



Co-chairpersons Sam Boncaro, Martin Lawler (standing), Helen Wetzel and Bernice Anania discuss campaign plans with Father Albert Shamon, a trustee at DeSales.

## DeSales Finalizes '82 Support Campaign

Geneva — Advisory Committee and Campaign leaders met to discuss final plans for the 1981-82 DeSales High School Annual Support Campaign on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

This year's appeal will be under the leadership of co-chairpersons Bernice Anania of Geneva, Helen Wetzel of Waterloo, Sam Boncaro and

Martin Lawler of Geneva. The drive this year will seek a minimum of \$75,000. These funds will be used to offset the anticipated deficit and to provide a fund from which to handle emergency needs. The 1981-82 deficit is estimated to be \$63,000.

Father Albert Shamon, member of the Board of Trustees, pointed out to the

leadership people that this year's campaign will present a much broader and significant case, not only to the alumni and friends of DeSales, but to the total community. Father Shamon stated that 1982 will complete the 70th year of continuous service DeSales High School has provided to Geneva and surrounding areas. "As we look forward to our eighth decade of service, we do so with a renewed confidence in the future of DeSales High School," Father Shamon stated.

Frank Caravita, president of the DeSales School Board, stated that this year's appeal will try to present the "image of DeSales" as it actually is. "DeSales is in fact an outstanding alternate choice second to none, in academic excellence for the Catholic and non-Catholic families throughout the Wayne-Finger Lakes area. We are no longer just an exclusively Geneva city high school," Caravita said. "Twenty-eight percent of the present student body comes from communities outside of Geneva. We are anticipating that next Fall will see students attending from Waterloo, Seneca Falls, Newark, Canandaigua,odus Lyons, Penn Yan and other communities. With proposed changes in the state busing laws this trend is expected to increase."

Co-chairperson Bernice Anania, a long time resident of Geneva, explained that DeSales is also a very important community asset which deserves and should expect community support. She pointed out that the people in the Geneva area for years have been direct benefactors due to the annual tax savings made possible by them because of DeSales. DeSales now counts more than 3,000 alumni. Present costs to educate a student in the public school system at the secondary level now approach the \$3,000 per year figure. "It is hard to translate these figures into specific tax savings, but over the years I'm sure that the amount has been very substantial," Ms. Anania stated.

The Advisory Committee and co-chairpersons will enlist additional members to assist with the community-wide solicitation during the last two weeks of February. At that time, tax-deductible donations will be solicited from DeSales alumni, business and industry, the professional and financial segments of the community, and friends of DeSales.

### Sister Janet Korn



Viewpoint: Sisters Reflect

### They Heard The Cry Of the Poor

We sat together in 1978 under the clear night sky along the Chilean seacoast at a small town called El Quisco. We had spent the two previous days at the Maryknoll house of prayer in that same area and we were now sharing the fruits of our reflection.

Sister Ita Ford sat staring into the ocean trying to find the answers to her own questions. She had been talking about her years of living among the poor and oppressed and how that experience shattered so many preconceived ideas and answers that had been part of her thinking and practice before she left for Latin America. She had left herself wide open to be bombarded by the questions which arose from sharing life with the marginated. She allowed herself to find out that the pat answers, the cliches, and the catch phrase on her once-favored poster no longer satisfied the hungry hearts and bodies of the people with whom she labored.

The "right answers" were no longer right. But listening to her struggle to frame the new questions was like watching St. Paul get knocked off his horse; they both came through their experiences with a new set of values, or, at least, a search for them.

Dr. Sheila Cassidy went through a similar unsettling experience. She left England to practice medicine in Chile

and made the journey by boat so that she could bring all her treasured possessions — her two chow dogs, many expensive paintings, and volumes of books and tapes. It wasn't long before the possession of these things began to bother her, along with many other things as well. She questioned the rights of the rich to receive good medical care, good education, good food, and a good life while the poor scramble to pick up the scraps that fall from the rich man's table.

Neither of these women cut off life's possibilities or turned off the questions. They knew that in order to grab on to something new, they had to let go of something else. They were both knocked out of their comfortable worlds by being made aware of shocking human suffering and the horror of social sin in our time. They allowed themselves to be touched by the pain of humanity and saw reality with the eyes of Jesus. They were exposed to the real meaning of the Gospel by sharing their lives with the poor and the oppressed.

Ita Ford and Sheila Cassidy answered their own questions with their lives — one was murdered in the cause of justice and the other was tortured and exiled because they allowed their minds and hearts to be penetrated by the reality of suffering humanity.

Sister Janet Korn, RSM, now an executive counselor of the Sisters of Mercy, spent 16 years as a missionary in Santiago, Chile.

### Sarah Child



All in the Family

### Some Ways To Keep It From Snowing

A little of this and some of that...

As soon as we paid the first installment on snowplowing for the winter, the snow eased up, and then when we purchased cross country skis, the temperatures rose to the 40s and the remaining snow melted. If I thought the principle would continue to work, I'd invest in a snow-blower or even a snowmobile — to match Kurt's next door.

necklace. As fantasies go, I guess it's not too objectionable. A lover of musical comedies, she might have opted for a fan-tan dancer (Flower Drum Song) or a Russian spy (Silk Stockings).

A tip of the column to Pete Taub for mentioning us in his New Year's

Resolutions piece. But the credit for Baked Rigoletto goes to the head of the house who devised it. In keeping with his theme, I'd like to see him create and name something in honor of Puccini next. Clams Cavaradossi (after Tosca's lover) has a nice ring to it.

At the moment the backyard looks like a frozen tundra and it is hard to imagine that the patio tub held pink and purple petunias or that the fence was a background for a mass of marigolds. Nevertheless, I've got the seed catalogues out and am dreaming of a quick and green spring.

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## "I was thirsty, and you gave me drink."

Mt 25:35

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