



## Nazareth Grads Receive Awards

Several seniors of Nazareth Academy have been awarded scholarships based on their academic achievements over the past four years.

They are: Karen Rita McCloskey, National Merit, Alfred University, University of Notre Dame, University of Rochester; Rosa Maria Solaun, College of the Holy Cross, University of Notre Dame, University of Rochester; Janet Beth Ruscher, Nazareth College Presidential; Kimberly Ann Fedele, Niagara University, Nursing Regents; Marifrances Arioli, College of New Rochelle; Edel Mary Mc-

Mahon, Nazareth College Alumni; Kelly Lee Chamberlain, St. John Fisher College; Susan Mary Whelan, St. John Fisher College; Karoline E. Luciano, Syracuse University; Catherine Ann Gilmore, University of Dayton Presidential.

Recipients of State Regents Scholarships are: Marie P. Bellavia, Kelly Lee Chamberlain, Lynn Marie DeGroot, Diane Marie Hunt, Karoline E. Luciano, Karen Rita McCloskey, Patricia M. McDonald, Edel Mary McMahon, Janet Beth Ruscher, Rosa Maria Solaun and Susan Mary Whelan.

Leadership, English, Social Studies; Rosa Maria Solaun, General Scholastic Excellence, Spanish, Science, Lanthorn; Mary Beth Brady, Outstanding School Spirit; Sandra Romanowski, Nazareth Cares; Patricia Ann Austin, Art; Christine Ann Boss, French; Theresa M. MacDonald, Home Economics; Michele Ann Giampietro, Italian; Lori Ann Zimmer, Latin; Kelly Lee Chamberlain and Lynn Marie DeGroot, Mathematics; Marcy Jean Gertin, Office Practice; Kelly Anne Schrader, Secretarial Practice; Marie P. Bellavia, Drama Acting Award; Karoline E. Luciano, Drama Theatre Award; Kathleen Ann Terhaar and Susan Mary Whelan, Perfect Attendance.

Other awards given at commencement are: Karen Rita McCloskey, Student

## Nuns Demonstrate

In a recent rally outside the Federal Building in Pittsburgh, members of the Sisters of Mercy protest U.S. involvement in El Salvador. The demonstration was part of a program marking the 150th anniversary of the order founded in Dublin, Ireland, in 1831 by Catherine McAuley. Pittsburgh was selected for the event because it was the site of the Sisters' first American foundation in 1843.

Sister Joan Sobala, SSJ



Viewpoint: Sisters Reflect

## Women's Ministry In History

The Roman Catholic Church is uncomfortable with novelty. Rightly so. As a church which treasures its roots found in the person and message of Jesus, our Church rejects any movement, any viewpoint which cannot be grounded in the Gospel. Such movements, such viewpoints do exist in our time.

Given these observations, it is fair to ask some hard questions about the women's movement in the Church. This movement seeks the full participation of women in church life, in every way that is open to men. The question is one of rootedness. Is this quest a new phenomenon in our age, in our country? Or is the ministry of women already part of the early Christian experience? Does the Church diminish its heritage by refusing to recognize women's full share in ministry?

Recent Scripture studies have given the Christian community new tools, or imaginatively, new eyeglasses, with which to look at the New Testament. With our old eyeglasses we see that women and men, alike, are disciples of Jesus, but only men are called to leadership in the community. New eyeglasses help us to see what is already present, but obscured: namely, the unconditional acceptance of women by Jesus, and the struggle of His followers to live with this new way of being.

The Gospel of John, for example, presents the Samaritan woman as the first missionary sent by Jesus (John 4); Martha is the one who confesses Jesus as Lord just before the raising of Lazarus (John 11); finally, the first witness to the Resurrection is Mary Magdalen, who is told by Jesus to convey the good news to His brothers (John

20). We often read these passages as isolated incidents. With new glasses, we begin to see them, rather, as part of a pattern in the early Christian period — a period which clearly stands over and against the prevailing attitudes toward women in the Jewish culture of the times.

The ministry of women also emerges in the Acts of the Apostles and in the early Pauline writings. Paul recognizes Priscilla as his co-

worker, even as he recognizes Priscilla's husband, Aquila, as such (Acts 18). Lydia is acknowledged as the leader of a house church in Philippi (Acts 16). Among the people Paul greets in Romans 16 are eight women, including the deaconess, Phoebe, and the apostle, Junias. That women should appear in these ways, at all, points to a precedent that could not come from the culture, but only from the vision and openness of Jesus.

For Jesus, gender was not a qualification for leadership among His disciples. It remains, for this age to reclaim this aspect of the Gospel tradition.

Sister Joan Sobala, SSJ, is a staff member for Women's Ordination Conference.

## Business in Diocese



Edward J. Dempsey, a 1955 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, has been named an assistant vice president of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. He is a senior account executive in the Rochester Merrill Lynch office. He joined the company in 1969.

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