youth parish affairs were very active in proving that "Confirmation in the seventh grade has worked for them," and that they had indeed allowed the Holy Spirit to enter their hearts.

The majority of representatives disagreed, however. Most felt that seventh graders were not mature enough to receive the sacrament and suggested it be offered at a later age. Several representatives said that poor preparation was due in part to the lack of participation by parents.

Marriage preparation (Pre-Cana) was discussed next. One respondent said that she would like to clarify the Pre-

Cana requirement with all pastors. She said that some engaged couples have told her that their pastor didn't require that they attend the Pre-Cana conference in order for them to be married. She said that the sacramental guidelines do require Pre-Cana for every couple and that pastors should be clearly reminded of that requirement. Other representatives asked that the conferences be made longer and that a possible follow-up program be instituted.

The last sacrament discussed was the three Rites of Penance. Most discussion centered on General Absolution. Representatives were not sure what the guidelines were in regard to General Absolution and asked that those guidelines be clarified.

Father William Graf, pastor of Annunciation, said, "What I'm hearing tonight is the need for further education for our faculties, and an updating of doctrine." He said that the very fact that there was so much confusion among participants of the meeting showed a real need for "ongoing education" of teachers and parents regarding the sacramental guidelines.

Regional meetings have been completed with the exception of the Northwest meeting scheduled for tomorrow at Our Lady of Mercy parish, Phase Two, which will address sacramental guidelines not yet established, will be conducted this summer.

Joseph in New York State. Sister Marie Albert, SSJ, will speak.

Pilgrims will then go by bus to Notre Dame Retreat House for Mass and lunch. The event will close at St. Anne's at 3:30 p.m.

Reservations for the pilgrimage may be made by May 6, by calling Sister Brigit Quinn, RSM, 235-1210; Sister Rita Sullivan, RSM, 328-2442; Sister Mary De Chantel, RSM, 271-3260; Sister Barbara Moore, RSM, 464-0131. A \$5 donation has been asked.

Seniors Pilgrimage Slated for May 9

The third annual pilgrimage honoring Mary, for senior citizens, sponsored by the pastoral assistants of St. Helen's, St. Augustine's, St. Anne's and St. Monica's churches, will be held on Friday, May 9.

The pilgrimage begins at 9 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts at St. Anne's School basement. A bus bound for Canandaigua will depart at 9:30.

A service will be held at St. Mary's Church in Canandaigua at 10:30 a.m. The church is the site of the first foundation of the Sisters of St.

Nazareth to Host Alumnae Banquet

The Nazareth Academy annual Alumnae Banquet will be on Monday, May 12 at Logan's Party House, 1460 Scottsville Road. The banquet, sponsored by the Nazareth Academy Alumnae Association, will begin with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. A stuffed breast of chicken or ham dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Those interested may contact Alumnae President Myra Wahl Zink, 225-8413; Banquet Chairperson Carolyn Pero Kerhaert, 225-7425; or one of the Anniversary Class chairpersons listed below:

1910, Bonnie Bauer-schmidt, 663-2500; 1915, Josephine Fitzgerald Butler,

436-7158; 1920, Rosalia Kircher, Loritz, 467-2142; 1925-1930, Myra Wahl Zink, 225-8413; 1935-1940, Carolyn Pero Kerhaert, 225-7425; 1945, Kathleen Flanagan Staub, 663-3973; 1950, Joanne Delehanty Sousa, 247-1332; 1955, Joanne Izzo, 225-3629; 1960, Sandra Roskosky Smith, 225-1586; 1965, Beth Gotham Smith, 663-0667; 1970, Pat Rizzo Ford, 247-2345; 1975, Katherine Heger, 475-1178.

Nazareth College Raises Charges

Nazareth College will increase full-time, undergraduate tuition from \$3,100 to \$3,420 a year and board from \$1,800 to \$2,010 a year this fall, Robert A. Kidera, president, has announced.

Under the new schedule, the total cost of tuition and board will be \$5,430, an increase of 10.8 percent.

Part-time tuition cost will be raised from \$96 a credit hour to \$108. Continuing education students will pay \$96 a credit hour and graduate students \$108 per credit hour, effective this Summer.

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Puzzle on Page 27 PUZZLE ANSWERS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1980

I. 1. Easter 2. love 3. heal 4. south 5. above 6. busy 7. henry 8. focus 9. money 10. form 11. run 12. Rose Key Passage: I. Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for one another. II. On their arrival, they called the congregation together and related all that God had helped them accomplish, and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. III: I, John, saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven.