

Our Mother of Perpetual Help: A History of Powerful Intercession

The following is a reflection on the picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help by Father Patrick Healy, CSSR, pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, on the 250th anniversary of the Redemptorist order.



The Golden Madonna

The "Golden Madonna" arrived in Rochester on July 4, 1873. She was enthroned in the new Lady's Chapel in St. Joseph's Church on Franklin Street.

From the beginning, the faithful showed devotion to the beloved Madonna, visiting her shrine, fervently seeking her powerful intercession in their spiritual and temporal needs. Word of Her power spread and soon copies of the Golden Madonna appeared in all parts of Western New York.

In 1927 the weekly perpetual novena was inaugurated at St. Joseph's. Its beginnings were modest. The first Wednesday afternoon,

explosive and spontaneous. Soon there were several exercises every Wednesday. At one time the combined attendance reached into the thousands.

What is more important, each devotion ended where Mary had ever pointed her children — Adoration and Benediction of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. As of old, Mary afforded access to her Son, Our Lord and Redeemer, our One Mediator with the Father. Later years saw the "devotions" devoutly blended into the celebration of Mass.

The starkly clean, un-sentimental beauty of the painting presents Mary, solicitous Mother of the Redeemer; Mary, the new Eve, Mother of the Redeemed. Cradled in her arms is Her Son, startled, anguished by a vision of Gethsemane. And Mary's wistful gaze seems to ponder the mystery of Salvation.

The painting is artistically trimmed in gold that bespeaks royalty; on the one hand, Kingship — the One to whom all power is given — on the other, the Woman of Revelation, clothed with the sun, all-powerful advocate before the Throne of God!

After the tragic fire that razed the church and convent of St. Joseph, the miraculous picture was enthroned in another Shrine of Mary, the Little French Church (Our Lady of Victory) on Pleasant Street. There the perpetual novena continues. The crowds are not so numerous as in the "good old days," but the devotion and love for the Handmaid of the Lord remains fervent and warm.

An amazing number of loyal and devoted children come from all parts of Rochester, seeking the powerful intercession of the Mother of the Redeemer, the Mother of the Redeemed, Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Diocesan Youths Attend National Leaders Meeting

Three teenagers from the diocese late last month attended the national meeting of Diocesan Youth Leaders in Indianapolis, Ind. The three are Melissa Andreine, Elmira; Patrick Van Durme, Danville; and Susan Eckart, Pittsford.

Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) were developed.

According to Patrick Fox, diocesan director of Youth Ministries, the event gave evidence of "a real dedication on the part of the young people."

The Indianapolis meeting offered four days of speakers, workshops and meetings at which the by-laws of the newly constituted National

Fox said that the meeting "consisted of morning workshops which featured speakers on a wide variety of

topics. The response to these sessions was very positive. The afternoons and evenings were filled with business meetings. Small committees worked on designing proposals, and the entire assembly later heard presentations and voted on motions.

"Some of these meetings lasted well past their scheduled end point and indicated a real dedication on the part of the young people."

Sons of Italy Convene

Thirty dioceses from the Vincent Lobardi Lodge 2270 attended the annual Order of Sons of Italy convention at the Concord Hotel in the Catskills. More than 1,000 members of the society convened.



Father Donald B. Licata, chaplain of the Sons of Italy, and Rosemary Montemarano, chairperson, present a rose to Sister Carol.

Due to illness, Mother Teresa of Calcutta was unable to deliver the main address at the event, and Sister Carol Proia of Rochester represented her.

More than \$11,000 and many spiritual bouquets will be sent to the famed

missionary nun by the organization.



SISTER M. REGINA

Sr. Regina Notes 50th

Sister M. Regina, a Sister Adorer of the Blood of Christ who was the first principal of Most Precious Blood School on its reopening after closure by then Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, was honored by her congregation at a jubilee celebration July 1 in Columbia, Pa.

Sister M. Regina noted 50 years a nun at rites presided over by Bishop Joseph Daley, Msgr. Walter Shaull, and 13 other priests including Father Sebastian Contegiaco, CPPS, of Rochester.

COMPLETE HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICES
 REMODELING & GENERAL CONSTRUCTION
 OUR MOST IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATION IS A SATISFIED CUSTOMER
 SERVING THE ROCHESTER AREA WITH INTEGRITY FOR OVER 25 YEARS

We'll Get The Job Done Quickly... Professionally

KITCHEN • BATHROOM REMODELING
 ROOFING • SIDING • INSULATION
 ROOM ADDITIONS • DORMERS
 CONVENIENT BANK TERMS ARRANGED
 ALL WORK PERSONALLY SUPERVISED
 ESTIMATING & PLANNING SERVICE

CALL THE EXPERTS 889-5090
 OUT OF TOWN CALL COLLECT

WM. C. McCOMBS co.
 VISIT OUR SHOWROOM AT 3315 CHILI AVE.

LEBANON:

You've seen the DEVASTATION... Please help us... to help these... INNOCENT VICTIMS... "caught in the middle" Medicines desperately needed!

(CMMB working in conjunction with Catholic Relief Services for 35 years)

Catholic Medical Mission Board
 NEW YORK, N.Y. 10011
 10 WEST 17 STREET

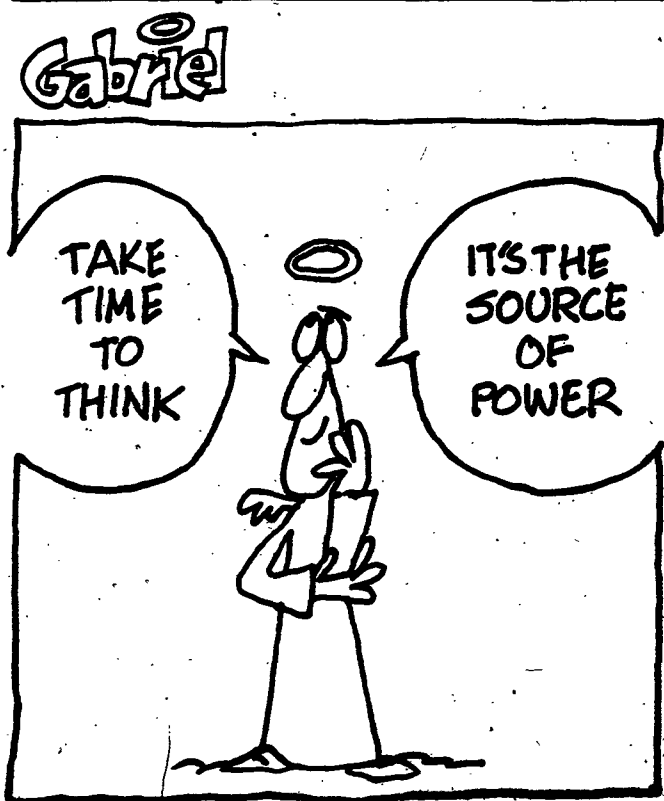
Rev. Joseph Walter, S.J., director

Here is my gift of \$ _____
 Please send me a free leaflet describing your work.
 I would like to be one of your Monthly Donors.
 Kindly send me a reminder each month — without any obligation on my part.

"Serving Man... For God... Through Medicine"

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Lebanon... one of 65 countries helped in our 55-year program



COURIER-JOURNAL
 Bishop Matthew H. Clark
 President

Anthony J. Costello
 Publisher &
 General Manager

Carmen J. Viglucci
 Editor

Rev. Louis J. Hohman
 Episcopal Advisor

Vol. 99 No. 12 July 21, 1982

Courier-Journal (USPS 135-580)
 Published weekly, except for one week after July 4 and one week after Christmas, by the Rochester Catholic Press Association. Subscription rates: Single copy 35¢; 1 year subscription in U.S. \$15. Canada and Foreign \$20.
 Offices: 114 South Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607 (716) 454-7050. Second Class Postage paid at Rochester, N.Y. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Courier-Journal, 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.

ATLANTIC CITY

HARRAH'S MARINA HOTEL CASINO

\$189 Per Person
 From With AIR TRANSFERS, CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST, COCKTAIL SHOW, HOTEL 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS. DEPARTURES MON., WED., FRI.

ONE HAPPY ISLAND

WVOR
 THE HEART OF GOLD WOODBINE

ROCHESTER
 385 Beak Rd. 436-1701

NEWARK
 PRO-MAY MALL 315-331-6740

WORLD-AROUND TRAVEL