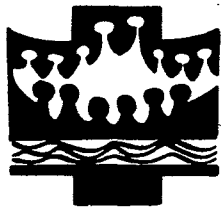


Insights  
In Liturgy



By Sister Nancy Burkin, SSJ

**Beginning  
... Again**

This time of year can be one of mixed feelings for many parish liturgy teams and their chairpersons. Because the people have continued to assemble and worship during the summer, they have continued to work toward good celebrations of Eucharist. However, with good seasonal planning, the work hopefully has not been as intense nor as exhausting as during the year. But now, the regular meeting times, the page-long agendas, the small group planning sessions, all loom on the horizon in a somewhat threatening pose. Parish liturgy team members tend to view the fall with a careful eye — colored by enthusiasm and apprehension. "Where do we start?" There's so much to do!" is a familiar comment of some teams, while others, being somewhat new, may say, "Where do we start? What are we supposed to do?"

Good celebrations of liturgy involve much more than selecting a few hymns or choosing option B or Eucharistic Prayer III. Good celebrations involve the education of the liturgy team members and of the whole assembly. They involve the formation and continued training of lectors, eucharistic ministers, servers, musicians and ushers and community building and prayer outside of the Eucharist. Good Sunday celebrations involve the arrangement of the environment and plants and hangings in addition to all the little nitty gritty things that most people never notice. No wonder a parish

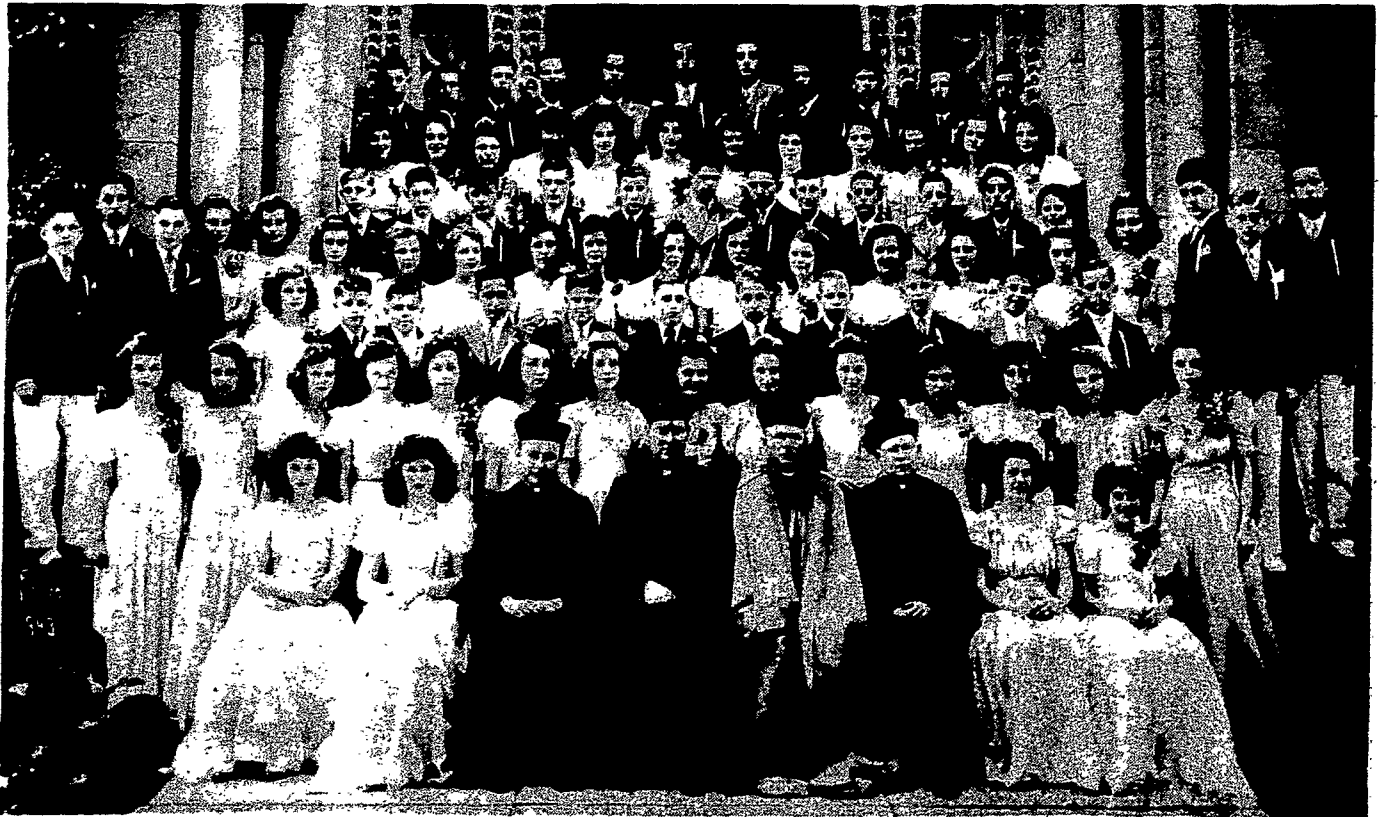
liturgy team has apprehension!

The right question certainly is "Where do we begin?" Beginning for the parish liturgy team should mean evaluating what has been done and examining what needs to be started; it should mean establishing goals and determining directions. Beginning means looking at resources both human and otherwise and deciding how they can be of help. It means looking at one another, at what has been accomplished and what has failed. It means speaking about our feelings with regard to the committee and its work — be they frustrating or encouraging and sharing our dreams, hopes and visions of an ideal liturgical celebration. Beginning means looking at a variety of areas to see what is being done or could be done in the future. It means looking at areas of concern and prioritizing them. Beginning means establishing specific goals that can be accomplished in a given time and being convinced that their accomplishment is necessary for the good, authentic, prayer life of the Church.

To help parish liturgy teams to begin on the right foot toward good Sunday worship, Chicago Liturgy Training has published a program of goal setting. Several parish liturgy teams from the diocese participated in a weekend session last summer at Keuka College at which this program was used. Now is the time to dust it off and use it again! Those parishes which did not participate and are interested should call the Liturgy Office for more information.

Good beginnings, good year, good prayer!

**AT YOUR PARISH**



**St. Monica**

The 40th anniversary class reunion for graduates of St. Monica's School will be held Oct. 22 at Chili Country Club, 760 Scottsville-Chili Road. Persons graduating before and after 1943 are also welcome to attend the event. Further information is obtained by

calling Teresa Connally Belding, 586-6091; George Gleichauf, 663-6749; Betsy Porreca Kelly, 426-1121; Mark Klem, 889-4860; Marty Marchand, 436-3681; Dolores McLaughlin Martin, 225-1133; or Sue Russell Sugrue, 385-2138.

**Catherine of  
Siena**

Ithaca — The tenth annual St. Catherine of Siena Parish festival will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 9 and 10, on the parish grounds and in the parish center. Chairwoman Mayrene Slack and her committee have planned the festival with an "old fashioned" theme, and to include a white elephant bazaar, craft sale, book nook, plant boutique, dried arrangements, Mt. Saviour Yarn, baked goods, a teen booth, snacks, and such foods as pizza frita, homemade ice cream, and chicken barbecue.

**St. Thomas  
Apostle**

The 1983-83 Home-School Association officers are sponsoring a volunteer night for all parents at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 12. The evening will provide parents an opportunity to sign up for association events. Officers are JoAnn Carey, president; Mary Kocienski, vice president; Donna Schlafer, secretary; Barb Bowman, treasurer. Further information is available by calling Ms. Bowman, 544-1106.

**St. Anne**

Palmyra — Current Church teachings on doctrine will be the topic of a series of talks presented by Father Eugene Weis, pastor, and Sister Kathleen McCarthy, 7:30 p.m. every other Monday from Sept. 19 through Dec. 19, at St. Anne's Center. Among the topics, "Is There a God?" Sept. 19; "Church," Oct. 3; "Sacraments/Initiation," Oct. 17; "Sacraments of Healing/Service," Oct. 24; "Mass," Nov. 7; "Prayer," Nov. 21; "Social Responsibility," Dec. 5; and "Role of the Christian in the World," Dec. 19.

**Festival Advisory**

Parish festival chairpersons are advised that the Courier-Journal is legally restricted from publishing any notice of games of chance, lotteries, raffles, bingo and the like.



**St. Agnes**

Members of the alumni committee of St. Agnes School in Avon, from left, Marty Graham, Marianne Cullinan, Polly Hayes, Maureen Kingston and Joan Orman, compile lists of graduates by classes. The committee is seeking persons who attended the school, particularly alumni from 1900 to 1929. Persons able to help have been asked to call Ms. Cullinan, 226-3386; or Ms. Orman, 226-2371.

**Nazareth Academy  
Starts 112th Year**

Nazareth Academy High School will open its doors for the 112th time Sept. 9, welcoming 630 students.

A number of changes have been made in the physical plant over the course of the summer: a new parking lot has been added, painting and glazing has been done, the main office has been carpeted and re-furnished, the cafeteria has been painted and a new exercise room has been constructed.

The computer center has been doubled in capacity to accommodate a new course in the curriculum.

"Every freshman will be required to take a computer literacy course this year," said Sister Elaine Englert, principal. All ninth grade students will receive hands-on computer instruction starting this month.

Courses in computer programming have also been added for upper classwomen. In addition, the school library will enter its card catalogue into a computer. Once that is completed, access to library holdings will be only through the computer.

**DEATHS**

**Brother Anthony SVD**

Consensus — Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 19 for Brother Anthony F. Waldman, SVD, who died Aug. 17, 1983. The rites were held at the Divine Word Mission where he had served his congregation for 45 years.

Born in Russia, the son of George and Magdalena Schlick Waldman entered

the Society of the Divine Word in 1935. He made his first vows in 1937 and his perpetual vows in 1943.

Brother Waldman's first and only other assignment was to Techny, Ill., from 1935-1938.

He is survived by five sisters, four brothers, nieces and nephews.

**FALL PROGRAMS**

**DREAM INTERPRETATION & RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE**  
Frederic A. Maples, S.J. October 14-16, 1983  
God speaks to us through our dreams. Intensive focus on the Jungian methods for remembering and interpreting our dreams.

**FREEDOM OF THE CHRIST WITHIN** October 28-30, 1983  
Fr. John Mergenhagen  
Learn to remove the "boulders" that block the entrance to the "cave of the heart".

**DIRECTION FOR THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY** November 4-6, 1983  
Sr. Donald Corcoran, O.S.B.  
Workshop for those interested in spiritual direction.

**ENNEAGRAM** December 2-4, 1983  
Jerome Wagner, S.J.  
Explore the Enneagram personality theory for a greater understanding of one's self and relationships with others.

**DIRECTED RETREAT:** October 16-23, 1983

For further information and free brochure contact:  
Center of Renewal, Stella Niagara, New York (716) 754-7376  
Our facility, located 10 miles north of Niagara Falls, is also available for private retreats and group rentals.



4421 Lower River Road • Stella Niagara, N.Y. 14144 • 716-754-7376

**THE**

**En**

Lower  
the NC  
French  
canal  
14  
Let our  
of our ca



then hav  
througho  
other sco  
displacem  
political  
scrupulou  
various o  
kidnaped  
no guaran  
intolerabl  
fundamen  
thought a  
their legi  
leaders ch  
courage.  
involved i  
all those f  
as immigi  
their solit  
them. An  
these hum  
speak of t  
Likewis  
universal  
know wh  
conversion  
consecrat  
homes. B  
on which  
and our  
faith. He  
without a  
forget the  
Lourdes.  
turned sin  
As pope,  
being inf  
meditate  
believers  
Christ's  
persecutio  
tion woul  
which the  
Let us  
which cor

**'Ch**

A series  
day ses  
Church in  
cipleship  
draw toge

**Birthd  
Rosar  
Sched**

A rosary  
honor of th  
Blessed Vi  
p.m., Thur  
the Wooded  
Rye Road,  
tween Ridg  
Ridge Road  
The publi  
devotions d  
and Mary.

Organizer  
to bring a  
convenient.

**Reunion**

Members  
High Schoo  
planning  
Friday, Sep  
House Re  
classmate  
notice of t  
asked to co  
Whalen, 38  
Schenkel, 9  
Margaret C  
244-7858.