



Sister Hermina Feted

Sister Mary Hermina, SSND, will celebrate her Golden Jubilee, marking the 50th anniversary of her profession, at noon Mass on Saturday, June 25 at Holy Ghost School, 220 Coldwater Rd. Sister Hermina, surrounded by her students, has spent the past 15 years teaching first grade at Holy Ghost School. Among her previous appointments, Sister Hermina has taught in Albany, Boston, and in Rochester at St. Margaret Mary and Holy Redeemer Schools. She took her vows at the Notre Dame Motherhouse in Baltimore in 1933. During her years at Holy Ghost she also has been involved in fundraising for the school, parish and the Holy Childhood Missions, and organizing the annual Christmas kits' sale. The student body joined the faculty last Friday at a party in Sister's honor.

Viewpoint Sisters Reflect



Sister Maura Wilson, SSJ

Meet Jesus Through Prayer

"In His Will is our peace" writes Dante in his Divine Comedy, and Jesus, in His last discourse to His friends assures them, "Peace I leave with you, my own peace I give you; a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you." What is this peace? What does it mean that we find it in His Will?

In his book, Teach Us to Pray, the French Trappist Andre Louf speaks about the Will of God, the "food" of Jesus during His earthly life. We can have, he says, a rather limited understanding of this term, one directed more towards the idea of "will power," or a decision -already made that more or less constrains our intelligence and feelings. Yet the biblical notion of the Will of God bears very little resemblance to this understanding. Here it means His longing, His desire, His love for us, His delight and joy in us. So the Will of God in biblical terms means the deep pleasure and delight the Lord takes in His people, the great love He feels for them.

The seeking of peace unites us all today. I would like to suggest that we first discover this peace within ourselves, because that is where God dwells with this deep love and desire for each one of us. Turning to Him in our

own hearts, the place where He continues to wait for us, we enter into His love, His peace, and in that place we learn from Him its deepest meaning and its consequences for our daily living.

We need never fear that grounding our search for peace within our own hearts will terminate in a "Jesus and me" mentality. We will meet Jesus there, intimately and alone, but He will always send us beyond ourselves, out to His people, driven by His own love and concern for them.

This "being sent" is the sign that lets us know we are entering into His peace, and not into a false one that lulls and deceives us and keeps our eyes fixed on self and away from the needs of our brothers and sisters. He will disengage us from our cultural assumptions that might and power and keeping on top are the only steps to world peace, and will gently lead us into the "upside-down" values of the Gospel.

We will find ourselves wanting to join with others in the common search for peace and

justice, and we will perhaps be surprised as we discover the creative force of His life enabling and extending our efforts.

"In His Will is our peace"; "My own peace I give you." We are at a point in human history where it seems our only real choice is to accept His peace and courageously live from it. May we discover that in doing this we meet the Lord of our history and come to know the true meaning of our lives as adult Christians — that we are called to be in partnership with Him in bringing forth His Father's kingdom of love and peace.

Sister Maura Wilson, SSJ, is a member of Emmaus House of Prayer and a full time prayer minister.

CFC Convenes Unemployment Workshop

Peter Klee, chairman of the Catholic Family Center Unemployment Committee, will direct a second meeting for the unemployed and friends of the unemployed, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 15 in the parish hall of the Church of the Annunciation, 1760 Norton St.

Particularly invited to the meeting are persons from St. Cecilia, St. Philip Neri, Christ the King, St. Andrew, St. Ambrose, St. Salome, and Annunciation parishes.

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Louvain Names New Rector

Father John J. Costanzo has been named rector of the American College, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. The appointment has been confirmed by the episcopal committee of the United States National Conference of Catholic Bishops. He will assume the leadership of the college July 1. Father Costanzo is from the Diocese of Pueblo, Colo. He comes to the college from his position as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Alamosa, Colo.

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