



What's a trip to New England without bicycling in a quaint town?



St. John the Evangelist pupils spot a whale off the port bow.

Whales Were Part of School's Trip

The graduating class of Spencerport's St. John the Evangelist School spent a week in May at the former Coast Guard Station in Eastham, Mass. with their principal, Sister Patricia

Gouse and seven parent chaperones. The students participated in the national Environmental, Educational Development program sponsored by the federal government.

Much was learned about ecology and conservation, and such lore as how "kettle" ponds were formed; how the ocean is claiming land at the rate of several feet per year; and what the National Seashore Association is doing to protect the landscape.

Marconi Station with its miles of boardwalk. The seclusion of the swamp was eerie but beautiful.

The group visited the Museum of Natural History in Brewster and spent several hours in the saltmarsh with a guide.

The highlight of the week was the whale-watch out of Provincetown aboard the Dolphin where they sighted many 40-ton humpback

whales at close range. Cameras clicked incessantly.

Apart from learning how they were formed, scrambling up and tumbling down the sand dunes in Truro was great fun.

Plymouth Plantation, (no, it is not misspelled) re-created as it was in the early 1600s, held the fascination of all as did the visit on board the Mayflower. Life styles and conversations were found to

be quite different nearly 400 years ago.

The week passed very quickly but the time spent together praying, preparing meals, doing dishes, walking along the ocean, sitting at campfire, flying kites, bicycling in Provincetown and all of our other excursions allowed the visitors to come to know one another in a very special kind of way. They returned to Spencerport tired but happy and grateful.

Fr. John Reedy



Looking for the Lord

A Week's News In Brief

It's painful for a journalist to admit this. But there are some weeks when nothing much happens.

Of course, that doesn't mean that Dan Rather and your local newspaper stop functioning. Something has to be presented to separate the ads.

But I can assure you that nothing happened during the past week which ought to increase your anxiety, anger or guilt.

Because my work requires that I follow the news, I'll give you a quick review of this week's stories. Then you can go back to your efforts to revive your burned-out lawn.

First, there is the big news from Chad. The oasis town of Faya-Largeau fell to the troops supported by Libya's Qadhafi. As I understand it, this isn't good news, but only passionate believers in the domino theory are likely to lose any sleep over it.

The honeymoon period for Chicago's Cardinal Bernardin seems to be coming to an end. Somehow he got himself into a squabble about the use of altar girls... at a time when many priests don't know what to do with altar boys.

An accommodating Swiss prison guard admitted taking a bribe to unlock the doors for the escape of Licio Gelli. Gelli was the Italian wheeler-dealer who headed that secret Masonic lodge which wanted to control all the politics, finances and public opinion of Italy.

(A lot of prominent Italians, anxious about the testimony Gelli might

have given, breathed a sigh of relief and hoped that he might find a quiet place of retirement, maybe in Paraguay.)

Archbishop Thomas Kelly met with the major superiors of communities of religious men and assured them that the Vatican-appointed committee of bishops was not engaged in a witch-hunt. He said it simply wants to help the religious communities in their work of renewal and revitalization. Most of the superiors, while grateful for this solicitude, seemed to feel that the bishops already have enough to do in revitalizing their own dioceses... and in dealing with questions like altar girls.

The archbishop of Lusaka, Zambia, was given a Vatican appointment as "special delegate" to the Pontifical Commission for Migration and Tourism. The honor was announced after the Vatican had conducted a 16-month investigation into the archbishop's ministry of faith healing.

The Catholic War Veterans were not really enthusiastic about the bishops' pastoral on nuclear weapons. They voted to "accept" the pastoral while expressing concern about how it would be taught. William Gill, the executive administrator, asked, "Are they going to turn it over to some nuns and school-teachers?"

Then there was the court victory for aging, ordinary-looking anchor women. But don't expect Jessica Savitch to be replaced by someone who looks and sounds like Eleanor Roosevelt.

See what I mean? There are some weeks when you just don't have to pay a lot of attention to the news.

School of Nursing Welcomes 41 Frosh

Hornell - Orientation was given recently to 41 freshman students, 38 women and 3 men, who started classes at the St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing to become candidates for registered nurse licenses.

The freshmen were welcomed by Sister Mary Rene, hospital administrator, and Loretta Haefele, school director. Also speaking were Mrs. Ann Moran of the Welcome Wagon and Concetta Reale, president of the Student Government Association.

The incoming students also heard from Dr. Janis Conklin, education services director; Sister Patricia Prinzing, director of Quality of Work Life, and David

Smith, fire marshal. Tours were conducted for small groups of students by faculty members.

Hornell students beginning studies are Mark Beacher, Sandrena Charran, Antoniette Cicero, Debra Dyer, Lori Glover, Celeste Kerr, Bruce Krog, Becky Miles, Susan O'Rourke, Mike Sheroshik, Sharon Sleggs, Joan Weyand and Mary Woodworth.

Other area students are Ethel Markham of Canisteo, Brenda Eddy of Alfred, Audrey Baker, Bernadette Carmody, Elaine Frew, Melody Gilbert and Linda Phillips of Dansville, Robin Brundage of Woodhull, Lolita George of Wayland, Shannon Hickey of

Wellsville, Carol Stone of Troupsburg and Anna Hale of Avoca.

Other state students are Nadine Belanger of Atlanta, Catherine Dahill of Friendship, Linda D'Elia of Uniondale, Dorothy DiSalvo of Mt. Morris, Kristine Goundry of Webster, Susan Kemp of Mumford, Jacqueline Mackey of Dalton, Dawn McGrain of Conesus, Molly O'Brien of

Perkinsville, Gloria Pedroza of Apalachin, Ruth Schrader of Scio, Daria Valentino of Nunda and Vicki Vianere of Hunt.

Out of states are represented by Tammy Jeorosko of Bradford, Pa., and Andrea Parks of Bay Village, Ohio. But the long-distance mark is easily held by Pauline O'Connor, all the way from Ballymurry, Roscommon, Ireland.

Churches, Cathedral, Among 15 Vandalized

Portland, Maine (NC) Portland's cathedral and two other area Catholic churches were among a number of churches desecrated in what some local clergy said may represent growing anti-church sentiment by right-wing Christian extremists.

Police in Maine's Androscoggin County arrested two men Aug. 12 in connection with the vandalism, which affected at least 15 churches.

The churches -- which include the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church and Holy Family Church in Lisbon Falls, were spray painted with "666," the symbol for the anti-Christ, and the word, "Babylon."

Clergy members in the area said the symbolic defacings appeared to be the work of radical fundamentalist Christians who "look upon the mainline churches as having been captured by the devil," according to

Episcopal Father Gerald Burt.

Dennis E. Friel, 34, and Donald Lagasse, 29, were arrested and charged with aggravated criminal mischief, according to Androscoggin County District Attorney Janet Mills. A separate warrant from Cumberland County, where Portland is located, will be issued.

If found guilty the men could be sentenced to five years and fined \$2,500 for each count.

Cathedral parishioners who arrived for Mass the day after the vandalism were "shocked that someone would actually deface a church, and confused over what the symbols meant and what we were being accused of," said Father Michael Henchal, rector of the cathedral.

"Some ministers are afraid there's a wave of this sort of thing, of these very conservative fundamentalist churches that are very radical. And that wave has tremendous potential for violence," Father Henchal said.

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