

School Sisters of Notre Dame Celebrate 150th Anniversary

Wilton, Conn. — From October 1982 to October 1983, more than 8,000 School Sisters of Notre Dame throughout the world are celebrating the 150th anniversary of their foundation.

On Jan. 13, in the presence of Pope John Paul II, the Congregation for the Cause of the Saints promulgated a decree declaring that the Sisters' foundress, Mother Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, is recognized by the Church as a woman of "heroic virtue." This is a preliminary step to beatification.

To celebrate both these events, 47 School Sisters of Notre Dame in the Rochester area will gather May 5 at Bishop Kearney High School.

On Oct. 22, most of the 624 Sisters of the Northeastern Province will gather for a day of prayer, reflection and rejoicing at their motherhouse, here.

The May celebrations, held in the various parts of the province — Boston, Brooklyn-New York, New Jersey, Long Island, Rochester, Connecticut — are a celebration of the spirit of Mother Theresa.

In October 1833, with two companions she opened the first convent of the congregation in Nuenburg vorm Wald in Bavaria. The intent of the fledgling community was to transform society through the Christian educa-

tion of women and girls. To do this, Sisters were to go out in twos and threes to small villages and hamlets. They met the needs of young girls in day nurseries, kindergartens, schools, orphanages, teacher training institutes, and night schools for factory workers.

Extreme poverty characterized the early decades of the Poor School Sisters, but appreciated and supported by King Ludwig of Bavaria, hierarchy and laity, the congregation spread to 11 countries of Europe. Shortly after 1833, the first motherhouse was established by Mother Theresa in Munich; her Rule of Life was approved by Rome in 1865.

School Sisters landed in New York in 1847, and, aided by Bishop John Neumann, CSSR, were soon establishing schools in Milwaukee, Baltimore, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York, Rochester, Buffalo and Boston.

Mother Mary Caroline Friess, one of the pioneer sisters and now considered the American foundress of the congregation, received the vows of about 2100 Sisters before her death in 1892. Under her leadership, the Sisters adapted to the needs of the American Church in many ways, especially by receiving permission to educate boys as well as girls.

Today, School Sisters of Notre Dame, in their revised constitution which is called "You Are Sent," define their mission of education as "enabling persons to reach the fullness of their potential as individuals created in God's image and assisting them to direct their gifts toward building the earth." To carry out this vision, sisters in 21 provinces and regions throughout the world, serve in a variety of ministries.

To the present they have been graced with fidelity to Mother Theresa's desire that they all remain united under one central government. In the 1950s, the generalate of the congregation was moved from Munich to Rome.

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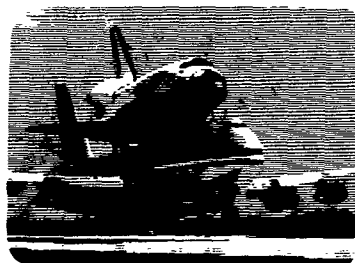
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A Parish Builds Bridge With Stage 'Godspell'

Ithaca — For the past ten weeks members of Immaculate Conception Parish here have been actively involved in staging the musical "Godspell."

One of the values emphasized in deciding to do the play was that it would build community, and indeed it has. The cast is truly intergenerational, cast members ranging from age five to those in their fifth decade of life. Whole families have become involved along with the young, youth, young adult, adult and senior citizens. Parishioners and different parish groups have lent their talents to the enterprise by providing music and choreography, making costumes, doing publicity, building sets, procuring props, providing meals and babysitting during rehearsals, selling tickets and generally giving a hand in doing all the kinds of jobs needed to put on a show.

"Godspell" itself is an excellent production for a church group. Not only does it allow the church community to reach out to the broader community through entertainment, but the very nature of the play helps people to draw closer to Jesus Himself, since the play is about Him.

The message of the gospel is portrayed through song, dance, pantomime, games, charades and vaudeville antics, while people cast as clowns in improvised costumes enact the stories, sayings and parables of Jesus.

In order to capitalize on this opportunity, to use the nature of the play "Godspell" to get closer to Jesus, prayer was integral to every rehearsal as well as the entire process of planning the play. In addition, the cast had no rehearsals during Holy Week and instead

participated in a special evening of prayer. Young and old learned to pray together as part of the program, prayers from all of the cast will be included.

One such prayer, which sums up the sentiments of those who actively participated reads: "Thank you God for all of the beautiful people that I have met and shared with in doing the play 'Godspell.' They are people I would not have gotten to know otherwise, and I have learned and grown a lot with them... Also thank you for knowing and loving Jesus better through the singing and acting in 'Godspell.' The better I understand His life, the more love I have for Him."

Performances will be held at 8 p.m., Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7. A Mothers Day matinee will be held 3 p.m., Sunday, May 8. Tickets are available at the door.

DEATHS

Anthony Calimeri Sr.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last evening, May 3, in Auburn's St. Alphonsus Church for Anthony Calimeri, the father of Father Anthony Calimeri, the pastor of St. Jerome's Church in East Rochester who was recently named pastor of St. Francis in Phelps.

Mr. Calimeri died April 29, 1983 at Auburn Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Helen Napoli of Auburn; a son, Father Calimeri; a sister, Mrs. Rose Cummings of Hawaii; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.