

# Maryknoll Seeks Probe On Priest's Whereabouts

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The Maryknoll Order is pushing for an independent investigation on the whereabouts of Father Roy Bourgeois, 42, who has been missing since he left his hotel the morning of April 26.

Father Bourgeois went to El Salvador as an interpreter for a Chicago-based C.F. television crew, according to Religious News Service.

## Buerkle to Speak At Greece Dinner

Sixty-five high school athletes have been nominated for the sixth annual Manufacturers Hanover Greece Athlete of the Year Awards. Both male and female Athletes of the Year will be announced at the awards banquet Thursday night, May 14, at the Mother of Sorrows Church Hall.

Thirty-four boys and thirty-one girls were nominated this year from Greece Arcadia, Aquinas, Greece Athena, Cardinal Mooney, Hilton, McQuaid, Nazareth Academy, Greece Olympia and Spencerport High Schools.

Rochester native Dick Buerkle, Olympian and former world record holder in the mile run, will be the guest speaker. In addition, Buerkle will compete against local runners in the Manufacturers Hanover Lilac 10-Kilometer Run on Saturday, May 17.

Dinner tickets are available until May 11 for \$6.50 at all participating schools, Greece branches of Manufacturers Hanover and the Mother of Sorrows Rectory.

One news service has reported that Father Bourgeois' body has been found but a spokesman for Maryknoll as of Monday had received no such information.

In addition, the spokesman said that Father James Noonan, the Maryknoll superior general, just returned from a personal visit to the strife-torn Central American country to investigate the Bourgeois matter. He went to El Salvador last Wednesday and returned Saturday.

According to the Maryknoll spokesman, Father Noonan met with President Jose Napoleon Duarte and sounded him out on the possibility of an independent investigation concerning Father Bourgeois. Duarte, who earlier had suggested that Father Bourgeois may have joined the guerrillas, voiced no objection to the idea.

But the U.S. Embassy was cool to the idea and the order plans to push for the independent probe.

Father Noonan, before going to El Salvador, rejected

Duarte's suggestion that Father Bourgeois may have joined the guerrillas. The Maryknoll superior said that he was "greatly disturbed" by the conjecture and said there was no basis for it.

"What is needed," Father Noonan said, "is a vigorous investigation and search for the missing priest."

According to the Maryknoll spokesman, Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas said he believes government security forces were involved.

Father Bourgeois, assigned to the Maryknoll Development House in Chicago, has been living at a Catholic Worker center for the past year and a half.

"He is very much in sympathy with non-violent causes and has given no indication that he would act to the contrary," Father Noonan told Religious News Service. "We have the utmost confidence in Father Bourgeois and do not believe he would take up with any violent activity."

## Deaths

### George J. Knight

The Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated April 24 for George J. Knight who died April 21 at St. Ann's Home. Mr. Knight was 92 years old. The Mass was celebrated by Msgr. William Naughton, and Fathers Donald Raymond Epping and Donald Schwab in St. Ann's Chapel.

Mr. Knight, an Eastman Kodak retiree, was a veteran of World War I where he served as an aerial photographer. During his tour of duty, in Tours, France, he was wounded in action.

He was a long time member of Corpus Christi parish and, more recently, of St. Margaret Mary's parish in Irondequoit.

According to his cousin, Grace Davies, Mr. Knight also volunteered for service during World War II. Because of his age, however he was refused. Mrs. Davies said that he did volunteer work instead at Strong Memorial Hospital for two years.

Mr. Knight is survived by a brother, Frank J. Knight, several nieces and nephews and cousins. He was buried at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.



## Music Man

Joe Barone, Ray Sylvester, Bob Meagher and George Scheck, members of The Songsters, will perform as a barbershop quartet in this weekend's performances of The Music Man, 8 p.m., May 8, 9, 10, in the auditorium of Aquinas Institute. The show, under the direction of Mrs. Kathy Lynd and David Martin, Aquinas band director, is a presentation of the Aquinas Drama Club and will feature an 18-piece orchestra and the entire Aquinas Band. Tickets are available at the door or by calling the school (716) 254-2020.



## Volunteers of the Year

The Hank Porte family of Canterbury Road, Rochester, has been selected by The Center for Youth Services, Inc., as the 1981 Volunteer(s) of the Year. For nearly eight years, they have been actively involved in the center's Temporary Emergency Family (TEF) System, providing food and shelter to over 100 runaway and homeless youths. Hank and wife, Ineka, pose with their children, from left, Yolanda, 13; Melissa, 10, holding award; Alex, 11; and Ron, 16.

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