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**Teens Tackle Women in Church Question** 

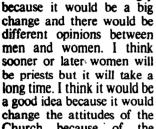
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If tomorrow, women were allowed to be ordained priests what would be the reaction of Catholics?

**CARDINAL MOONEY** 

### **DAN HURLEY** Sophomore ski club

"Most people would be shocked and angry

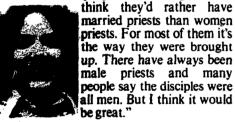


a good idea because it would change the attitudes of the Church because of the different opinions of women when there are

only those from the men who have always been traditional."

### **KELLY CASS** Senior Spring musical

"I think a lot of people would be against it. I



priests. For most of them it's the way they were brought up. There have always been male priests and many people say the disciples were all men. But I think it would be great.

### STEVE DISABATO Junior

"I think with all the changes so far, the people might be getting



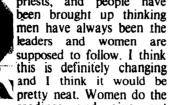
disgusted and be discouraged from going to church. It's not the church they used to know. I sure do think someday women will be ordained but it will take a long time."

### LOREN EGAN Junior football

"People would be upset. It would be something new and they

## **KATE CLAFFIE** Freshman Spring musical "I don't think people would like it. It's been

the tradition having male priests, and people have



and I think it would be pretty neat. Women do the readings and give out communion now, so they should be able to do everything."



"I think it would be disfavorable and cause tensions between the people and the Vatican with the

present priests caught in the middle. People aren't willing to accept change. I think they will but it's going to take a very long time. I personally would like it. It

accepts the change."

**MARY BETH HOLAHAN** Senior Student Council vice president

"I don't think they'd oppose it. Women are in the lay ministry now and people would feel it would

unite the Church. I think they would feel it's good to let the women have the opportunity."

### **JULIE NOTO** Freshman cheerleader

"I think they'd like it. The Church needs a change and I can't see why

## ΡΕ By Mary Lee Bolan

## De Sales

April 29 will mark the first anniversary of "The Fire in the Thornbush," a pastoral letter on women in the Church by Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

As we teenagers in the diocese read and discuss this pastoral letter, several questions ari-

se regarding the appropriateness of the subject. Why has the bishop chosen this moment in time to promote dis-

cussion on this subject? What will be the role of today's teenagers in the Church of the late 1980s? Will the Church challenge a change in the attitude to allow women to reach their full potential as members of the Mystical Body?

In my opinion, Bishop Clark has chosen this particular time to inspire

thought on a woman's role in the Church, as a result of society's questioning of her role. In education, careers, business, and industry, women have taken on new responsibilities and developed a fuller participation. A Christian woman must examine her position not only in the secular community but in the Church community as well. Just as society has led women to take a bigger role in the community, so the Church as a part of society must be in tune with a woman's religious needs and give the opportunity to fulfill herself in the community.

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As the children of the 60s become the young adults of the 80s, their places in the Church will be more extensive. Hopefully, the discussion of this pastoral letter will urge both young men and women to become involved in the decisionmaking bodies of their parishes as trustees, parish council members, deacons, lectors, pastoral assistants

## **Nuclear Buildup To Be Protested**

Elmira — The Student Council of Notre Dame High School and the Sourthern Tier of the Rochester Teacher's Office of Social Ministry will sponsor a Walk For Peace beginning at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 6, at College Avenue, near Elmira College. Those participating will walk together to Notre Dame High American Red Cross, was School for a program of attended by 125 students from music, films and speakers until

The event provides an wind.

## Wilson Award Goes To Nazareth Senior '

Ermelinda Bonaccio, Nazareth Academy senior, has won a Joseph C. Wilson scholarship to the University of Rochester. The grant

and communicators. Gone will be the traditional roles. of the male-dominated Church.

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A change of attitude will come as soon as there are people willing to sit down, discuss the topic and pray over it. The bishop's pastoral letter is the first step in asking questions, suggesting answers, and stimulating discussions which will call every member of the Church to a more complete involvement in the Church. Without the leadership of Bishop Clark in writing "The Fire in the Thornbush" the Church of Rochester may never have addressed the issue of a woman's place in the Church of Christ.

I believe it is the bishop's hope that the diocese of Rochester will be the leader in spreading the idea of a woman's function in the Church. As churches, schools, and families think and talk about this concept, it is hoped that the Church will come to realize there is a distinct, significant part for women in today's Church.

opportunity for people to publicly and peacefully express their disagreement with U.S. government priorities like nuclear stockpiling at the expense of human needs.

There will be a balloon release which will symbolize a sense of hopefulness but will also illustrate the way nuclear radiation is carried by the





**Politics** would be a big step toward equal rights if the Church **Is Focus Of Meeting** 

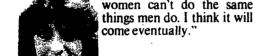
Adam Urbanski, president Association, was the keynote speaker at the third annual Global Focus Conference, Thursday, Feb. 24. The event, sponsored by the Youth Services Department of the

20 area high schools including 5 p.m. Cardinal Mooney, Nazareth Academy, McQuaid, and Our Lady of Mercy.

The program provided these students with an opportunity to meet local experts from government, industrial and academic communitites to discuss current international and socio-political issues. There



would feel uncomfortable Since the beginning of the Church males have been the priests and they don't want to see that changed. I think eventually it will change."



# March 4 Is Set For Fashion Show

Cardinal Mooney High School will present its annual Fashion and Talent Show at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 4, in the school auditorium. The event, sponsored by the Student Council, is to aid the Entity Scholarship Program.

Fashion coordinators for the show are Evelyn Powell. Sandy Jackson and Tony Anderson, Rosalind Hood and Navalette James are the student coordinators. Faculty advisors are Brother Raymond Powers. CSC. Michael Krupiarz and Miss Cynthia Jackson.

Spring fashions have been donated by Caren Charles (Eastview). Maggie's Bridal

After Five (Lyell Avenue), Ormond's (Pittsford Road) and His Place (Long Ridge Mali).

The talent portion of the show will include vocal and instrumental music ranging from pop to rock, a variety of dance routines, and a martial arts demonstration. In addition, a special guest appearance will be made by the Edwin Hawkins Chapter Choir. Admission is one dollar, presale and for senior citizens: \$2 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the school during school hours.

Entity was formed in 1977

for the purpose of promoting

knowledge and understanding of minority cultures and of developing cooperation and unity of all Mooney students regardless of religion, race or ethnic background. Entity is part of the Student Council.

## **BK Hosts** Tournament

Ten high schools from various parts of New York State competed in the ninth annual Brother John A. Collins Memorial Tournament hosted by the Bishop Kearney Forensics team. Individual BK trophy winners were: Sue Palmer, first in Humorous I'-terpretation; Andrew Nesser, first in Dramatic Interpretation; Gene Romano, first in Oral Interpretation; and Michael Norton, third in Extemporaneous Speaking.

The Rochester conference, modeled after a Canadian conference on international affairs called "Introducing the World," is the first of its kind in the U.S.

conflict.

The team captured the third place Sweepstakes trophy.

Brother A.P. Bechner of the Kearney faculty was director of the tournament. Assisting him were Brother J.F. Mattus and Kearnev students Michael Aman. Patrick Fortuna, Joseph Lanzafame. Timothy McLaughlin, Andrew Nesser. Michael Norton, Judy O'Leary and Terrence Schnurr. Sector Sector

were 21 adult resource provides Ermelinda with volunteers who directed \$2,500 each year for five informal discussion groups years as long as she is made up of eight or nine enrolled at the University of students and a student Rochester. According to a moderator. Discussion topics Nazareth news release. included leadership, Wilson scholars are execonomics and resource ceptional students who are management, technology and permitted to plan their own human values, global politics, individual courses around media, and ideologies in their interests and aspirations.

> Ermelinda is also a Bausch and Lomb science award recipient, having pursued a four-year course in science at Nazareth. She completed her fourth year math course in her sophomore year and has taken college level calculus and solid geometry since then. She works in Nazareth's computer center. and according to Sister Patricia Sullivan, Math Department chairperson, "Ermelinda has written more programs for our computers than many of the teachers."

Last year, Ermelinda was selected to work on a cancer project at Roswell Medical Center in Buffalo, She spent 



## **ERMELINDA BONACCIO**

eight weeks using the hospital's lab facilities and at the end of the program made a presentation of her work to a panel of physicians.

Ermelindá, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bonacco, plans to pursue a dual major in biology and mathematics, eventually acquiring a medical degree.

