



Sister Honored

Sister Kathleen Milliken, RSM, second from left, was honored on her 30th jubilee by many family members, friends and members of the Newman community at SUNY Brockport where she is assigned. Among those on hand to help celebrate were, from left, Father John Phillips, pastor of Nativity Church in Brockport; Father Terrance Flemming, co-chaplain at Newman Oratory SUNY Brockport; Elizabeth Williams, sister of Sister Kathleen; Father Thomas Reddington, pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Church in Greece. A Mass of Thanksgiving was concelebrated by Fathers Flemming, Reddington and Phillips, followed by a reception attended by some 300 people.

Atheist's Son Finds God

By Helen Parmley
Religious News Service
Dallas (RNS) — William Murray, son of Madalyn Murray O'Hair, says miracles have happened in his life since he denounced atheism and gave his life to God.

"I was with my mother's organization for two years and it nearly destroyed me," Murray, 34, says. "It is miraculous what God can do in lives through faith."

When he was 16, Murray was the plaintiff in his mother's court battle that resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court decision to ban state-mandated prayer in public schools.

He stunned the Christian community recently when he said he was born again into Christianity and made a public apology for his role in his mother's suit.

In Dallas to tape a television interview, Murray describes atheism as an ego-centered, materialistic dogma that is failing because of lack of interest.

Referring to his mother, he says, "Her organization could be called a ministry or a personality cult. But it's in trouble. If I headed the atheist movement for 20 years, and had only 1,240 members nationwide, I'd look around for something else in my life."

"I began searching for meaning in my life, thinking surely there has to be something else than this. My self-search for communion and meaning brought me to my knees, and since then there have been miracles in my life."

"I decided it was time my wife and I got our unborn

child out of there (Austin). That was almost three years ago, and that was the last time I talked with my mother."

In April, Murray, an airline consultant in Houston, told a pastor in California that awareness of religious faith was not enough for him.

"The minister told me perhaps I needed to make some amends, so I decided when I got back to Texas to apologize to the segments of society I had injured by my participation in the 1963 court decision on prayer."

"Having done that, I felt a relaxation of the burden I had carried through that involvement. My life has changed. The sky is blue, the grass is green, God's in His heaven, and all's right with the world."

DPC to Open Sixth Year

The convocation beginning the sixth year for the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) will be this weekend, Friday, Sept. 5 and Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Anne's Parish, Rochester.

The annual convocation, the first meeting for new members and the beginning of the year's activity, will begin with a commissioning liturgy celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark at 8 p.m. in St. Anne's Church.

Events Saturday will include a working breakfast with the division directors; a discussion by council members of goals for the council for the coming year, election of officers and information on the DPC committees and their continuing work.

One proposal also has been scheduled for discussion Saturday afternoon. The proposal, concerning the handicapped, has been proposed by Father Charles Mulligan, diocesan director of Social Ministry.

The meeting will end with a prayer service at 3 p.m.

While some positions on the council have yet to be filled, some new members were named.

From the Northeast Region, Gerald Driscoll of Webster will be beginning his term. John Brophy of Rochester will join the Northwest Region delegation.

Two new members will represent the Northeast Region: Leona Hickey of

Marian Award

Teresa Mayfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mayfield of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, was awarded the Marian Award of the Catholic side of the Girl Scouts in ceremonies on Mother's Day, her mother announced last week.

Rochester, and James Warren of Ionia.

The Southwest Region also will send two delegates, Joan Arthur of Scottsville, and Gaynelle Wethers of Pittsford.

New representatives from the Chemung-Schuyler Region will be Olga Krazinski and James Mark, both of Elmira.

The previously united Livingston and Steuben regions will hold memberships as separate regions this year, and will be sending all new delegates to represent them. Representing the Livingston Region will be Donald Bartolo of Dansville, Mary Hynes of Livonia and Mary Miskell of Genesee. The Steuben representatives will be Thomas Ehrman of Corning, Rosemary Hogan of Canisteo, and Roy Rubeli of Big Flats.

Charles A. King of Auburn will be a new member from the Seneca-Cayuga Region.

Robert O'Gara of Owego will be a new member from the Tompkins-Tioga Region, and Lloyd J. O'Brien of Sodus Point will join the Yates-Ontario-Wayne delegation.

Three regional representatives whose terms had expired were re-elected: Beth Sefano, Tompkins-Tioga; Elaine Clausen of the North Region, and Mike Fitzpatrick of the Southwest Region.

Newly appointed members, who serve one-year terms as appointments of Bishop Clark, announced to date are Claude Lester of Seneca Falls, representing ministry to Catholic education; Lourdes deChateauvieux of Rochester, ministry to Spanish-speaking; and Dan Cochrane of Genesee, ministry to youth.

Re-appointed members are Margery Nurnberg of Elmira, ecumenism; Brother Brian Walsh of Rochester, religious brothers; Diane Blum of Penfield, the role of women in today's Church; and youth members William Riley, Jr., of Geneva and Alex Johnson of Rochester.

Further appointments are anticipated, as are members to fill three positions each to be named by the Sisters and Priests councils, and to fill two vacancies from the North Region.

Reyes Syndrome

The New York Region of the national Reyes Syndrome Foundation will meet at 2 p.m., Sept. 14, in the Holy Cross Parish Center on Union Street in Dryden.

Election of officers will take

place and the 1981 budget reviewed. The public is invited.

Reyes Syndrome is a form of encephalitis which affects mostly children.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Discipleship Demands Planning

Sunday's readings: (R3) Lk. 14: 25-33, (R1) Wis. 9: 13-18, (R2) Phlm. 1: 9-10, 12-17.

September usually brings with it a sense of gearing up for the year. School starts. With school, planning becomes the order of the day.

Families have to fit dinner and lunches around the school schedule. Children must be delivered to their music lessons on time, and this must be balanced with getting them to CCD classes. Parishes start working on projects that looked a lot simpler last spring when they were only in the talking stage.

We are a planning people — the government spends millions on surveys, flow charts, projects, and updates. We speak of planned communities, planned development, even planned paren-

thood (a euphemism for planned promiscuity).

Sunday's gospel demands planning for our Christian lives. The passage turns on two themes: discipleship and renunciation. The two parables used by Jesus offer the idea of preparation and calculation. The rather simple farming tower is in marked contrast to the war-waging plans of the king. But, in each case, careful planning is in order. Wisdom demands it. Following Christ also demands careful calculation. There is a cost in being a disciple, and those who would follow Christ must be aware of the demands.

Supreme Court Justice Brandeis once advised his impatient daughter, "My dear, life is hard. If you'd only recognize this, things would be so much easier for you." That's something of what Jesus was telling His disciples: "My yoke is easy but only if you realize it's hard", or "You can pay the price, if you realize the cost."

How does one plan to be an

effective disciple? The first reading suggests that we pray for wisdom and understanding.

In the gospel, Jesus made one strong suggestion: we must never let anyone or anything get between us and Himself — no matter the cost — never our self-image, our relationships, our quest for material possessions.

Paul's letter to Philemon appears next Sunday for the one and only time in the three-year cycle of readings. For that reason, it deserves some particular attention. The letter to Philemon is the only private letter of Paul to survive. Yet it is included in the inspired word of God, because of its significance in the question of slavery.

It might have seemed more straightforward for Paul when writing to Philemon to come right out and proclaim that Christ had changed the structure of society and abolished slavery. But Paul wrote no such thing. He accepted slavery as a fact, even if it was an unpleasant one. He did offer, however, the foundation for a world order that must exclude slavery, namely, that the slave is one's brother in Christ.

Christ did not come to change society, but to change people. It was to an individual person that Paul appealed. He

asked Philemon to take the runaway slave, Onesimus, back as "a beloved brother." Eventually, Paul knew, through changing people, society would also be changed — but more profoundly.

Have we cheapened Christianity? What is hard and demanding, have we made it easy and undemanding? Have we watered down the gospel? Does it cost us to live our Faith? It should, for the disciple is not above his master.

WHY AL D'AMATO?

Dear Fellow Citizens:

We, the undersigned, Republican, Monroe County Legislators and Town Councilmen, urge you to vote for Al D'Amato as United States Senator in the Republican Primary on September 9, 1980 for the following reasons:

1. HE supports a constitutional amendment to protect the lives of unborn human children. HIS OPPONENT DOES NOT.
2. HE supports a tuition tax credit for the parents of children in private and parochial schools. HIS OPPONENT DOES NOT.

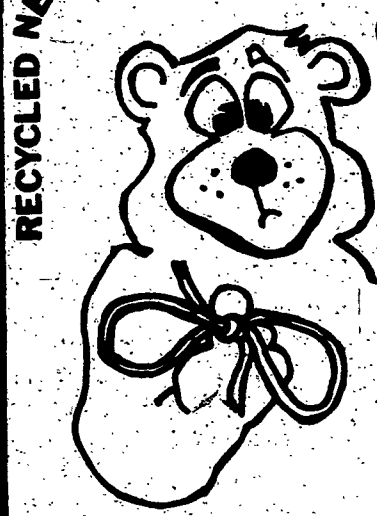
Today HE is willing to maintain a presence in Upstate New York and thereby represent all of the people of the state. His opponent is only visible in election years, and then, rarely.

We therefore urge you to vote for a man of CONSCIENCE, Al D'Amato, Primary Day Sept. 9, 1980.

Sincerely,

County Legislators	District	Parish
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Arnold Eckert	17	Christ the King
William Mulligan	3	Guardian Angel
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