



**Special Anniversary**

Father Elmer Heindl, one of the most decorated of American chaplains in World War II, left yesterday for the Far East both to commemorate the anniversary of the liberation of Manila and to represent the Diocese of Rochester in meetings with diocese-born missionaries in the area. Father Heindl, as national chaplain of the association of veterans from the "Buckeye Division," the 37th, will lead the procession celebrating the 37th anniversary of the liberation of Manila, and visit missionaries in the Philippines, Hong Kong and Hawaii. Chaplain Heindl, above, in a photo taken 37 years ago.

Sister Norbert Gutacker



Viewpoint: Sisters Reflect

**Recognizing Everyday Saints**

One day a father brought his son to church and the child was fascinated by the images of the saints in the beautiful stained glass windows. Turning to his father, the child asked, "Daddy, who are all those people in the picture up there?" "Son," replied the father, "they are God's saints, people who let God's light shine through them to others."

As we reflect on this simple story, each one of us realizes that basically "being a saint" is also our daily call, our daily challenge given to us on our baptismal day. On this day a lighted candle was given to us representing Christ as the Light of the World, calling us forth to be Christ to others.

Salvation history abounds with countless examples of people who struggled throughout their lives to become holy. And, today, all of us are still meeting people striving to let God be the light of their lives and sharing this light with others. I would like you to meet some of the modern-day saints that I encounter daily in pastoral ministry:

Rose, an elderly woman recovering from a serious illness, who spends much of her time praying for others.

Fela, an elderly Hispanic woman, who comes early to Mass every day to pray for

those who are sick and troubled in the neighborhood, and greets each person in church with a smile or a "hello" even though she does not speak English.

Carmen, who for years has patiently, lovingly cared for her invalid husband.

Henry, who daily prays with his wife as he sits by her bedside in a nursing home.

A group of policemen, who spend their off-duty hours with neighborhood youth trying to show them that they care.

An 82-year-old woman, who says that each time she participates in the Eucharist she feels closer to her God and shows it!

Have you ever met any of these everyday saints? How did they touch your life? In turn, were you able to touch others with God's light shining through you?

Just as the rays of light penetrate through the window, so we too can be rays of hope to others. Prompted by the words of the song, "If everyone would light just one little candle, what a bright world this would be!", we too can go forth to be beacons to others, in a world that is full of dark, cold, weary nights. Yes, we are the light of the world; we are God's saints in His world today.

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**Holy Redeemer Class of '32 Plans Reunion**

The Class of 1932 at Holy Redeemer School is planning a reunion for May 21, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its graduation.

Out of a class of 84, 60 have been notified. At least 13 are deceased. The committee is trying to find information about:

- Gerard Mayer, John Ryan, James (Scheuch) Sherman, Robert Weidenborner, Dorothy Torey, Mary Andrews, Clara Kramer (Cramer), Geraldine Haering, Eleanor Kundrotas and Helen Krewaitis.

Anyone with information should call either (716) 482-0919 or (716) 458-5633.

**First Friday**

Father Frederick Walz will lead the First Friday Luncheon Club at Mass dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 11:45 a.m., Friday, Feb. 5. Father Walz will also speak at the luncheon following the Mass at the Knights of Columbus chambers, 670 Thurston Road.

**At Your Parish...**

**Palmyra** — Father Matthew Kawiak, a parish priest who is also a marriage therapist and sex educator, will give a talk entitled, "Parents' Education Approach to Sexuality," 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 7, at St. Anne's Center here. The talk is part of a series sponsored by the parish education committee, "Morality — the Church, Adults, Families, Youth Today."

**St. Rita**

**West Webster** — The St. Rita Society Communion Breakfast, at which Father David Mura will be guest speaker, will begin after the 9:15 Mass, Sunday, Feb. 7. The event is designed for mothers and children. Tickets cost \$2.75 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 10. Reservations are obtained by calling Bev Schnorr, 671-1160, or Pat Grossi 671-7128.

**St. Paul**

**Honeoye Falls** — Phyllis Collier, RN, a staffer on the faculty of the University of Rochester, will speak on women's health issues during a meeting of the Rosary Society of St. Paul of the Cross Church, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11.



**Perpetual Help**

Charles Fisher, member of the Eye Conservation Committee of the Health Association, and an alumnus of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, greets Hank Majauskas, otherwise known as Officer Magic, at a recent magic show entitled "I Prize My Eyes," given at the school.

**Sr. Kristin, Zollo Featured**

Recent works by two area Catholic artists are on display this month at the Roselawn Galleries in Fairport. The show features drawings, watercolors and batiks by Sister Kristin Malone, SSJ, and small sculptures by Carl Zollo. Sister Kristin is perhaps best known in the community for her line drawings adorning inspirational calendars and note cards. Zollo's work is

featured in several churches in the area including St. John the Evangelist on Humboldt Street, St. Thomas More, St. John of Rochester, St. Christopher's, Holy Ghost, and St. John's in Lockport.

The show features small works by Zollo and a number of pieces in several media done during a cross-country tour by Sister Kristin.

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