

Leahy Concert to Aid Mercy Education Fund

The already-heralded afternoon of entertainment by Canada's Leahy Family as a benefit for the education fund of the diocesan Sisters of Mercy occasioned comment last week by Sister Kathleen Milliken, RSM, on the uses to which the fund is put.

The fund, she said, "is used to defray expenses for those studying to be better qualified in their ministries, those preparing for new ministries and those seeking professional and personal growth.

"Each year approximately 90 Sisters, one-third of the congregation, benefit from summer courses, workshops and conferences, in addition to those in advanced study for degrees," she said.

She explained: "One Sister found that further education helped deepen her faith and ministry to others in a Catholic school. Another has grown in her preparation for pastoral ministry and become more aware of the needs of all people. A Sister involved in spiritual direction has been able to help people apply the Word of God in the context of their lives. A beginning nursing student found herself revitalized and challenged in her ministry to children in foster care. Education in law enabled another to speak for children in Family Court.

"Theology, computer science, business skills, education courses, geriatrics and holistic health are some of the other areas in which Sisters are currently studying."

Sister Marie Joseph Crowley, assistant superior general, said, "It is necessary in justice to educate Sisters for new ministries; and with rising costs it is becoming more difficult each year."

The educational budget this



Sister Marie Joseph and Sister Nancy make plans for the proceeds from the Leahy concert.

year, she said, is \$86,000. She said that the Leahy Family Concert, it is hoped, will realize about \$50,000 of that.

Some of the Sisters, Sister Kathleen said, receive grants and some work part-time to defray study costs. The remainder comes from donations.

The educational fund, she said, has been bolstered each year by the congregation's Founders Club, a lay group. The Founders Club is co-sponsoring the Leahy concert with the Sisters. Dr. Gerard T. Guerinot is chairing the event with Sister Nancy Whitley, RSM.

The Leahy Family, 10 children ranging in age from five to 18, sing, dance and

perform on a variety of instruments.

Rochester will be the first city in the Leahy's first tour of the U.S. The company is fairly well-known in Canada, and will entertain here fresh from their top-billed slot at the Canadian National Exposition.

Performances will be 2 and 7:30 p.m., Oct. 24 at the Eastman Theatre. Tickets ranging from \$5 to \$15 are available through the Sisters of Mercy, 288-0532.

The concert is the final event in the congregation's jubilee year, celebrating 150 years since its foundation and 125 years since its arrival in Rochester.

Prayer Weekend Scheduled

A Weekend of Prayer with the opportunity to pray and reflect on Scripture under direction has been slated Nov. 12-14 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse.

The program is open both to religious and lay people and is staffed by Sister Judith Reger, SSJ and Father Vincent McDonough, SJ.

Registration is limited and early reservations are requested.

In addition, other Prayer Weekends have been slated January 21-23 and April 15-17. The programs open at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and close at noon Sundays.

Further information or reservations are obtained by contacting Sister Judith, (607) 734-9438, in the evening; 1012 Davis St., Elmira, N.Y. 14901. Sister Judith said, "If there are sufficient early requests, additional directors will be added for the weekend."

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Br. John Beattie, OSST, Makes Final Profession

Brother John Beattie, a member of the Trinitarian Friars and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Beatti, of St. Thomas More Parish, has made his solemn profession of vows in his religious congregation.

The 1974 graduate of McQuaid Jesuit High School attended LeMoine College and St. John Fisher College/Becket Hall, from which he graduated in 1978 with a BA in religious studies.

He entered the novitiate of the order of the Most Holy Trinity in Baltimore in 1978 and made his first profession of vows in 1979.

While studying at the Washington Theological Union for the past three years, Brother John has been involved in a variety of apostolates. He has taught CCD at a local parish in Hyattsville, Md., as well as religion at DeMatha Catholic High School, a congregational facility.

He took Clinical Pastoral

Education at Suburban Mexico City. During the past year he has worked at the Hospital in Bethesda, and during the summer of 1981, Spanish Catholic Center in Washington, DC.

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Golden Dance

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Sarah Child



All in the Family

The Real Reasons

Our high school senior has been studying college brochures while her father and I have been learning the facts of life. To wit: Her higher education is going to cost us between \$6,000 and \$12,000 a year.

A serious student with an ambitious bent, she has been methodical in applying certain criteria, ruling out many fine institutions and finally coming up with a list of "possibles."

Gratified by this sensible, down to earth approach, I quizzed her on her manner of selection. In between a lot of high-flown, lofty talk, some other objectives began to emerge. As far as I can tell, here are her real priorities:

- The college must be far enough away so that mother can't afford to call her more than once a week.

- It must also be of sufficient distance so that father can't demand she pay a visit home every three months.

- It must be coed. (If God had wanted the sexes separated he have created two Edens.)

- It must have a great women's soccer team.

- It must have some kind of study-abroad program. Preferably in Portofino.

- It cannot be either of the institutions her father and I attended. (If we went there, there must be something wrong with them.)

- It can't be near the home of any grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc. (They might start making parental noises.)

- It should be in Boston. Cousin Mary, just out of Boston College, attests that Bean Town IS College Town, U.S.A.

The education she's supposed to be getting? Her shrug said it all. That, you can get anywhere.



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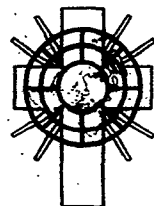
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