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### Spontaneous Tribute

Some 500 persons, gathered for a charismatic healing Mass at Notre Dame Retreat House recently, broke into spontaneous applause when Father Thomas Schmidt walked in for the Mass. The group gave him a special gift because he is leaving in June after six years as director of the retreat house. Father Schmidt has been active in the Charismatic Renewal, serving for four years as liaison to the diocese and is a member of the Service Committee. He concelebrated the Mass with Fathers Timothy Keating and James Connolly. Klaus Schulz and Fathers Connolly and Keating paid Father Schmidt tribute.

### Sister Judith To Be Honored

Sister M. Judith Heberle, outgoing superior general of the Rochester Sisters of Mercy, will be honored for more than a decade of administrative leadership at a Mass of Thanksgiving at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 31, at the Mercy Motherhouse.

The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Sisters' dining room.

Sister Judith has been the major superior since 1970

when she moved up from the office of assistant superior general to complete the term of the former major superior, who resigned because of ill health. Sister Judith was re-elected in 1973 and 1977 to full terms of her own.

She will be succeeded this year by Sister Jean Marie Kease. Sister Judith will become pastoral assistant on Sept. 1, at Blessed Sacrament parish.

### Charismatic Mass Scheduled

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be the principal celebrant at a diocesan charismatic Mass Pentecost Sunday, June 7, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 2400 Ridge Road, Greece.

Music will begin at 4 p.m. with Mass to follow. All priests are invited to concelebrate and everyone is welcome to the Mass.

The various ministries for the Mass will be drawn from the more than 70 prayer groups in the diocese. The Mass is being planned by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office, under the direction of Father Jim Connolly, SSJ, diocesan coordinator. Anyone wishing more information should call (716) 436-6252.



### Super Sale

McQuaid High School on Clinton Avenue will be the site of a "Super" Garage Sale, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30, in the school gym. Planning the sale are, seated, from left, Donna Ward, chairman, and Rosemary Huther. Standing, from left, are Ginny McDonnell and Jean Scott. The sale will feature household items including small appliances, dishes, linens; and other goods. Sponsors of the event are the McQuaid Aides with the cooperation of the Parents Club. All proceeds will benefit the school.

### Guadalupe Dedication Set

A Service to bless and dedicate a handmade banner of Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place this Sunday at 4 p.m. at Holy Apostles Church. The service will include musical selections sung by the Gregorian Chorale, directed by Father Benedict Ehmann.

The Chorale will perform Gregorian chants taken from liturgies of Marian Feasts. The banner, a handmade piece from New Mexico, was the gift of two Holy Apostles parishioners.

The Mexican Sisters who serve the Spanish speaking community in the diocese will be special guests at the dedication. All those interested in attending are welcome.

### SENIOR BREAKFAST

Senior citizens were honored at a Mass Sunday, May 24, at St. Rita's in West Webster. A breakfast featuring entertainment by school children, followed, and each senior received a rose as a sign of the parish's gratitude.

In another parish event, Sue Rentschler, an eighth grader, was the May Queen, as the feast of St. Rita was celebrated in conjunction with May Day ceremonies on May 22.



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### Centering on Service

Communications



Unlike many of the other ministries and services described in this column, there is no office for communications within the diocesan structure. In practice, each one of the departments and agencies is a communicating agent. Information is shared through the programs offered and through the letters and brochures which are developed by each office. Channels are developed for communication from parishes and people of the diocese to the offices in response to needs and concerns as well as in consultation for direction for services.

Many of the offices also make use of communicating information to a broader audience through the Courier-Journal. This channel of communication is used by diocesan departments as well as by parishes to announce programs and to share information. The public media of press, radio and television is used by diocesan personnel to inform the total community of events, programs and special opportunities.

The need to expand our efforts in using the electronic media as a means reaching our own people as well as those we have yet to reach continues to increase. During the past year a committee appointed by Bishop Clark researched possible means of entering into television production. As a result of studying available resources, the committee recommended that we subscribe to the National Catholic Communications Office production of the magazine format program, "Real to Reel," and that we produce local segments similar in style to the national ones.

The purpose of "Real to Reel" was to be entertaining and informative, but more importantly, to be inspirational and to be steeped in an abiding Faith in the Church of Jesus. It was seen as a method of evangelization for all of our people. It provided an opportunity to look at people in our nation and in our own diocese practicing the teachings of Christ in their services to each other.

Locally the segments featured the Church in

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action in all parts of our diocese. Bishop Clark used this means of communication to speak to his people and to lead us through an understanding of what it means to be diocese and to be people living the Gospel message. There were features centering on the young, the elderly, the handicapped, those in need as well as those celebrating faith with each other. There are many more stories of the people of our Church yet to be written and shared through this medium.

We are living in an age in which the media carry great influence in forming the values of our people —

particularly our young people. It is important that the Church become more involved in the development and selection of material used in the media. One way of entering into this is to continue a sustained effort in the production and use of television time.

Currently we are collating and analyzing the evaluations which were returned on our efforts in the television program. At the same time we are investigating possible ways to continue our efforts in using the medium.

If the Church will not use the media to tell the story that can shape a world of peace, who will?

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