



Christopher Kempf and Antonio Caporiccio, both second graders, study the image of Mary.

Ithaca May Rites Feature Crowning

Ithaca — Students, teachers, parents, grandparents and friends recently took part in the annual May Crowning ceremony at Immaculate Conception School here, Sister Campion Bush, SSJ, school principal, reported. "The weather was beautiful, and the outdoor shrine was arranged under a full-blown flowering crabapple tree," she said. She reported that Miss Susan Iorio, an eighth grader, assisted by two pages from the kindergarten, crowned the statue of Our Lady; five eighth graders led

the decades of the rosary, while second graders, dressed in their best clothes, acted as flower bearers. The singing was led by Mrs. Monette Mahoney, who also accompanied the students' singing on her guitar. Father Bernard Carges, pastor, closed the service saying, "Mary must be smiling down on all of you today." Afterwards, Sister Campion invited each student to approach the shrine to get a closer look at the statue and the flowers.

Kiwanis Awards Scholars

Elmira — The Elmira Kiwanis Foundation has awarded college scholarship grants to four graduating seniors from Notre Dame High School. Recipients are: Catherine Marie Joseph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Joseph of West Clinton Street; John C. Lee, son of Mrs. William J. Lee of West Water Street; Alyce Simon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raphael A. Simon of Brown Road, Corning; Robert Francis Young, son of Mrs. John Young of Highland Avenue.

With the exception of Miss Joseph's award, the graduates receive one year grants of \$400 each. Miss Joseph, who will study physical therapy in college, receives the \$500 premier Kiwanis scholarship grant given in memory of Lawrence W. Hastings, Kiwanis Club secretary for 51 years until shortly before his death last year. In announcing the winners, Francis O'Connor, Kiwanis Foundation president, remarked: "Here in Elmira, we parents and our children — and the community — have the benefit not only of a superb public educational system, but also of a tremendously effective private or alternative system." In all, six young people in Elmira schools received Kiwanis grants.

Hundreds Fete Father MacNamara

Hornell — Hundreds of parishioners and friends filled the Knights of Columbus clubrooms June 12 to honor Father Robert C MacNamara, departing as pastor of St. Ann's Church. He is leaving St. Ann's June 28 to become pastor of St. Vincent's in Corning. He will be succeeded here by Father Elmer Schmidt, presently pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church in Apalachin. The party for Father MacNamara was a surprise. Parishioners had been notified by mail and kept the secret. Associate Pastor Ronald A. Antinarelli planned the testimonial. Tribute was paid to Father MacNamara by Robert McCormick, parish council president, in behalf of parishioners. He quoted Cardinal

John Henry Newman: "If he has made you feel that there was a higher life than this daily one, and a brighter world than you see; or encouraged you, or sobered you, or opened a way to the inquiring, or soothed the perplexed; remember such a one in time to come and pray for him that in all things he may know God's will and be ready to fulfill it." "Father MacNamara has devoted 18 years of his priestly life to our parish — first as associate pastor and then as pastor. He has truly given us a part of his life. He has been a constant kindly light." In response, Father McCormick said: "A pastor is as good as his associates. We have been

blessed at St. Ann's by many fine men. There are many fine memories I can recall during my time with you, but our best moment may have been during the past flood. The response so many of you made when you rallied about to help wherever needed stands out as most memorable. "My happiness here in Hornell has been due to you," he concluded to thundering applause and a standing ovation. McCormick commended the committee which arranged the reception. Headed by Father Antinarelli, it included Mrs. Vedo Candiello, Patricia Mattie, Mary Louise Mattie, Virginia Hussong, Mrs. Mario Argentieri, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Argentieri, Mrs. James Dagon, Mrs. Dean Fisher, Mrs. Andrew Lamb and McCormick.

Administrator Appointed

South Orange, N.J. (NC) — Msgr. John Petillo, chancellor for administration of the Archdiocese of Newark, has been named to the newly created post of chancellor of Seton Hall University and Darlington Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, effective July 1. The seminary and Seton Hall University affiliated in September 1982, based on recommendations of a study committee. Darlington Seminary is scheduled to move from Mahwah, N.J., to Seton Hall's main campus in South Orange in 1984. Ground was broken June 13 for the new seminary facility. As chancellor, Msgr.

Petillo will serve as chief executive officer of each institution. Edward R. D'Alessio, president of Seton Hall, and Msgr. Edward J. Ciuba, rector and dean of the seminary, will continue in their current positions.

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Peaceful Interlude

My sister Judy is visiting, the classes which she teaches to the children of West Point personnel being over before the schools close here. Her visits are rare and we broach a lot of topics, trying to cover all bases in a short time, particularly as she is dividing her stay between us and an old college chum. Jude tells me what she and our sister Thom who lives in Rockland County have been doing in recent months — going into the city for a Broadway show, taking in an art exhibit, attending the Met. I tell her how envious I am — not because of the things they've done, but because they do them together. There is nothing quite like having a sister for a companion. All three of us were named for men, Thom and I for our grandfathers, Jude for the saint my parents wanted to thank and honor. (She and my brother Paul were born 12 years after Sam, the previous youngest, and were considered miracles.) As we sat gabbing a mile a minute, catching up on family news, I wonder how those names may have affected our lives. Had we been christened Maria, Anna and Margaret for the women

of the family might we have been different? It is a short four days. One one of them, I pick up my daughter Johanna and we go downtown to meet Jude and her friend, Bernie and Bernie's brand new son Justin who does not, as yet, have a nickname and thus is dubbed Just Justin by our party. It is a delightful time. Just Justin sleeps peacefully in his mother's arms as we enjoy salad, opening his eyes at the very end to reveal a blue, blue gaze. Bernie, whom I've not seen for several years and I trade pediatrician stories, Johanna is quizzed about going off to college and Jude fills us in on her latest romance. Afterward we shop and try on huge, brimmed picture hats and mug for each other. Little old ladies with white hair stop and ooh and aah over Just Justin and stretch out gnarled hands toward his beautifully shaped head. When it is time to go our separate ways, a pang of regret hits me. A rare coming together is over all too quickly. Afterward, I try to analyze just what made it so good. Wisely, I abandon the attempt. It was a moment in time, a gift given, to be accepted and remembered with pleasure in the years to come.

Report: Pope Plans Africa Visit

Rome (NC) — Pope John Paul II will visit several countries in southern Africa later this year or in early 1984, the Italian news agency Ansa reported June 16. Ansa said the trip, which is expected to coincide with an assembly in Harare, Zimbabwe, of the interregional meeting of bishops of Southern Africa, was confirmed by Cardinal Alexandre do Nascimento of Lubango, Angola, who was recently in Rome for a meeting of Caritas International, church aid agency. Cardinal do Nascimento said the papal visit to southern Africa would include stops in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique and perhaps Angola and Madagascar, but that the Republic of South Africa had definitely been excluded from the pope's itinerary, Ansa reported. Father Pierfranco Pastore, assistant director of the Vatican Press Office, refused comment on the Ansa report June 17. Vatican policy has been to withhold confirmation of papal trips until the details of the visits have been firmly established. Other papal trips scheduled for this year are to Lourdes, France, Aug. 14-15, and to Austria Sept. 10-13.

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