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On the Right Side

Praise God For Mother Teresa

Did you see the Donahue show with the two nuns all heated up against the bishops?

Yes, wasn't it on Wednesday, June 23? I just got the last 15 minutes, and found Sisters Margaret Trexler and Deborah Walsh being interviewed by Donahue. They are officers of the "National Coalition of Women Religious" which made the headlines recently by condemning the bishops for their abortion stance.

Oh, your own anti-nun complex is causing you to exaggerate.

Bunkum! This painting me as anti-nun is pure bunk as anyone knows who has heard me over the years. But I do not reverence Sisters who use their respected religious life as a springboard to undermine the Church, to agitate in an anti-male biliousness, to speak snidely of the bishops, and who equate secular feminist movements, e.g. ERA and such like with the Gospel; and who speak of "The American Church" as if it were different from the Church Catholic.

That's pretty strong.

Would that it were not needed to be so. I have studied the coalition Sisters interview on video tape. Having denounced "the Vatican" for directing that a book on human sexuality, authored by the American Theological Society Committee, be withdrawn by the Paulist Press; Sister Trexler expatiated on what a great book it is; how warden's of women's prisons have asked her to address the problem of homosexuality to women prisoners; and what a wonderful book it is.

Then Sister Trexler, glaring at the audience like the late Cardinal O'Connell, ejaculated, "Decision makers are male. We have no role in decision making. Such vast miopia in decision making! It's not the real

Merton Group

The Thomas Merton Society of Rochester will hold a day of recollection, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 4095 East Ave. Participants are asked to provide their own lunches for the event which includes morning prayer, Mass and vespers.

world we're living in! I believe in Jesus! I believe in the Church!" Donahue: "Sister, why don't you do as Martin Luther? Put your dagger in the door and get out?" Sister T.: "I have a ministry with women prisoners. I learn so much wisdom from them." Sister Walsh added: "Also in our position of dissent we feel many times we are speaking with the majority of Catholics. The hierarchy is actually a minority."

What can you do?

Praise God for Mother Teresa of Calcutta whose wrinkled face wreathed by the simple blue-lined hood of the religious habit is recognized as the genuine type of religious Sisters. And I have written to Phil Donahue: "Last week I saw your show with Sisters Trexler and Walsh in their dissenting with the Church. I suppose it is good showmanship (or should I weave with the sex loonies and say 'Showpersonship?') to present oddities. Now may I ask you to invite a representative layman who represents the Church authentically. He is Ralph Martin, a graduate of Notre Dame University and a Woodrow Wilson Fellow of Princeton. He has been a leader in cursillo and charismatic movements for 15 years. He is a protege of Cardinal Suenens and worked with him in Belgium from 1976 to 1980. He is a personal friend of Pope John Paul II. He is the author of many books, the latest being 'A Crisis of Truth,' which deals with attacks on faith, morality and mission in the Catholic Church. He is the leader of 'The Word of God' ecumenical Christian community at Ann Arbor, Mich. His address is: Renewal Ministries, Box 7712, Ann Arbor, Mich. I think your own Irish lip will find its equal in this earnest layman."

Geneva Group Names Woman of the Year

Geneva — Mrs. Anthony (Violet) Passalacqua has been named "Woman of the Year" by the St. Anthony Society during its 45th anniversary banquet.



MRS. PASSALACQUA

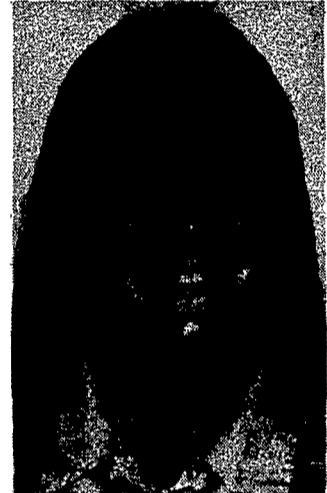
Mrs. Passalacqua, a member of the group for 20 years and financial secretary the past 15, is also a member of the Rosary Society, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and the Geneva American Italian Lodge.

The event drew more than 80 members and guests of the society.

The native of Bethlehem, Pa., is the mother of five children, 12 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Also honored at the meeting were Mary Brigandi and Carmella Di Antonio, longtime members of the society.

Guests at the event included Father Edwin Met-



K of C Award

Jane Amberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Amberger of Henrietta and a senior at Our Lady of Mercy High School, won the Outstanding Service Award from the Knights of Columbus, Council 4618. She was cited for her work in both the school and in the community at large, including more than 250 hours in volunteer hospital work, two years tutoring at Baden Street Settlement, and working as counselor and lifeguard at a camp for the handicapped.

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