



Tour of Homes

The annual Seton Tour of Homes is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, and will include houses in Mendon, Brighton and Pittsford. Members of the planning committee, above, seated from left, are Mrs. Aline Glavin and Mrs. Audrey Culhane. Standing, from left, are Mrs. Rosemary Bayer and Mrs. Nancy Palvino, chairman of the event. Tickets are \$6 before May 15 and \$7 after that date and may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Tinzie Porter of Warren Avenue, or by calling the Seton volunteer office at St. Mary's Hospital at 464-3255.

Society Marks Anniversary

The 125th anniversary of the Catholic Kolping Society of America is being marked this month. The fraternal and benevolent society began in this country on May 17, 1856 in St. Louis, Mo.

In Rochester the local

chapter will mark the anniversary with a Mass on Sunday, May 17. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Winfried Kellner, praesus of the Rochester Kolping Society, at St. Boniface Church on Gregory Street.

Insights In Liturgy

Father Robert J. Kennedy



Choosing Among Options

On this coming Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, and on every other Sunday of the Church year, choices abound: the Sacramentary provides a wide variety of options for the prayers of the Mass. So for this Sunday, the choices would include at least three formulas for the greeting, the sprinkling rite or ten forms of the Penitential Rite, two possibilities for the Opening Prayer, four separate Prefaces, nine Eucharistic Prayers, and several alternatives for a final blessing and dismissal. In addition, music has to be selected and decided upon, general intercessions have to be developed, and there are introductions to various prayers (the Penitential Rite, the Lord's Prayer, before Communion) that can be spontaneously — although briefly — composed.

In the face of this, the first question is "why do we have so many options?" The answer is simply: because the Eucharist, and all forms of the liturgy, expresses the faith and worship of the particular group that has assembled. That expression should be full and authentic, and consequently needs a variety of forms in order to be the real prayer of this particular worshipping community. The providing

of several options allows for a diversity of wholehearted expression within a universal, unified act of worship.

The second question to be asked is "who chooses from among the options?" The answer here should be simple, but it is not. Ideally, the options selected for a given celebration should be chosen by a parish liturgy committee, planning team or homily team. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (No. 313) clearly states that "the pastoral effectiveness of a celebration" depends upon the choice of texts which corresponds to the needs, preparation and attitude of the assembly. It continues:

"The choice of texts is to be made in consultation with the ministers and others who have a function in the celebration, including the faithful..." The problem is that this doesn't happen in most situations. The planning team or committee may make a choice about the Sprinkling Rite and develop a few prayers of the faithful, but the musicians determine what will be sung and when, and the priests will decide the other prayers. Now, of course, particular expertise must be respected and relied upon, but the selection of appropriate texts should be a cooperative, well-communicated effort.

The third question then is "how do you choose the appropriate options?" I hope

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A Special Mother's Day Remembrance

The Newman Community at Brockport State will be celebrating Mother's Day differently than most next Sunday. Members will be asking parishioners to write letters in behalf of a Filipino mother who is being held incommunicado in prison along with her nine-month-old child, according to Amnesty International (AI).

AI has reported that Maria Milagros Lumabi-Ehcaviz, 24, together with her youngest child, then aged three months,

were taken from her uncle's home last Aug. 16 by men in plainclothes, without warrant, and has been held incommunicado ever since. Efforts by her relatives have been fruitless — the only information gleaned is that she was recently seen in the maximum security unit of Fort Bonifacio near Manila.

Amnesty International reports that Mrs. Lumabi has still not been charged and is urging that she be released, or,

if charged, that she be transferred to a regular detention center and be granted to family and legal counsel.

How does Brockport Newman come into all this? The community has an Interreligious Urgent Action Network group, AI's mechanism for focusing immediate attention on victims of unjust or inhumane treatment.

According to Sylvia B. Thompson of the diocesan International Justice and

Peace Commission, there are 4,000 network members throughout the country. When notified of such cases, the network members organize letter-writing campaigns. AI provides the appropriate official for the letters — in the case of Mrs. Lumabi, letters should go to Maj. Gen. Fabuan Ver, commanding general, National Intelligence and Security Agency, Malacanang Palace, Manila, The Philippines, with copies to President Marcos, Malacañang Palace, Manila, The Philippines.

Courier Editor Nominated For Press Award

Carmen J. Viglucci, editor of the Courier-Journal, is among 16 nominees for the prestigious St. Francis DeSales Award of the Catholic Press Association. Msgr. John S. Randall, former managing editor of the paper, also has been nominated.

The award has been given each year but one since 1958 to individuals for their contribution to Catholic journalism either in the year preceding or throughout their lifetimes. It takes the form of a bronze statuette of St. Francis DeSales, designed by the late sculptor-priest Thomas McGlynn, OP.

Viglucci's nomination declared him "a pro to his fingertips. He is that ideal

blend of common sense, good Catholic journalism, and a remarkable sense of humor — a top-notch newspaperman." Msgr. Randall's nomination cited his leadership positions with the CPA and said that "individual members, past and present, are richer for having known John Randall."

Sister Phyllis Wins Volunteer Forum Award

Sister Phyllis Tierney, SSJ, director of volunteers at St. Joseph's Villa since 1975, has won the Distinguished Achievement in Volunteer Administration award for 1981 from the Volunteer Forum.

The organization was founded in 1976 and is a service of the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross. It acts as an advocate for volunteerism and as a clearing house for volunteer opportunities.

Sister Phyllis was cited for her "unique talents and keen sensibility" and her ability "to recruit suitable and qualified volunteers, provide training programs and coordinate the volunteer calendar."

SINGLES MEET

Singles Community will hold a regional meeting at 7:30 p.m., tomorrow, May 7, at the Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road. Discussion will be led by Frank and Sue Staropoli and Patty Genco. Further information on the meeting is available from Ms. Genco, (716) 663-3990.

Mother Cabrini Circle Sets Annual Fund Raiser

The Mother Cabrini Circle, the interfaith group of women who are dedicated to providing tuitions for black students to Catholic high schools, will hold its annual scholarship dinner from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at Immaculate Conception School Hall, 70 Glasgow St.

The feature of the event will be a smorgasbord.

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