

RAP AROUND

SPEAKING OUT

By Colleen Phelan
CARDINAL MOONEY

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks. Dressed in holiday style. In the air there is a feeling of Christmas.

The Christmas season is upon us and so fittingly are the Christmas specials, decorations, and sales. Many people believe that Christmas has become too commercial. I disagree.

For those of us who have had Christ in our Christmas, can holiday lights and store decorations take that away?

Doesn't seeing the children's eyes twinkle as they watch the Liberty Pole light up bring a warmth to your heart and a smile to your face?

Peace on earth and mercy mild.

For those who are not Catholic, Christmas gives us who are a chance to share with them a heritage and tradition that involves great joy and love.

I, personally, have fond memories of my grandmother taking me on an

annual Christmas trip to Midtown to ride the monorail. Those trips were a gift of love that I will always cherish. Seeing the beautiful Christmas decorations, the bright lights, and the Christmas advertisements have never made me forget the most important part of Christmas — Christ.

And so, I'm offering this simple phrase to kids from one to ninety-two. Although its been said many times, many ways...

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

RPO Teaches, Entertains

Johann Sebastian Bach and his Third Brandenburg Concerto is pretty heavy for 10 a.m. But Isaiah Jackson and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra have a way of serving the classics on an upbeat, no matter what time of day.

Bach's concerto opened the latest stop on the RPO's high school circuit at Nazareth Academy, Friday, Dec. 3. Jackson, with this year's repertoire, takes his audience through the various musical forms including the concerto, symphony, scherzo, opera, and ballet. And as always, he leaves his listeners with bits of information that enhances the music.



RPO conductor Isaiah Jackson ends concert with a flourish in giving credit to its members.

liked to get up on stage and dance with the entertainers.

After taking the audience through the centuries with excerpts from Beethoven,

Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, Verdi, and Dvorak, the RPO abruptly brought them back to the present with a rousing rendition of the theme from "Raiders of the Lost Ark."



Kneeling is Ted Whitmer and behind him from left to right are assistant coach Ron Norman, Mark Piersimoni, head coach Mike D'Aloisio, assistant Dick Craft, John Lupica, and Mike Langan.

Key Athletes Energize Team

Elmira — According to Notre Dame head football coach Mike D'Aloisio, the young men who were team leaders let their actions and achievements set an example for the younger players. "They were also positive in their thinking which rubbed off on their teammates and their coaches," he said.

The young men he referred to were senior Michael Langan, offense and defense, who was named to the Twin

Tier 33 (all-star team), the All-City team, and made the All-Sullivan Trail League Team; teammate senior John Lupica, offense and defense, named to the All-City Team, received honorable mention to the Twin Tier 33, and made the Sullivan Trail League; senior Mark Piersimoni who also made the Twin Tier 33, the All-City, and the Sullivan Trail League, and senior Ted Whitmer, quarterback, also on the All-City team and honorable mention in the Twin Tier 33.



Spreading Christmas Cheer

Grammar school students who have been invited to Christmas concerts at Cardinal Mooney High School on Tuesday and Wednesday Dec. 14 and 15 will be treated to such favorites as "Bugler's Holiday," "Sleigh Ride" and a special Christmas sing-along. Participating in the festivities are Mooney students Krsiten Koerner, Joe Chiappari, Theresa Corcoran (sitting) and Bob Webster, along with Santa Claus.

A DAR Win

Elmira — Alyce Simon, a senior at Notre Dame, has won the school's 1983 Daughter of the American Revolution Good Citizenship award which now makes her a candidate for the local DAR competition. Selection for the award is based on dependability, service, leadership, patriotism.

Mercy's Taddeo Writes Winningly

Julie Taddeo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taddeo of Bayview Road, a senior at Our Lady of Mercy High School, has been cited by the National Council of Teachers of English for outstanding performance in writing. She has been named a winner in the 1982 NCTE Achievement Award in Writing.

The honor was received for her short-story, "The Luncheon," a fictional account of the author having lunch with such literary greats as Fedor Dostoevsky who wrote "Crime and Punishment" and Oscar Wilde, author of "Picture of Dorian Gray."

Julie's experience in writing has extended from being a member of a journalism Explorer's Club to her present position on the staff of Mercy's newspaper, "The Quill." She was one of 850 finalists from the 7,000 students who were nominated last February by their English teachers for the NCTE Achievement awards in writing. Each nominee submitted a sample of her/his best writing and an impromptu essay. These compositions were then



JULIE TADDEO evaluated by state judging teams of high school and college teachers. The finalists represent high schools in 50 states, the District of Columbia and American schools abroad. The number of possible winners for each state is keyed to state population. The Council recommends those cited, now seniors, for college scholarships in 1983 should they need such assistance. Names of the students are sent to admissions officers and English department chairpersons at U.S. two- and four-year colleges and universities.



The DeSales Seven

Named to the Finger Lakes West All-League Team from Geneva DeSales Regional High School, from left to right, were: Mark Tette, Rob Hennessy, Andy Pacitto, Joe Taney, Mike Spano, Tom Vatter, and Chris Salotti. Pacitto, who received first-team honors as a kicker, an offensive center, and as a defensive linebacker, also received honorable mention by the Greater Rochester All-Star Football team.

Nazareth Alumna Honored

Tracy Mitrano, a graduate of Nazareth Academy and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mitrano, has been selected to appear in the 1982 edition of "Who's Who Among Students at American

Universities and Colleges." Tracy is a women's history major at the State University of New York at Binghamton, where she expects to graduate in 1986 with a Ph.D.

Visit Planned

Members of the Aquinas Spanish Club are busy selling candy. Proceeds from the sale will go toward expenses of a trip to Mexico in the Spring.

Father Maduzia, Mrs. Carol Colletti and Aquinas students are scheduled to depart April 2 for ten days in the Mexican sun. Highlights of the trip will include parasailing in Acapulco, a visit to the pyramids outside Mexico City, and a visit to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Concert Set For Dec. 16

The Concert Band and Chorus of Cardinal Mooney High School will host its annual Christmas Concert at 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16.



Bishop Joins Celebration

Bishop Matthew H. Clark was greeted by seniors Emira Woods and Grace Maniscalco when he arrived at Nazareth Academy to celebrate Mass on the feast day of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8.

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