

RAP AROUND

Teens Tackle Women in Church Question

EQUAL TIME

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 because it would be a big change and there would be different opinions between men and women. I think sooner or later women will be priests but it will take a long time. I think it would be 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."



KATE CLAFFIE
Freshman
Spring musical

"I don't think people would like it. It's been the tradition having male priests, and people have been brought up thinking men have always been the leaders and women are supposed to follow. I think this is definitely changing 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."



ELISE BODNAR
Freshman

"I think it would be unfavorable 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 would be a big step toward equal rights if the Church 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."



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 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."



JULIE NOTO
Freshman
cheerleader

"I think they'd like it. The Church needs a change and I can't see why women can't do the same things men do. I think it will come eventually."



SPEAKING OUT

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 arise regarding the appropriateness of the subject. Why has the bishop chosen this moment in time to promote discussion 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.

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 decision-making bodies of their parishes as trustees, parish council members, deacons, lectors, pastoral assistants

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

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.

Politics Is Focus Of Meeting

Adam Urbanski, president of the Rochester Teacher's 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 American Red Cross, was attended by 125 students from 20 area high schools including 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 communities to discuss current international and socio-political issues. There were 21 adult resource volunteers who directed informal discussion groups made up of eight or nine students and a student moderator. Discussion topics included leadership, economics and resource management, technology and human values, global politics, media, and ideologies in conflict.

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.

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 Kearney students Michael Aman, Patrick Fortuna, Joseph Lanzafame, Timothy McLaughlin, Andrew Nesser, Michael Norton, Judy O'Leary and Terrence Schnurr.

Nuclear Buildup To Be Protested

Elmira — The Student Council of Notre Dame High School and the Southern Tier 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 School for a program of music, films and speakers until 5 p.m.

The event provides an

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 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 provides Ermelinda with \$2,500 each year for five years as long as she is enrolled at the University of Rochester. According to a Nazareth news release, Wilson scholars are exceptional students who are permitted to plan their own individual courses around 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.

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

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 (Lynn Avenue), Ormond's (Pittsford Road) and His Place (Long Ridge Mall).

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 Interpretation; Andrew Nesser, first in Dramatic Interpretation; Gene Romano, first in Oral Interpretation; and Michael Norton, third in Extemporaneous Speaking.

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