

Sister Susan Weaver To Profess First Vows

Sister Susan Weaver, school nurse at Our Lady of Mercy High School, will make her profession of first vows in the congregation of the Rochester Sisters of Mercy, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Motherhouse chapel.

Father Francis Blighton of Horseheads will celebrate the liturgy. Also officiating at the rite will be Sister Jean Marie Kearse, superior general.

She is the daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Justin P. Weaver of St. Salome's Parish.

Sister Susan, 27, is a 1974 graduate of Mercy High School and received her B.S.N. from SUNY at Stony Brook, Long Island, in 1978. She entered the Mercy congregation in 1980.

Prior to entering and during her postulancy, she worked on the dialysis staff at Rochester General Hospital. She became the school nurse at Mercy this past September.



SISTER SUSAN

Colorado Springs Made a Diocese

Washington (NC) -- Pope John Paul II created the new Diocese of Colorado Springs, Colo., and named Auxiliary Bishop Richard C. Hanifen of Denver, 52, as its first bishop.

He also appointed Auxiliary Bishop Daniel L. Ryan of Joliet, Ill., to be the new bishop of Springfield, Ill. Bishop Ryan, 53, succeeds Bishop Joseph A. McNicholas, who died last April.

The pope named Father Robert Carlson, 39, chancellor of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis, to be

an auxiliary bishop to Archbishop John R. Roach of that See

The Diocese of Colorado Springs will be made up of Chaffee County from the Diocese of Pueblo, Colo., established in 1941, and nine counties from the 54,679-square-mile Denver Archdiocese. Denver was established as a vicariate apostolic in 1868, made a diocese in 1887 and an archdiocese in 1941. The nine counties from the Archdiocese of Denver are Cheyenne, Douglas, Elbert, El Paso, Kit Carson, Lake, Lincoln, Park and Teller.

Communication Workshop Set

The Metro Center YMCA, Boy Scouts Otetiana Council and the Catholic Youth Organization have joined to sponsor a workshop for young people and adults Dec. 3 at the Metro-Center.

"The Youth-Adult Connection" is a one-day workshop to enhance relationships between youths and adults by identifying barriers to communication. Lunch will be provided and all will have access to the YMCA facilities.

For registration and information, the contact is Judi Beville, 325-2880, or Lovie Smith, 454-2030.

Abortion, Nuclear War -- Human Dignity the Link, Cardinal Bernardin Says

Washington (NC) -- The Catholic Church has a unique ability to link the issues of abortion and the threat of nuclear war, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago told the National Conference of Catholic Bishops general meeting in Washington Nov. 17.

He suggested that the link can be the work of the bishops' conference, whose Committee for Pro-Life Activities he heads.

Cardinal Bernardin said that although the bishops' pastoral on war and peace has received worldwide attention, its linkage of the war and peace issue and abortion has not been greatly noted.

"The basis of the linkage, of course, is human dignity with its consequent rights and obligations," he said. "The theme of human dignity is the foundation of a moral vision which is committed to the

protection and promotion of human life from the womb to the tomb. This ethic of life is comprehensive in scope and consistent in structure."

However, he added, "There is much more depth in joining the two issues of abortion and the nuclear threat than we were able to explore in the pastoral and that opens a field for further reflection and development, which we can now pursue as a conference."

"In the public and political debate taking place in the United States today, there is no major institution which brings together these two issues of war and abortion the way our bishops' conference has in the last few years," he said. "The unique position we now hold in the public debate offers, I am convinced, a creative opportunity for opening within the church and the wider society a systematic examination of

what it means morally, legally and politically to shape a comprehensive and consistent ethic of life.

"I believe we can enter the public discussion with a vision which is not sectarian but a carefully defined invitation to all people of good will," he added.

Continuing the theme of the pastoral on war and peace provides a "new moment" in pro-life endeavors, he said. "We can use this new moment to show how all life issues, in effect, constitute a seamless garment and how ignoring one adversely affects all the others."

"Today, together with all the members of the committee, I promise to do everything possible to take advantage of this new moment," he concluded. "May God, the author of all life, assist us in our efforts."

Nuke Arms Race 'Collective Suicide'

San Francisco (NC) -- The buildup of nuclear arms has given a "dramatic urgency" to the search for world peace because their use would be a "type of collective murder-suicide," said Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, papal secretary of state, during a visit to the United States.

In a Nov. 18 speech at the

University of San Francisco, he also said that while the church's "just war" theory "has not yet been abandoned," the potential evils of nuclear war call for a "revision of traditional principles of evaluation" of war.

Cardinal Casaroli was in San Francisco to accept an honorary degree from the

university and to inaugurate a Vatican art exhibit.

The question of peace and war, the cardinal said, "presents itself today with an immediacy and dramatic urgency that no epoch of ancient or more recent history of the human race has ever known, or perhaps even approached."

The arms race among major powers and their alliances represents "an evil" and "a grave danger to peace," Cardinal Casaroli said.

Nuclear weapons now pose a new situation for Christians which "raises questions about the traditional doctrine concerning war," he said.

The tremendous power of nuclear weapons to inflict destruction and suffering, he said, "obliges us to make a profound revision of traditional principles of evaluation."

Such a revision, he added, should consider the difficulty of controlling the immense forces of nuclear arms. He said that man "seems incapable of containing and regulating" them according to his own wishes and the dictates of his conscience.

Cardinal Casaroli said the current world situation justifies the use of deterrence, but that the church should work to change that situation.

He warned, too, that while deterrence based on balance may be morally acceptable for the moment, the quest for political or military balance often leads to "successive imbalance," or a spiral of growing costs and dangers.

Mass demonstrations against nuclear weapons, he said, though sometimes oversimplified, "correspond to people's deepest feelings."

But he added that "winning true peace demands no less valor and commitment than winning a war."

He urged that peace studies be developed in centers of higher learning, especially Catholic universities, and that Catholics in the academic community make a greater contribution to peace research.

Sarah Child



All in the Family

Thoughts Trip Over Thoughts

I have been sitting motionless at the typewriter for the past half-hour, a dozen ideas running through my head, any one of which would fill this space if I concentrated on it. But, no, I flit from thought to thought.

For starters, it is the 20th anniversary of the death of John F. Kennedy and like a lot of other people, I can recall exactly what I was doing when we learned of his death.

Now, I reflect how I have changed in that score of years. Far more cynical about politics and politicians, less eager to be swept into a tidal wave of popular sentiment, I ponder whether it is my advanced age or the times responsible for the change. Will any of us ever be quite so innocent again as we were in the Sixties?

It is also two days before Thanksgiving and I sort over the myriad reasons for which I have to be grateful. The phrase, embarrassment of riches, pops into my head. Husband, children, family, friends. I am truly blessed.

The oldest is home from college, giving me another

tangent. Ten weeks after leaving, she already shows signs of change. Her clothes have become, if possible, even more casual, denoting a fine disregard for anything fashionable. More important, she has already come to grips with the possibility that there may be more to getting an education than achieving a straight A average.

Also, I have just returned from the last of three sessions in the dentist's chair. For my patience (and a modicum of anxiety), I have a new crown. I recall that tooth dreams are supposedly a reflection of fears about mortality. And yet in my dreams I am always 28. It occurs to me that I should sleep more.

And, finally, I think of the conversation I recently had with the reservations clerk in a Boston motel.

Requesting a double room, I am told that the "standard rate for two people for one night is \$165."

"I can't afford that."

"Without pause, she counters, \$125."

"No."

"How about \$85?" she asks.

Ah, if only everything in life was as negotiable as a hotel room.

Poetry of Peace Program Scheduled

Voices for Peace, a division of the Disarmament and Peace Task Force of the Rochester Peace and Justice Center, will present an evening of poetry and other works of art on the theme of peace and nuclear disarmament at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 9, at The Studio, 110 French

Road. Featured will be readings from the PJEC's recently published "Voices for Peace Anthology," edited by Barbara Nector Davis. Participating will be Ms. Davis and local poets Beatrice Ganley, SSJ, and David Michael Nixon.

Cruise Missiles

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lead to disarmament. Without such policies, deterrence has to be condemned," he added.

Pope

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Lord himself, who said. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God," the pope said.

The pope gave the speech to representatives of the Atlantic Treaty Organization, a private group which seeks to promote public support for NATO.

fearful situation as quickly as possible."

"If any government, in the East or West, does not take steps to reduce its nuclear weapons and limit their deployment, it must expect its citizens in increasing numbers to be doubtful of its sincerity and alienated from its defense policies."

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