

Congreda Draws 130 To Anniversary

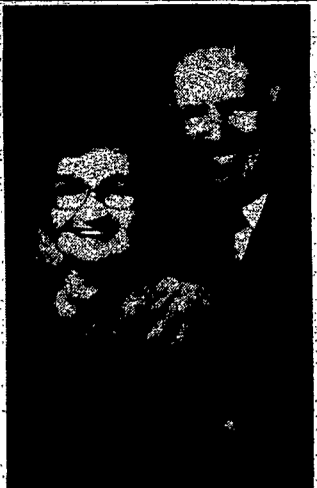
More than 130 persons gathered Sunday, July 13, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Congreda Maria Monte Carmelo.

The festivities opened with a Mass celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi Church by Father Dennis Shaw. Following the Mass members of the congrega enjoyed a coffee and doughnuts breakfast in the church hall.

A dinner-dance celebration was held that afternoon. Among the features of the gala were the distribution of favors, donated by a congrega member in honor of Our Lady; a dinner, catered by the Wilshire Restaurant; and singing and dancing to the music of Crisafullo and Associate.

Toastmistress for the evening was Louise Spagnolo who introduced the guests of honor: Fathers Shaw, Frank Lioi, Anthony Calimeri and William Trott.

Recognized for service to the congrega were Antonetti Argento, president of the group for the past 50 years, and Carmela Putrone, vice president, secretary and treasurer. She has been an officer of the group for the past 31 years.



Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Saverio Sasso of Northampton Street were honored last week by a Mass and reception in observance of their 50th anniversary of marriage. Their son, Father Joseph M. Sasso, celebrated the Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church, the site of the couple's wedding. The reception was hosted by Father Sasso and Dr. and Mrs. Carlo (Irene) DeSantis.

Focus on Eucharist

Focus on the Eucharist will hold its devotions Thursday, July 31, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Father Salem Faddoul will lead the rites.

Lawyer, Father of 2, Plans to Become Priest

Alexander H. Bradshaw, an attorney with Nixon, Hargrave, Devans and Doyle, has been accepted as a candidate for the priesthood at St. Bernard's Seminary. He will begin studies in the Fall.

He is a member of St. Thomas More parish and has served on the parish council.

Canonically annulled, making him eligible to pursue studies to ordained ministry in the Roman Catholic Church. Father Frank Lioi, St. Bernard's rector, said, "We are delighted that Alexander will be joining the seminary as a candidate for the priesthood. His diversified background will be a valued dimension for him as he pursues his studies."

Bradshaw, 39, was educated at Ampleforth College, York, England, and at Oriel College, Oxford, England. He is the father of two children; his marriage was

Blue Army Sets Vigil

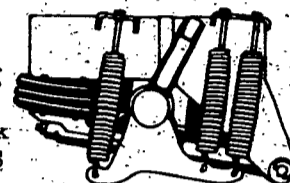
The Blue Army of our Lady of Fatima will hold a vigil of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, August 1, at Holy Rosary Church.

Opening the devotions at 9 p.m. will be Father John P. O'Malley, pastor of Holy Cross Church. Father Salem Faddoul, pastor of St. Nicholas, will lead the devotions from 10-11, and Father John Steger, pastor of St. Jude the Apostle, will speak from 11 to midnight.

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Sisters Assist Migrant Program

Two Sisters of St. Joseph are working this summer in an educational program for migrants in the Brockport area. Sister Clare Francis is head counselor of a staff of 12, and Sister Magdalena Kellner is a teacher of English as a second language. Both are part of the Adolescent Outreach Component of the Migrant Education Project.

The project is one of several funded in the area by ESEA Title I migrant funds, under the direction of Sister Beverly Baker, SSJ.

Between 75 and 80 young people were involved in the program in July.

Mercy To Receive Novices

Three novices will be received into the congregation of the Sisters of Mercy, in a Motherhouse prayer service at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 3.

The three are Karlien Bach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Bach of Blessed Sacrament Parish; Rosemary Sherman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sherman of St. Christopher's Parish in North Chili; and Kathleen Wayne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wayne of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Elmira.

In addition to their recently completed postulancy, Karlien taught last year at Good Shepherd School. Rosemary has been a secretary and teacher at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at RIT, and Kathleen has taught at St. Andrew's.

New Assignment

Sister Joanne Leccese, a member of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood, has been assigned to Mariannah Mission Station near Durbin in the Republic of South Africa. Sister Leccese is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Leccese of Edgemere Drive.

She is a graduate of Nazareth Academy and received Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Kutztown State College in Pennsylvania. Sister Leccese will begin her assignment in late August.

Garage Sale

Holy Redeemer Parish will hold a garage sale, Friday and Saturday, August 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on the church grounds at 634 Hudson Ave.

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