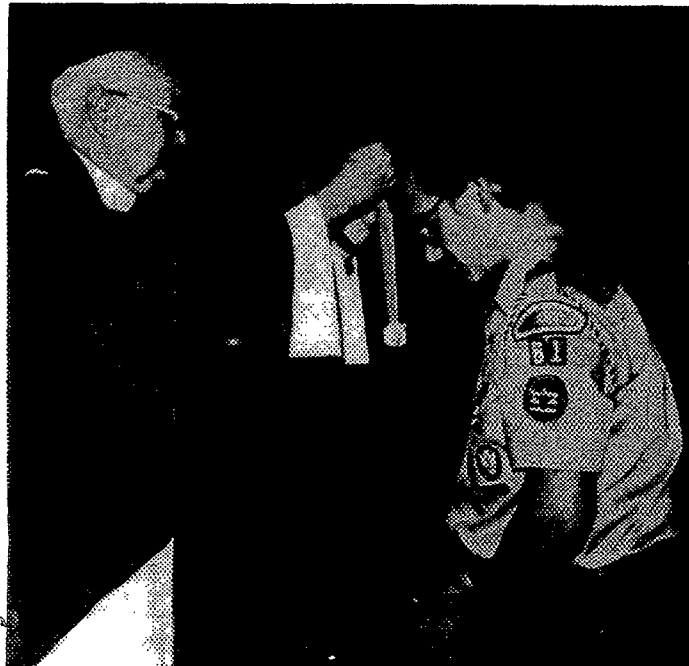




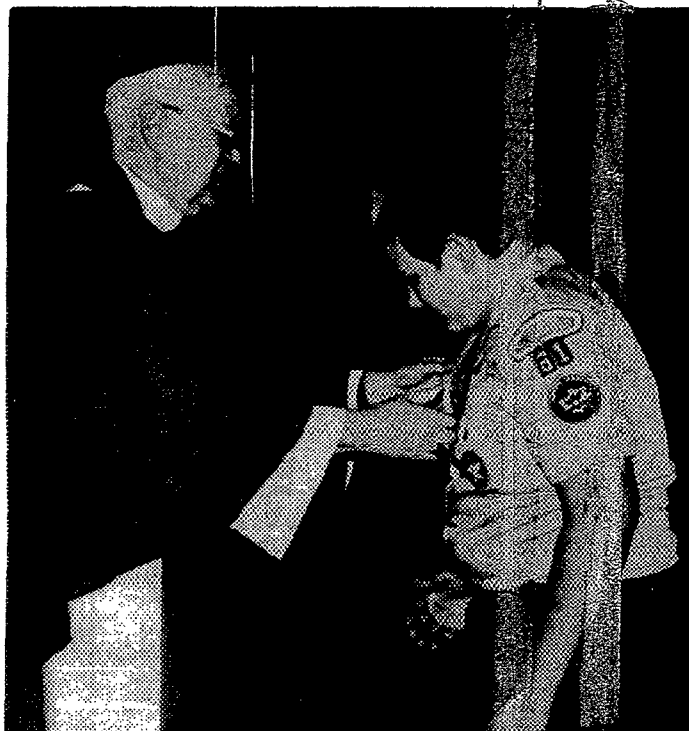
## Ad Altare Dei Awards

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey presented Ad Altare Dei emblems to 31 Boy Scouts and the Pope Pius Emblem to one, Andrew M. Lopuchowycz of Troop 101, Holy Rosary, Sunday, Feb. 12, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The scouts successfully completed a

difficult curriculum based on the sacraments to qualify for the honor. Twenty-seven are from the Rochester Otetiana Council, five from the Geneva Finger Lakes Council.



Bishop Hickey presents the Ad Altare Dei Religious emblem to Timothy Bushnell of Troop 61, Victor. Tim is an Eagle Scout and a member of St. Patrick's, Macedon, parish.



David Bushnell of Troop 61, Victor, receives the Ad Altare Dei Religious emblem from Bishop Hickey. David is a member of St. Patrick's parish, Macedon.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

### Kenya — The Rochester Connection

During our nine day stay in Kenya, Fathers Heisel, Wohrab and I visited our "Rochester Connection" -- Sister Rosemary Statt. In Kenya for over four years, she is Superior of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart working there.

She is the effervescent daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Statt, long time parishioners of St. Augustine's, Rochester, and a sister of Father Thomas Statt, pastor of Mother of Sorrows on Paddy Hill.

The Sisters operate a boarding school for 500 high school Kenyan boys and girls. With Sister Rosemary are an American, Sister Lorraine, a Bombay Indian, Sister Gertrude, and two native Ugandans, Sisters Maria

and Marcha. The latter is a perfect look-alike for Leslie Uggams.

The convent is no luxury hotel. It has electricity three hours a day, from 7 to 10 p.m., a tiny oven on a propane gas heater; no refrigeration. The water supply is the rain water they catch during the infrequent rains.

A young, athletic Irish Kiltegan Father White, who cares for the church nearby, and teaches religion in the school, lodged us for the night, along with a Peace Corps youth who had just arrived.

After Mass in the morning we toured the school. The students, accustomed to simple living, consider the facilities elegant. The dormitories are furnished with bunk beds.

The noon meal was being cooked in three huge vats over open wood fires. In one vat was maize, in another beans, and in the third an anemic-looking

mixture of tea and milk. This daily menu quite satisfies the students. Home it would cause a revolution.

The spirit of the students is serious-happy. Their parents make great sacrifices to have them enrolled in such a high class school.

As we sat relaxing after a harrowing drive over miles of ruts and dust (the Sisters drive a Land Rover), I spied a stack of some 30 cassette tapes on a shelf, and was dismayed to find that all were of music.

I suppose I showed my disappointment as I exclaimed: "You don't have any Sheen or Basset or other inspirational tapes!" "Well, these all have been sent as gifts."

This seared my soul, so when we returned to Bishop Raphael's house in Nakuru, I rummaged through my suitcase and found "Every Man Is an Island," a handsome album of 12 superb conferences by Father Bernard Basset, SJ.

I had intended to give it to the bishop, but decided: "He can wait. The Sisters are in isolation and the talks will do more good with them." So I mailed the album and some odds and ends and

received a beautiful thank you note:

"Yesterday, after a touch of flu, with two of our Sisters visiting us from Egypt (our conversations had to be in French!), I reached home, and your wonderful gift. The night was hot, and I was too tired to go right off to sleep, so I began with Father Basset.

"There are two Basset Sacred Heart Sisters in England, so their brother is well known to us, and all here are delighted with his retreat. Sister Maria, a Ugandan, is enchanted with the little pocket catechism, as she has been in search of a 'syllabus' to help her prepare lessons for those students desiring baptism.

"Yes, your gifts hit the jackpot, and all of us would like to say 'Asante sana!' All of the Sisters in Kituro are still thanking you for the wonderful visit you gave us. Of course I was most pleased, and now feel that a bit of Kituro lives in my home diocese."

And we three priests are remembering the Sisters and their apostolate with admiration and humility; and are proud of our "Rochester Connection."

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