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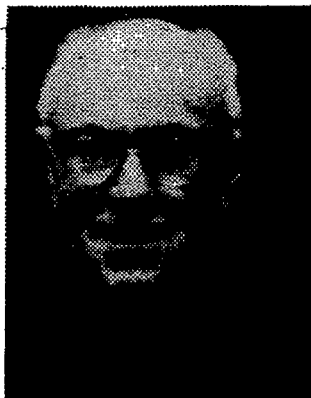
**Father O'Brien, SJ, Held McQuaid Post**

The Mass of Christ the High Priest was celebrated Sunday, Oct. 31, in the Student Chapel at McQuaid Jesuit High School for Father Kevin J. O'Brien, SJ, who died Thursday, Oct. 28, 1982. A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 1, at the Jesuit Retreat House in Auriesville. Burial was at Auriesville.

Father O'Brien entered the Society of Jesus on July 30, 1927, and was ordained a priest on June 23, 1940. He celebrated his Golden Jubilee

as a member of the Jesuits in 1977, the year he went to McQuaid as assistant administrator of the Jesuit residence. He also taught Latin I and II at the school and "was an ardent supporter of our sports program," said Father Eugene Zimpfer, principal.

Previous to his McQuaid years, Father O'Brien served as instructor, administrator, treasurer and sodality moderator at Fordham University from 1932-65. He then went to Monroe, N.Y.,



**FATHER O'BRIEN**  
where for 11 years he was superior of a convalescent home for Jesuits. In 1976 he was at the Retreat House in Auriesville.

Father O'Brien is survived by his sisters, Margaret Sheridan and Gertrude Kinster, and 10 nieces and nephews.



Photo by Joan M. Smith

Governor Hugh L. Carey opened the Conference on Children of Alcoholics in October. "This conference," he said, "is a positive sign that the many elements of our society agree that the millions of children suffering from the emotional and financial afflictions that alcoholism in the family inevitably brings require and deserve help." On hand with reports from a two-year study of the problem which was commissioned by the governor were Joseph Califano Jr., Migs Woodside, executive consultant for the conference, and Dr. Sheila Blume.

**Alcoholism**

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children of alcoholics, the victims of child abuse and neglect.

Although the conference focused on children of alcoholics, its purposes, according to Califano, were to launch a public information campaign about the importance of alcohol and its addiction and "to get across to the American people that it's a much more severe problem than recognized."

Carey agreed, saying that "it's a problem Americans can no longer ignore," but he was optimistic about the outcome of tackling the situation. "This problem we can solve," he said.

Carey said that the conference was the first of its kind in the United States and "will explore in detail the problems of over half a million children in New York State who live with one or more alcoholic parents." In opening the conference, he proclaimed Oct. 10-16 as "Children of Alcoholics Awareness Week" in New York State, but reminded his listeners that "we need more than a proclamation. We need a better understanding of the problem, improved approaches and a combined attack composed of volunteers, the schools, professionals in the field, government and business and industry."

The 60 workshops on the conference agenda implemented his criteria by being sources of information and motivation for the 700 people who attended and included educators, psychologists, guidance counselors, mothers of problem drinkers, mental health workers, college students, directors of halfway houses, personnel counselling services, student assistance programs, and community alcohol organizations. They



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listened to scientific experts such as Donald Goodwin, MD, talk about heredity and alcohol and new research findings. They had opportunities to question education professionals with the CASPAR program, a Massachusetts-based alcohol educational organization which deals in prevention and intervention using peer leadership. They saw films describing how alcoholism affects the entire family, and they also explored the legal issues with assemblymen and senators.

"The children of alcoholics will never be the same," said Dr. Blume, referring to the scope of the conference and the work that went into its creation — work that state officials said is continuing with studies researching teenage drinking and purchasing patterns and driving practices.

"If we don't get a handle on the problem," declared Dr. Blume, "we'll lose a lot more young people on the highways, there will be more teenage pregnancies, more school dropouts, and more young criminals."

**NEXT WEEK: Alcohol: The Family Connection.**

**Bishop Gumbleton Slated at Nazareth**

Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton of Detroit will speak on "Peacemaking: My Responsibility as a Christian," 8 p.m., tomorrow, Nov. 4, at Nazareth College.

National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

This is the fourth year that Nazareth has sponsored

programs for the public on moral and ethical issues raised by recent developments in biological, biochemical and medical science.

The nationally known prelate and pacifist's talk will be part of a discussion on "Nuclear Disarmament: Ethical Options," during a conference opening today at the college on "Bioethical Decision-Making in Contemporary Society."

That conference will also cover patient-physician decisions, the impact of public policy on ethical choices, and legal decisions in bioethics.

All sessions are open to the public free of charge and will be held in the Forum of the Otto A. Shults Community Center.

Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, former president of Catholic University and now John Carroll professor of medicine and medical humanities at Georgetown University Medical Center, will deliver the keynote address, "Society, the Individual and the Bioethical Decision," 8 p.m. today, Nov. 3.

Dr. Pellegrino is the founding editor of "Journal of Medicine and Philosophy," and is the author of "Humanism and the Physician," among 300 other titles.

Bishop Gumbleton received worldwide attention when he met with the American hostages in Iran in December 1979 as a representative of the

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