

Sister M. Irene Notes 50 Years

Sister Mary Irene Rapp, RSM, will be specially honored by her congregation Sept. 27, as the group's sole golden jubilarian this year.

Sister Irene entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1930 from her home parish of Holy Family in Rochester. A teacher for 41 years, she taught at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Charles Borromeo, Our Lady of

Mercy, St. Joseph's (Penfield), and St. James grammar schools.

With a degree in home economics from Marywood College in Scranton, Pa., she taught home economics at Our Lady of Mercy High School for 14 years. She also was a dietician at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, for three years.



SISTER M. IRENE

Cenacle Slates Brief Programs

The Cenacle Renewal Center has slated several programs for next month. Each lasts only a few hours.

A series of Mornings of Renewal will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon beginning Oct. 8. The series is sponsored by the Eucharistic Guild of the Cenacle.

Two Tuesday Evening Lectures, sponsored by the St. Raphael-Guild of the Cenacle, will feature Sister Shirley Kitagawa, RC, at 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 27 and Father John Walchans, SJ, at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 24. Mass is celebrated following the lectures.

A Day of Renewal for Widows and Widowers is planned for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 6, under the leadership of Father John Mulligan.

Reservations and further details on any of the programs are available by contacting the Cenacle, 693 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14607; (716) 271-8755.

Nazareth Gains State's OK for Religious Study

Nazareth College has received approval from the State Department of Education to expand its Master of Science in Education program to include a concentration in Religious Studies.

The new program was started this fall, after an extensive study of the educational needs of the area, Msgr. William Shannon, chairman of the college's religious studies department, said.

The concentration, Msgr. Shannon said, will be "broadly multi-faith in its thrust." Courses will deal with Sacred Scripture, religious structures and religious ritual, human values and religious traditions, and religious experience and reflection.

Rosary March Set in City

A Rosary March will be held in Rochester in conjunction with the International Rosary March at 3 p.m., Oct. 4, around the world.

According to Blue Army spokesperson Mrs. Mary Kelly, participants will gather at 2:30 p.m. at Rochester's Liberty Pole and proceed to Old St. Mary's Church for a holy hour including benediction and recitation of the rosary, led by Father Patrick Magnier.

Mass in Memory Of Fr. Lintz

A Mass will be offered by Msgr. William H. Shannon in the memory of Father Edward J. Lintz in the Chapel of the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, 4096 East Ave., at 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3.

Members of the Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae and friends are invited to the Mass, which is an anticipated Sunday Mass.

Father Lintz served as spiritual adviser to the Rochester Circle before he was named pastor of the Church of the Nativity in Brockport.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Cardinal Mooney Women's Guild will hold its first meeting of the school year beginning at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 29. Reservations, by Sept. 25, are made by calling 621-5505 or 225-7672.

Accusers Trying to Destroy Church, Cardinal Charges

Chicago (RNS) — Cardinal John P. Cody has charged that those who allege he misused Chicago archdiocesan funds are trying to "destroy" and "vituperate" the Catholic Church through him.

The spiritual leader of 2.4 million Catholics in the nation's largest archdiocese asked an overflow crowd at a parish celebration in nearby Westchester to "be with me as we suffer together in Christ and in his church."

"I never thought this type of persecution would continue in this enlightened age," he continued. The 73-year-old cardinal was referring to the investigation by the Chicago Sun-Times which has led the United States attorney here to look into allegations that the prelate diverted more than \$1 million in Church funds to Mrs. Helen Dolan Wilson of St. Louis, his 74-year-old step-cousin.

Cardinal Cody's remarks at Divine Providence Church in

Westchester were sharper and more bitter than those he made on the previous day when, at the annual luncheon of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, he said he had forgiven his persecutors "700 times 7 times." He described the accusations as "half truths and innuendoes."

Mrs. Wilson, interviewed by the Chicago Tribune, denied that Cardinal Cody had made her wealthy with gifts from archdiocesan funds.

"They're accusing the cardinal of being a thief," she said, "and they're scandalizing me."

She acknowledged that the cardinal had written her a check for \$21,000 to help build a home in Boca Raton, Fla., in 1968 but she insisted the money was a loan — even though the prelate canceled the note and returned it after she repaid about a third.

She also said the only gifts she ever received from Cardinal Cody were cash presents on holidays — "never more than several hundred dollars."

Mrs. Wilson explained that the salary paid her by the archdiocese between 1969 and 1974 was for work she did at the cardinal's official residence — cooking, redecorating, ordering repairs, housekeeping and running errands.

The local U.S. attorney last January served the cardinal and the archdiocese with subpoenas. A spokesman for the archdiocese said that "an appropriate response" has been made since the newspaper series began but he did not say what information was forwarded.

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FAMILY PLANNING

Two Orientation Sessions have been scheduled by Natural Family Planning of Rochester. The first will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Monday, Oct. 5, at the Bishop Kearney Building, St. Mary's Hospital, and the next one from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9, at the Main Conference Room in Rochester General Hospital.

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- Genesis and Darwin: The Continuing Debate
Tuesdays, beginning October 13 at 12:10 noon (downtown)
- Themes in Modern Jewish Thought
Thursdays, beginning October 15 at 7:30 p.m.
- The Biblical Concept of God
Thursdays, beginning October 15 at 10:00 a.m.
- Religious Education: Theory and Practice
Tuesdays, beginning October 27 at 7:30 p.m.

For information and registration, call (716) 586-2627

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Insights In Liturgy

By Father J. Kennedy



Living The Mystery

For three weeks, now we have looked at the way in which people enter, explore and become the mystery of God's life and love through a process of Christian Initiation. We have been using as the basis of our discussion the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which outlines this process of becoming Christian in various stages.

Celebrating the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) into the Church at the Easter Vigil is the climax of the entire process, but it is by no means the end of it. Rather the celebration of initiation opens onto a fourth stage of growth and practice in this new Christian life that technically lasts the length of the Easter season but which in fact is a lifelong process. The RCIA entitles this stage the period of Post-Baptismal Catechesis or Mystagoga. It is a time when the newly-baptized or the newly-received explore the meaning of the "mysteries" of faith which they have celebrated sacramentally, and begin to wear their new faith like a new set of clothes. In their Baptism and reception into the Church they have put on Christ, and now they begin to discover what that means in daily living.

It means, first of all, that the neophytes are now full members of the community of the faithful. The Church members are now their brothers and sisters in Christ. And just as these members of the faithful

have been their companions and sponsors in the exploration and growth in faith, they now continue to encourage the neophytes, and "move forward together" with them as they grow in the knowledge and love of God.

The principal source of this identification and encouragement is the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist, in which the neophytes now fully participate. And this participation leads to other things as well. The reading of God's Word and the preaching on those readings (the post-baptismal catechesis) enable these new members to meditate on the Gospel, to understand the paschal mystery more fully, and to bring it into their lives more and more. This in turn enables them to put on the mind of Christ so as to understand their lives, the Church and the world from the Christian perspective. In other words, their initiation into the Church and their regular participation in the Eucharist translates into living the Christian life as fully as possible in act and attitude.

Thus, the period of Post-Baptismal Catechesis is characterized by joining in the works of love done in the name of Christ, the practice of Christian service to one's brothers and sisters and all who are in need. The neophytes are now meant to be, by virtue of their baptism and reception into the Church, lights in the world, and salt for the earth. Through such service, Christians begin to live the mystery that is Christ alive and with us.

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