## **McQuaid Sets** Mardi Gras **Fashion Show**

"Mardi Gras Modes," a Spring fashion show by Jennel's, will be presented by the McQuaid Parent's Club, Friday, March 2, at McQuaid Jesuit High School.

Models for the evening include two families represented by three generations.

Agnes Defendorf will be joined by daughter and granddaughter Linda and Michelle McConville.

Betty Spooner will model with her daughter and granddaughter Joan and Meghan Boehner.

A club release stated that a "surprise" finale will be followed by refreshments including a Mardi Gras-style King's Cake.

Chairperson for the event is Marcia Mendola. A donation of \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for teenagers is tax deductible. Reservations are made by calling Jean Cardinali, 381-6460.



Principals of the McQuaid show are (left to right) Father Frank Reed, SJ Michelle McConville, model; Agnes Defendorf, model; Linda McConville, model; and Marcia Mendola, chairperson.

Following is a report on an interview given junior high school students at St. Cecilia's School by Father Bernard Newcomb, pastor emeritus.

The years have brought remarkable changes to St. Cecilia's since the day 35 years ago when Father Bernard Newcomb first came to Irondequoit to build St. Cecilia's

Father reminisced about "old times" with Phil Pecora, John Palermo, Kathy Marschall and Mark Morgan, students in the class of '84.

According to Father Newcomb, in 1949 there was no Catholic school in this area of Irondequoit. Norton Village had a large number of Catholic children and a new school was needed. All these eager children had to wait longer than was expected for their school to open. However, a strike delayed construction for seven months. In September of 1951, when St. Cecilia's opened, students filled eight classrooms, two portable classrooms and a corner of the church hall. Now, St. Cecilia's boasts 17 classrooms, complete with junior high wing and a pre-kindergarten program, which has grown from 60 to 80 children.

You can tell those were the good old days. There was not tuition at St. Cecilia's. Since then many teaching nuns have been replaced by lay teachers and tuition has been instituted. Other changes made recently are the computer program and hot-lunch program.

In the past, sports programs were limited to boys; but the girls' softball team has really blossomed in the last few years. The boys still enjoy basketball and soccer.

During the interview, Father Newcomb's companion, a beautiful collie, Dammit, lounged in the corner. Dammit, a gift from the students, is the fifth dog of that name at St.

# Cenacle Launches Singles Program

Encounter," designed for never-married singles, will be presented April 6-8 at the Cenacle Renewal Center, 693 East Ave.

Leading the retreat will be Sister Anita Rourke, Sister Connie Enuco, Sister Helen Harber, all Religious of the Cenacle, and the Unit-Y liai-

The format and dynamics of the event is modeled after the highly respected Marriage Encounter. In "Christ Encounter," however, one's

## **Kearney Mothers**

The Bishop Kearney High School Mothers Club is planning a day trip to Oswego, March 6. Among the day's activities are a stop at Ye Olde Wood Shoppe in Waterloo, and a theater luncheon at the Wine Creek Inn. The performance will be "Babes in Arms." Tickets are \$33 per person, reserved before March 2, by calling Barb Kelly, 342-8441, or Dorothy Mull, 544-4621. Departure time is 8 a.m. from the school parking lot.

A new program, "Christ "partner" is the Lord, according to Cenacle spokesperson Rosemarie Schaeffer.

"This will be a deeply personal encounter, designed for the individual, carefully planned to significantly deepen your level of communication and relationship with Christ," she said.

Reservations and further information is available from the Cenacle Ministry Office, (716) 271-8755.



Though many things have changed at St. Cilia's, the sight of Father Newcomb walking the grounds Dammit by his side, has remained, binding past with present

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### What should I say when I go the funeral home?

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