



Sunshine Luncheon

The fifth annual Sunshine Luncheon for the area's elderly took place last Wednesday at St. Louis School Hall in Pittsford. The event, sponsored by Our Lady's Rosary Guild of St. Louis Parish, attracted some 180 guests from 15 area homes and hospitals. Above, Sister Elgia Mussi, SSI, is greeted by a group of third graders who "adopted" her as their grandmother. Below, accordionist Genevieve Solazzo and Tom Hickey serenade their way into the hearts of Shirley Heagerty, seated right, of the Al Sigi Center, and volunteer Jane Teddy.



Religious Ed. Directors Focus on Communications

The National Conference of Diocesan Directors of Religious Education — NCCD — focused on the communications media at a recent four-day meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla. More than 300 directors from 110 dioceses discussed Christian participation in what the keynote speaker, Dr. Richard Byrne, called "the roaring current of change in communications media."

Dr. Byrne is from the Annenburg School of Communication at the University of Southern California. He predicted radical changes in television broadcasting and in reception equipment, according to a press release from the conference, and he advised religious educators to regard

the communications industry as a source of life and hope.

Father Michael Dempsey, director of Pastoral Communications for the Brooklyn diocese, pointed out that religious educators, and others in parish ministry, are essentially "communicators." He noted that the Catholic Church in this country lags behind others, and even behind its own foreign missions, in the use of radio and television.

Father John Kavanaugh of St. Louis University analyzed television advertising as a "shaper of values and culture."

The influence of the "electronic church" was studied in one workshop.

Another workshop dealt with "television awareness training." There were demonstrations of telecommunications systems and devices.

In a business meeting, the NCCD called for an analysis of current church efforts in media and passed a resolution asking that "the religious education needs of Hispanics be given due consideration" as the United States Catholic Conference restructures its education department.

Attending the conference for the Rochester diocese were Father Lewis Brown, director of the Department of Religious Education, and Sister Jane Geiger, MHSJ, consultant for adult and family education.

Sen. Moynihan To Address 380 Fisher Graduates

U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY), former representative to the United Nations, will deliver the main address at the St. John Fisher College Commencement, Sunday, May 18. He also will receive an honorary degree from Father Charles J. Lavery, CSB, retiring president.

The class of 1980 comprises more than 380 students. It is Fisher's 25th graduating class, and this will be Father Lavery's last commencement as president.

Haitians Said in 'Limbo'

By Margaret Connolly

A class-action suit charging the Immigration and Naturalization Service with discriminating against Haitians and violating their human rights is in progress now in Federal District Court in Miami. According to Msgr. Bryan Walsh of the South Florida Economic Opportunity Development Council, no decision is expected before the Refugee Act of 1980 takes full effect in mid-May.

There is "incredible bureaucratic confusion" in Miami right now, Msgr. Walsh told the Courier-Journal Friday by telephone. The Haitians are being "drowned in seas of Cubans."

"We have been getting promises of equal treatment (for both peoples), and it looks as if it would be equally bad treatment," Msgr. Walsh said.

"The situation is very bad at the moment, but the response of the community is

great!" he continued, and "we really think now that we have got the attention of Washington."

The Haitians, who have been arriving in numbers this Spring, are not recognized as political refugees. The Immigration and Naturalization Service, backed by the State Department, says that they are economic refugees, and are not eligible for political asylum. When the Refugee Act takes full effect, May 15 or 17, President Carter will be unable to grant the Haitians group parole without going through a complex consultation process, according to Religious News Service.

Until the Haitians are granted political asylum, they cannot legally work and are ineligible for many kinds of social assistance, Msgr. Walsh noted. They are in "no-man's land." Of the class-action suit, he said that Judge Lawrence King would be unable to order that asylum be granted the Haitians, but might direct the INS to reprocess them.

He praised the Miami Cubans for their response to the plight of their countrymen in the current waves of immigration. He said the Coast Guard was doing "a fantastic job" safeguarding lives in a sea of small boats.

Annual Scouting Dinner Slated

The annual Bishop's Report Dinner sponsored by the Catholic Committee on Scouting is scheduled for Sunday, May 11, at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Brooks Ave. near the airport.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be the principal guest and present the St. George Medal and the Bronze Pelican Medal

during the awards part of the dinner.

The St. George Medal is for Scouters — men and women — who have done outstanding services for youth in the interest of scouting. The Bronze Pelican Medal is for the clergy that are, or have been active in the interest of scouting. The selections are made once a year and are based on the merits, and character of the individual.

Tickets are still available and reservations may be made by calling 244-1722.

Dr. Foley To Speak

Dr. Alice L. Foley, former president of Nazareth College, will deliver the main address at the college's commencement exercises on Sunday, May 11.

Dr. Foley, president from 1972 to 1976, graduated from Nazareth 50 years ago. The class of 1930 will be honored guests at the ceremony, which will begin at noon. More than 600 graduates are expected to receive undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Other participants will include Bishop Frank J. Harrison, D.D., bishop of Syracuse; Norman Tanck, director of campus ministry; Msgr. William Shannon, associate chaplain; and Gloria Fish, Protestant chaplain.

Pasenello Appointed

Frank P. Pasenello has been appointed executive director of United Cerebral Palsy Association of the Rochester Area. Pasenello has been executive director of the Ontario County Chapter of the Association for Retarded Children for the past four years. He holds a degree in educational administration.

Father William E. Frankhauser, SJ, Latin teacher at McQuaid Jesuit High School and assistant pastor of St. Catherine's Church in Mendon, served as interim executive director of UCP. "I have been very happy to serve as interim director for the past five months, and I would like to commend the staff and board of directors for their cooperation... I look forward to some great ventures under our new leadership," said Father Frankhauser in a UCP press release.

Prayer Group

Perry — The Family of God Prayer Group of St. Joseph's Church here is sponsoring speaker Father Linus Hennessy at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 12. Father Hennessy has the Comfort My People radio program.

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Deaths

Evelyn Erskine

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Evelyn D. Erskine, at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Painted Post on April 21. Mrs. Erskine died April 18, 1980.

Father Harold Rogers celebrated the rites for the former leader of the Catholic

Daughters of America. Mrs. Erskine was also active in parish societies, and was a member of the Legion of Mary and the Sacred Heart Associates.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Valerie) Reep, grand regent of the CDA in Corning; a sister, Mrs. George (Valerie) Hosner of Brockport; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.