

**DEATHS**

**Sister Mary Irene Gardner, Schools' Office Assistant**

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated in the Sisters of Mercy motherhouse chapel Jan. 13 for Sister Mary Irene Gardner, RSM, who died unexpectedly Jan. 11, 1983, at the age of 68.

She had two heart attacks in 1980, and triple bypass surgery in 1981.

Formerly known as Sister Mary David until she resumed her own name recently, Sister Irene celebrated her golden jubilee in religion last year.

Since 1981 she was an assistant bookkeeper in the congregation's treasurer's office.

Prior to that she held administrative posts in education at both the diocesan and congregational levels for 16 years. In ad-

dition, she was a teacher for 36 years, and was director of the congregational retirement program and coordinator of the senior Sisters' community at the motherhouse.

From 1966 to 1973, she served in the diocesan education office as assistant superintendent for instruction in elementary schools.

As a teacher and administrator in elementary education, she served the following parishes: St. Michael, Newark; St. Cecilia, Rochester (where she was the founding principal of the school); St. Andrew, Rochester; St. Ann, Hornell; St. Charles Borromeo and St. Thomas the Apostle, Rochester; and St. Patrick, Elmira.

For 20 years, Sister Irene taught high school



**SR. MARY IRENE**

mathematics, science and English at both Our Lady of Mercy High School and the former Elmira Catholic High School.

Born in Rochester in 1914, she attended St. John the Evangelist Church, and was a member of the first

graduating class of Our Lady of Mercy High School.

She entered the convent, however, in 1931, and made her perpetual vows in 1937. Sister Irene earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from St. Bonaventure University in 1942 and a master's degree in education from the University of Rochester in 1969.

In her spare time during the past three years, Sister Irene was Eucharistic Minister at the nursing home near the motherhouse; a volunteer worker and cook at Bethany House, the refuge for battered women; and a correspondent for the Mercy High Alumnae Association.

Sister Irene is survived by a sister, Mrs. Margaret Whitbourne, at St. Ann's home, and four nephews.

**Sister Catherine Cloonan, SSJ**

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 30 at the motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph for Sister Catherine Cloonan, who died at 61, Dec. 28, 1982.

Presiding at the concelebrated rites was Father Paul Cloonan, pastor of St. Bernard's in Scipio Center, her brother.

Sister Catherine was born in Rochester and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1939 from Immaculate Conception Parish, after her graduation from Nazareth Academy. She earned her baccalaureate at Nazareth College.

Formerly known as Sister Cornelia, she taught in the

elementary schools of the diocese for 30 years. Among those schools are Sacred Heart Cathedral; St. Paul, Oswego; St. John the Evangelist, Greece; St. Patrick, Corning; Holy Rosary, Rochester; St. Patrick, Dansville; Nazareth Model School and Blessed Sacrament, Rochester.

Sister Catherine retired from teaching in 1972 due to illness.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Jerome (Margaret) Scheg and Mrs. Le (Anne) Jehlen; three brothers, John of Rochester, Father Joseph of California, and Father Paul of this diocese.

**Delbert Predmore, Church Supplier**

Rush — Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church Jan. 10 for Delbert A. Predmore who died of cancer at the age of 85, Jan. 8, 1983.

Mr. Predmore had been proprietor of William F. Predmore School and Church Supplies before his retirement 20 years ago.

A native of Rochester, Mr. Predmore was a graduate of the old Cathedral High School, the institution which eventually evolved into

Aquinas Institute. The Predmore firm, now on Caroline Street, was founded by Mr. Predmore's father in 1910.

Mr. Predmore is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Kennedy Predmore; three daughters, Mrs. George (Peggy) Hart of Rush, Mrs. Francis F. (Ann) Roach of Greece, and Mrs. Thomas A. (Carol) Shields of Bristol; a son, William F. Predmore II of Fairport; 21 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

**Natalie J. Leonard**

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Natalie J. Leonard at Christ the King Church Jan. 8.

Msgr. Richard Burns and Father Robert B. Hale, CSB, concelebrated the rites for Miss Leonard who died Jan. 5, 1983.

A retired guidance director of West Irondequoit Schools, Miss Leonard was a member of the Retired Teachers Organization and a member of

the Seton Guild of St. Mary's Hospital.

Miss Leonard is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Alice and Leo Mousseau of Largo, Fla.; her brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Jane Leonard, also of Largo; a sister-in-law, Ann Leonard; and several nieces and nephews. She is also mourned by many dear friends, especially Beulah Runner of Gorham. Miss Leonard was buried at Saranac Lake, her birthplace.

**Sister Delphine Quigley, SSJ**

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 30 for Sister Delphine Quigley who died at 68 after a brief illness, Dec. 28, 1982.

Father Richard Hart, with whom Sister Delphine had taught at DeSales High School in Geneva, presided at the concelebrated rites.

A Rochester native, Sister Delphine entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1933 from Immaculate Conception Parish. She took her bachelor's degree from Nazareth College and earned master's degrees from both Nazareth and from St. Bonaventure University.

She taught in diocesan elementary and secondary schools for about 40 years, the past 13 at Nazareth Academy.

Among the elementary schools at which Sister Delphine taught are Corpus Christi, Rochester; Sacred Heart Cathedral; St. Francis Xavier, Rochester; Holy Trinity, Webster; St. Joseph's Villa and Nazareth Hall.

Sister Delphine is survived by five sisters, Miss Alice Quigley, Mrs. Fred (Betty) Metzler, Mrs. Bernard (Mary) Hensler, Sister Catherine Quigley, SSJ, and Sister Rita Quigley, SSJ; two brothers, Daniel and Peter; and several nieces and nephews.

**Special Series Notes  
Black History Month**

In keeping with its tradition of noting Black History month, Immaculate Conception Church has planned a series of special Sunday liturgies. The schedule:

Jan. 23 — Dr. Gayraud Wilmore, an internationally known historian, theologian and author. He is presently Martin Luther King Memorial Professor of Black Studies at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. An ordained United Presbyterian minister, he is the dean of the Black Church Studies Department.

Jan. 30 — Dr. James Evans, a theologian and author. He is assistant professor of Theology and

Black Church Studies at the divinity school and a popular preacher and lecturer.

Feb. 6 — Sister Toinette Eugene, assistant professor of Education, Society and Black Church Studies at the divinity schools. Her interests in social justice and ministry involve her in ecumenical activities in the city as well as on the national scene.

The public is invited to the liturgies at 11 a.m. at the church, 445 Frederick Douglass St. (Old Plymouth Circle). Donna Mitchell, a fourth-year student at the Eastman School of Music will serve as guest soloist at the Masses. She received the William Warfield Award.

**Msgr. Gerard McDonald, Rochester Seminarian**

El Paso — Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 10 for Msgr. Gerard A. McDonald who died Jan. 5, 1983.

Bishop Raymundo Pena of El Paso presided at the rites in St. Patrick's Cathedral here.

A native of Rochester, Msgr. McDonald attended St. Andrew's Seminary. He then went to school at St. Philip Neri in Boston, St. Bonaventure University and Christ the King Seminary.

He was ordained for the Diocese of El Paso in Buffalo May 5, 1954. He later received his doctorate in education from Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

Msgr. McDonald served many posts in the Diocese of El Paso, among them administrator of Blessed Sacrament Parish, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's and Immaculate Conception churches, director of the Office of Education, director of the apostolate for the sick, chaplain for the National Guard of Texas, and director of the Retirement Home for Priests.

He is survived by his mother, Mary McDonald, and his sister, Mrs. Vincent (Kathleen) Burke, both of Spencerport; by his brother Robert J. McDonald of Webster; and several nieces and nephews. He also was the brother of the late Mrs. Kaleel (Frances) Hadeed.

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