

Ascension Balloon Ltoff Provides Startling Results

By Terrance J. Brennan

May 12, 1983. 10:15 a.m. Ascension Thursday. It was a day like any other mild Spring day. The wind was warm and the skies sun-filled.

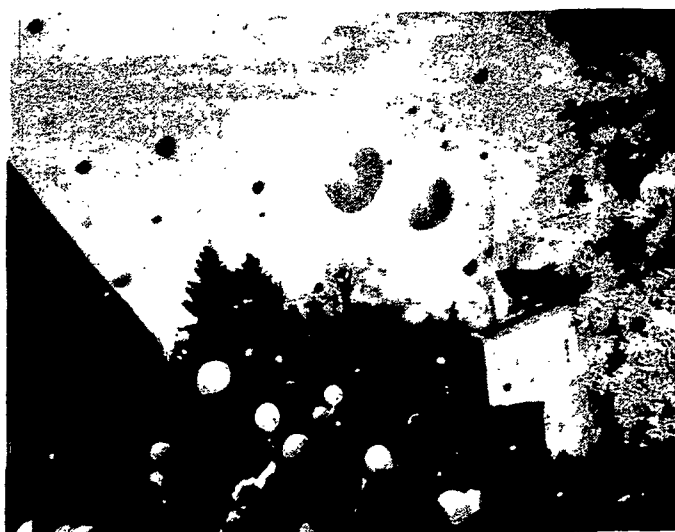
Within minutes these clear skies would be littered with the rainbow colors of nearly 400 helium-filled rubber spheres, each carrying a message from the students at St. Louis School in Pittsford.

According to Sister Barbara Hamm, RSM, principal, the school has been launching balloons on Ascension Thursday for the past six years as a symbolic gesture of Christ's rising into heaven.

In 1978, replies were received from the Boston area and all points in between. But there have been years when the replies come from points not very far away — one year the balloons only made it to Henrietta.

How far would the balloons travel this year? Within days, the students had their answer.

The school received



This was the scene at St. Louis School on Ascension Thursday this year.

several responses from the southern Pennsylvania and Baltimore areas, letters notifying the children of the findings.

Some of the replies were written by housewives (one in Baltimore, the others in small towns in Pennsylvania) and one by a seventh grader who found it on his father's farm in Newport, Pa.

According to Sister Barbara, in the past, the balloons have landed for

the most part in this state, generally west of Rochester, "but this year, the wind was sweeping down from the north... very unusual for Rochester."

"Every year we have heard from somebody... there has always been at least one reply," added Sister Barbara, principal at St. Louis for the past 13 years.

The day began with Mass in the morning, followed by the release of the 370 balloons in the school courtyard.

According to her, each balloon had a card attached to it that, on one side, included the student's initials and grade, and the school address. On the flip side, there was a verse from scripture.

and thanksgiving to God.

With last week's column, the series was completed. Parish liturgy committees, study groups and individuals who have reflected on these columns have, hopefully, discussed them with others and pondered opinions that differed from theirs and thus grown in understanding of what it is we do Sunday after Sunday in our parish churches.

We hope the signs and symbols of Eucharist speak more clearly to them, that the relationship of word and sacrament is more apparent, and that their sense of what we are about as Church in the celebration of Eucharist has deepened. We hope, too, that they like the 300-plus of the Ordo Missae study, have a desire that this understanding be shared with others and that any ideas for doing this might be shared with us in the Liturgy Office.

Because we have received good feedback about the columns and they have proven to be helpful to many people, the Liturgy Office plans to publish the entire series in one volume during the 1983-84 year. Look for your copy as part of the regular LIVING LITURGY monthly offerings!

"As we deepen our understanding of the prayer we call Eucharist, may we deepen our prayer as Church at the Eucharist." We began with that hope and we continue to hold it as top priority. May what we have done and what we continue to do help us to move ever closer to the accomplishment of that goal.

U.S. Refuses Visa for Bernadette

Washington (NC) — Irish Catholic civil rights activist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey has been denied permission to travel to the United States to raise money for a member of the political wing of the Irish National Liberation Army.

A U.S. State Department spokesman said June 6 Mrs. McAliskey's visa was denied because her fund-raising activities would benefit the INLA. Her intentions were considered "contrary to the U.S. interest in seeing a peaceful settlement of the problem in Northern Ireland," the spokesman said.

The INLA is associated with the Irish Republican Socialist Party, which Mrs. McAliskey helped found. The INLA has claimed responsibility for numerous murders and bombings in Britain and the Republic of Ireland.

In March, the State Department denied a visa to the Rev. Ian Paisley, the militant Protestant clergyman who represents a Northern Irish constituency in the British Parliament. At that time, a state department spokesman said Mr. Paisley had a record of "inflammatory statements which we regarded as contrary to the U.S. interest in the achievement of a peaceful settlement in Northern Ireland."

Adoption Information

An information meeting on Korea adoptions through Dillon Children's Services is scheduled at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 23, at Gates Public Library, 1605 Buffalo Road.

Cenacle Hears Father Green


Father Thomas Green, SJ, author of "Opening to God," "When the Well Runs Dry," and "Darkness in the Marketplace," will deliver the second in a series of presentations on discernment,

7:30 p.m. today, June 15 at the Cenacle Renewal Center, 693 East Ave. An open forum will follow the lecture.

Father Green, a native of Rochester, is spiritual director of San Jose Semi-

nary in Manila, the Philippines, and is associate professor of philosophy and theology at Ateneo de Manila University.

Voluntary offerings will be accepted.



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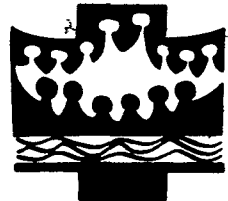
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Insights In Liturgy



By Sister Nancy Burkin, SSJ

Deeper Understanding, Deeper Prayer

Nine months ago this column began a series which delved into the historical background, indicated revised documentation and offered liturgical reflections on each part of the Mass. We began, then, a journey toward deeper understanding hoping we would arrive at deeper prayer growing out of that understanding.

This series was suggested by the people of the diocese who had participated, the previous year, in the Ordo Missae study, an education and evaluation project initiated by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy of the National Council of Catholic Bishops and the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions.

The nearly 400 people of the diocese who were part of the national study were in unanimous agreement regarding the value that the study held for them. Again and again they expressed a desire that all the people in their parishes would come to a better understanding of the parts of the Mass as they had.

And, so, in mid-September of last year, we began step-by-step to move through the Mass, explaining how each part developed over the centuries, showing in that development the reasons for the revisions made by the documentation arising from Vatican II and reflecting on the meaning of the words and signs with which we, as Church, offer highest praise, blessing



Computer and Information Science

The State Education Department has approved a proposal by Nazareth College to initiate a new major program in Computer and Information Science beginning this fall.

Note the title. Computer and Information Science. It's different.

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That's the type of graduate the new program is designed to produce. And that's the type of student Nazareth is already training in such other new career programs as accounting, office administration and word processing — programs that have helped make the Business, Economics and Management Department the largest academic department in the college.

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