

## Equal Time

As a future parent what do you think is the most important thing you can give your children?

### CARDINAL MOONEY

PAT LECCESE  
Senior  
varsity bowling

"Love and encouragement to keep them moving in the world. To motivate them. I think the closeness between children and parents is missing today and the families aren't close together. This causes kids to leave their parents. Parenthood is a full time job and I think it is a double job; takes two parents to do it."



SANDY MARKLE  
Junior

"A sense of security and being a friend as well as a parent. To be someone they can go to for guidance. This lack of security and not having parents to talk to are reasons for runaways. Definitely, parenthood is a full time job. I don't think a lot of people getting married today are prepared for the responsibility of raising children. I think a lot of times kids are just as well off in a single family environment but they feel they are missing something in not having two parents."



SHARON MUIR  
Junior

"Love and understanding. It gives children a sense of security. They know their parents are there when they need them. Parenting is definitely a full time job. It depends if it is a good single parent environment whether a child will benefit but there are times when two parents are needed. The lack of understanding is a cause for kids running away. I don't think people getting married today think about children. They say they will wait and then when the time comes they are not prepared. I think child raising courses should be offered as a school elective."



KIM WILCZEWSKI  
Senior  
Crest editor

"To love them, encourage and give them what I always thought if I ever had kids I would spoil them, but I would make them work for what they receive. Parenting is a full time job. If you have two people working they can't do the job well and raising children shouldn't be left to the mother. Both parents should do the job. In some cases where parents are always fighting, staying together for the children doesn't work. They can't give the children the love and support they need."



TONY VALENTE  
Senior  
CYO basketball

"Mostly love and understanding. To be able to listen to them, and be there to listen to their problems. Parenting takes up so much of your time that it is definitely a full time job. Both parents should keep up with everyday happenings especially taking care of the kids. I don't think people getting married today give much thought to raising children. That is why there are more cases of divorce and child abuse. Offering courses in child raising would help make the young adults aware of what child raising means. They would think more about it. A child should experience both parents. A single parent has two jobs; parenting for two people."



JOE VONDOHLEN  
Junior  
stage crew

"Lots of love is the most important thing because everyone needs to feel loved. Yes, parenting is a full time job. People getting married today think about children and realize what bringing up kids involves. They are prepared for the task. Single parent situations aren't as beneficial to the children. Two parents are better than one because they can share the job. There are cases where there isn't love between parents and children but I think there is love in the majority of families."



## Rap Around

Joan M. Smith, Editor



### Winner's Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Nazareth Academy during a rehearsal of the April production of "Pippin." The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Feb. 14, to receive \$5.

### Speaking Out

By Caroline Moynihan  
BISHOP KEARNEY

Over Christmas vacation, I had the opportunity to visit El Salvador. It is the second time I have been there, and I found the country in a much calmer state than in 1980. Life in El Salvador seems to go on as usual. The only reminder of war being the groups of soldiers posted throughout the Capitol and surrounding towns.

The people of El Salvador go about their business as usual and it seems as if they have almost accepted the situation as a way of life. Not having the opportunity (or the Spanish) to discuss the situation with any of the

guerillas or peasants, my impressions may be bit biased by the wealthy people with whom I spoke. But I tried to keep an open mind. I asked as many questions as possible and tried to get the attitude on U.S. involvement in El Salvador. Almost everyone expressed gratitude toward the Reagan Administration and his policies of aid to El Salvador, adding that without help from the U.S., it would only be a matter of time before a Communist takeover.

From the information and opinions I gathered, I decided that the land reform is a good idea, but it is not being done in an

organized or beneficial way. The government is randomly redistributing land, very often giving much of the best farm land to poor people who have neither the knowledge, the seeds, nor the equipment to cultivate the land properly. In effect, El Salvador (which is one of the world's largest coffee exporters) is turning out a very poor coffee crop, which in turn is hurting their economy even more.

Right now, the monetary aid from the U.S. is being pumped into the military just to keep the ruling government in power, but I believe the only way we're going to see any long-term im-

provement will be if we start using the money to educate the common people. We need to help them to help themselves. There has been devastating poverty in El Salvador for many years and this will continue, with the ever-impending threat of Communism, unless the common people can be offered an education. As far as I can tell, this is the only way any kind of democracy can ever survive there. It will be a long time before the results will be evident, but I believe that educating the poor is the only real solution to eventually having a strong middle class, a stable economy, and a prosperous nation.

### Challenges

McQuaid High School initiated a computer course this year. The students, taught by Jim Aha, operate TSR 80s. Eligibility for the course requires an 85 average in math and completion of Intermediate Algebra. According to Aha, next year there will be two courses; a basic course for students whose background is nil in computer literacy, and an advanced course for those with hands on experience. At right, seniors Rob Nemes and Mike Tocci prepare information for the computer.



### Stateswomen Honored

The United Nations Club at Our Lady of Mercy High School received honors in its participation in the Syracuse University Model United Nations Awards.

Sophomore Donna DeKing won the Best Delegate in Security Council Award. An honorable mention award for Best Delegate on Legal Committee went to senior Kristin Sullivan.

### Donkey Business

The Aquinas Student Council is hosting its second annual donkey basketball game at 7:30 p.m., Saturday Feb. 11. Tickets are \$3, or free with Aquinas ID.

### Winner

Jeannine Gagliano, a senior at Our Lady of Mercy, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Jan. 25.

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