

Seton Groups Help Hospital Celebrate 125 Years of Service

The Seton Sale and Seton Ball have been a part of Rochester's Fall scene for more than a quarter century. This year these annual fund-raising events sponsored by the Seton Branches of St. Mary's Hospital celebrate the hospital's 125th anniversary.

The 26th annual Seton Sale is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Otto Shults Center at Nazareth College.

The Sale Committee, chaired by Marguerite Sertl of Pittsford, and co-chaired by Annabelle Pugliese of Chili, has been preparing for the last year, coordinating the 44 participating branches.

Items for sale will include collectibles and antiques, hand-knitted sweaters, intricate Christmas ornaments and hand-painted china. A double-bed size quilt in the

Log Cabin pattern from the hands of Mrs. Sertl, Edna Shafer, Lucille Loder and Barbara Pacitti will be raffled.

"An important feature of the Seton Sale is its variety," said Seton member Patricia Lang. "In addition to hand-made crafts, special features will include silent auctions, raffles, a flea market, a chocolate booth and a 'swimathon' at the Nazareth pool where swimmers will raise money per lap they complete."

A luncheon featuring strolling models displaying fashions from Snow Country and Polliwogs and Pigtales will provide a relaxing break in the day. Luncheon reservations may be made by contacting the volunteer office at 464-3255.

The 27th annual Seton Ball remains one of the most elegant events of the

Rochester social season. This year's ball is on Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Genesee Plaza Holiday Inn. Elaine Formicola of Gates is chairperson of the event, and her administrative assistant is Louise DeStephano of Greece. The two and their committee have planned an evening that will glimmer with a crystal and red motif to carry out the theme, "125th Jubilee."

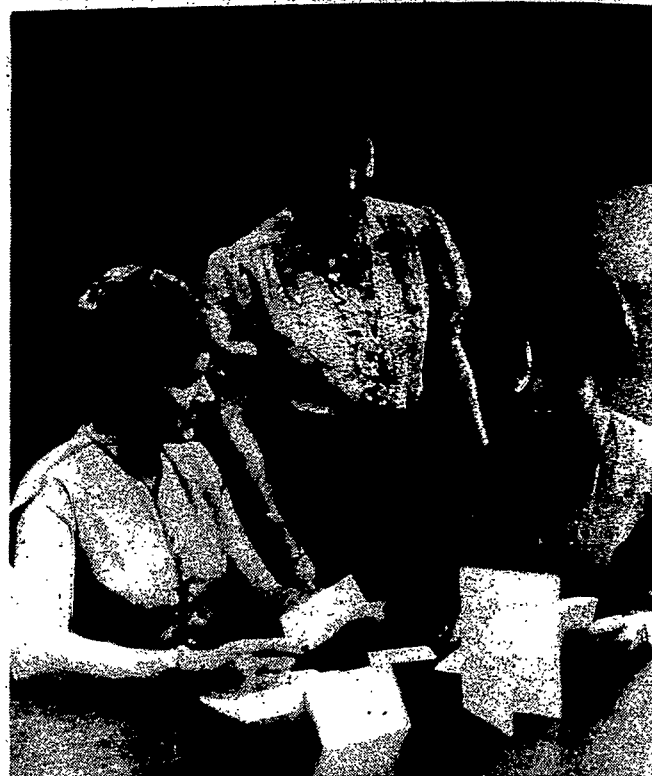
A cocktail hour will precede the traditional gourmet dinner. The evening's music will be provided by Tom Monte's Orchestra. Ball reservations can also be made by calling the volunteer office at St. Mary's Hospital.

Proceeds from all Seton and Women's Board projects from 1980 through 1984 will fulfill the \$500,000 pledge made by the groups to St. Mary's \$30 million modernization program.

The funds raised at this year's events will be directed toward the recovery area of the expanded Ambulatory Procedures Unit which is to be located in the hospital's new wing.

"This year the Seton events take on a special significance as the hospital celebrates 125 years of service to the Rochester community," said Sister Ann William Bradley, hospital president. "The contribution to the modernization project demonstrates a confidence in St. Mary's which has spanned the years. We are grateful for the support of this exceptional group of volunteers."

Further information on any Seton function can be obtained by calling St. Mary's Hospital Public Relations Department at 464-3519.



Finalizing plans for the Seton Ball are, from left, Elaine Formicola, chairperson, Bianca Infantino, and Louise DeStephano, administrative assistant.



Members of the Seton Sale committee are, from left, Annabelle Pugliese, co-chairperson, Ann Gandl, Marg Sertl, chairperson, Gene Agban, and Maryjean Heberger.



Marg Sertl, left, chairperson of the Seton Sale, and Elaine Formicola, chairperson of the Seton Ball, flank St. Mary's Hospital President Sister Ann William Bradley, DC, in front of a display commemorating the hospital's 125th anniversary.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

The Rosary

In 1954 I was Catholic chaplain, along with two Protestant chaplains, for 2000 young WAFs (Women's Air Force) at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Tex. On Saturday nights I would hear confessions in a day room, and the girls would line up in the corridor outside. These girls were mostly 18 to 22, and many were fresh from high school and from small villages.

The Church was their strongest link with home and family. There would be some 20 girls in line at a time. To keep them from becoming restless and talkative, I would assign a girl to lead the group in the recitation of the Rosary. One night, after confessions, a non-Catholic girl was waiting for her friend who had come to confession. The girl was intrigued by the words and the soothing rhythm of the rosary recitation. She said, "I have been listening. It is so pretty!" That seemed a

peculiar term, "pretty," but that is how it struck the girl. She took instructions and was baptized and became active in the Catholic life.

After Vatican II the rosary suffered denigration especially from restless religion teachers, to the spiritual harm especially to the young. In response to this bad spirit, John Paul I, the "Smiling Pope," when he was the Cardinal of Milan, wrote an article entitled: "My Rosary." He wrote in part: "If during a gathering of Catholic men and women I should invite those present to show what it is they have in their pockets or purses, what would I see? Some combs, eyeglasses, lipstick, wallets, cigarette lighters and other little things of more or less value... The Rosary is contested by some. They say it is a prayer that is superstitious, infantile and not worthy of a Christian adult. Or else it is a prayer that is automatic, reduced to a hasty repetition of Ave Marias, monotonous and boring. Or else it is a relic of the past; today it is better to disagree by giving some impressions of a pastor of souls.

"The Bible? Certainly it is a 'quid summum,' but not all are prepared or have the time to read it. Even for those who do read it, it is useful afterward at certain times of particular need, to speak with Our Lady. She is our Mother. The Mysteries of the Rosary, when meditated on and savored, are of the essence of the Bible.

"The Rosary is an impoverished prayer? What then would be a 'rich prayer?' The Rosary is a procession of Paters, the prayer taught by Jesus; of Aves, the salutation of God to the Virgin by means of the Angel; of Glorias, the praise of the Most Holy Trinity. Would you prefer theological ponderings? The Rosary expresses the faith

without false complications, without evasion, without lots of words. It helps us to abandon ourselves to God's will and to learn the generous acceptance of suffering.

"There is another consideration to make. The family should be the first school of piety and the religious spirit for their children. The religious teaching of parents is delicate, authoritative and irreplaceable. Delicate because of the permissive and secularistic climate that surrounds us; authoritative because that is part of the mission given by God to parents; irreplaceable because it is at that tender age that the inclinations and habits of religious piety are formed."

North Region Assembly Set

The North Region Assembly will be held at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at St. Stanislaus Church.

The program will feature a workshop for pastors, parish

staff and parish council members.

The assembly will conclude at 5 p.m. with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark. The public is invited to the Mass.



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