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# **New Tradition**

Frank Iacovangelo proudly smiles because his daughter, Christina, was the first St. Agnes student to enroll at Aquinas Institute. Frank is a 1958 graduate of the school

Fr. John Reedy

Looking for the Lord

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## The God **Of Compassion** And Promise

A trouble-free race, whatever else it might be, would not be the human family which God created. The freedom to make right of our aspirations, necessarily involves the possibility of making wrong choices, of experiencing failure.

In my own life, and in those I have observed, much of the growth and development has come from the effort to live well under the pressures of pain and failure. The times which seem to be trouble-free tend to be the times when we vegetate, when days and months slide by in a routine which seems to have little significance for who and what we are.

It simply seems to be a fact of our human situation that significance — growth or deterioration — comes from the way we deal with

misunderstanding, rejection, betrayal, pain and death. None of us is likely to fail so dramatically as to wind up nailed to a tree.

But His gift, His love, did not end with His sharing of all of the problems and pain of our human condition. have experienced it, but He gave us even more.

In His resurrection on Easter morning, He gave us the sign, the assurance, that all the hurt, the disappointment, the suffering will finally culminate in the glory of the God who loves us.

The how, the what, the details of this glory are hidden in mystery. Neither the old nor the new theologians can explain them. We have no need to understand the details.

As we again celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, it is enough that we believe, that we appreciate the love of the God who has given us the gifts of compassion and

# **Christ the King Notes 25 Years**

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Twenty-five years ago, newspaper advertisements featured boys' shoes for Easter for \$5.79, mattresses for \$39.95, 2½ pounds of shrimp for \$1.39, sirloin steak at 69 cents a pound. And Christ the King parish celebrated a midning Mass celebrated a midnight Mass in April in honor of the official opening of the brand new complex.

April 10, 1953, 75 between East Ridge On acres and Titus Avenue, Road which included two houses and peach orchards of the Parker and Duerr farms and part of the Rudman estate, were transferred by Kenneth Duerr to the diocese for approximately \$112,000.

Destined for this land was a Catholic high school and parish complex.

Christ the King was formally established in 1955 and on March 18, 1956, groundbreaking ceremonies took place with Msgr. Charles J. Mahoney, former superintendent of schools, using a gold-plated shovel. Four days later, Palm Sunday, 200 men of the parish conducted a two-hour canvass collecting pledges which exceeded the \$125,000 goal.

Although the official opening of the church was observed at a midnight Mass April 20, 1957, services had been regularly taking place in the parish hall which had opened in October 1956.

Jan. 28, 1957, Christ the King School officially opened. Men's and women's clubs were formed and the first formal activity was a dance in February of 1957. The rectory was completed

that March.

At present, there are 1,200 families in the parish with 250 attending the K-8 school. In the fall of 1978, a decision was made to keep the auditorium as the permanent church. At present, new office facilities are being added to the rectory.

# **Rosary** on the Air

The Family Rosary Network may be heard at 6:30 nightly over the following stations:

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This is the humanity which God chose to share with us in the person of Jesus. Though the Lord relieved the suffering of some through His work of healing, there were times when He did no wonders, when the sick must have returned home with their illnesses.

The fundamental gift which God offered to us in Jesus was not the gift of the faith-healer, the relief from all pain. (Those who were cured must have faced other illnesses and sufferings in the years after they had been healed.)

Instead, God's gift was like that of a true friend who comes to us in our pain and suffering, whose embrace and tears assure us that he or she is genuinely sharing our hurt. 5 - 5

The Lord shared our weariness, our experience of

promise.

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