

Melita House Starts Spring Fund Appeal

Melita House's annual spring fund appeal is in progress.

Located at 124 Evergreen St., the house is the only provider of long-term housing between Buffalo and Albany for pregnant women in need.

Since 1982, when the Sisters of Mercy assumed the Melita House ministry, the house has helped 68 pregnant women in need.

Since there is no budgeted source of funding, the program relies on donations to maintain its work.

A recently formed advisory board includes the staff and 13 others: Mrs. Linda Scibilia Carver, Father John Mulligan, Sister Joanne Lappetito, Mrs. Liz Donovan, Mrs. Cheryl Scott-White, Anne Murphy, Tom Kirchoff, Bill Hohman, Dr. M.R. Bottros, Mrs. Jeanne



Melita House staffers are (left to right) Sister Patty Kenny, Sister Jane Schur and Sister Therese Richardson.

Gehret, Mike Polozzi, Arnold McMahon and Catherine Wobus.

The greatest single expense for the house is the heating bill, \$1,000 a month.

Heart Group Offers Brochure

The American Heart Association has issued a booklet entitled, "Running for a Healthy Heart." Association literature states the 11-page brochure contains sections on the benefits of running; how to get started; the warm up and the training program.

Interested persons are able to obtain a free copy of the brochure by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Running, American Heart Association, 797 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14620.

Persons wishing to receive monthly mailings from the

association have been asked to consider membership for \$15 per year. Membership benefits include a monthly nutrition newsletter and information regarding heart research developments.

Further information on the association membership is available by calling 461-5590.

DEATHS

Elsie A. Kane

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 10 for Miss Elsie A. Kane who died April 8, 1984.

A Mount Morris native, Miss Kane attended St. Patrick's School there. She later graduated from Geneseo Normal School and began her teaching career in Cuylerville, where she taught

first grade.

In 1930 she began teaching first grade at Laurelton School in East Irondequoit, where she remained for 33 years. During that time she earned a bachelor of science degree in education from SUNY Geneseo.

Among her survivors are

nephews Sheriff Richard Kane of Livingston County, and Patrick and Thomas Kane of Buffalo.

Father James Marvin, pastor, celebrated the funeral rites at St. Ambrose Church where she was a daily communicant until she entered The Heritage in January.

Sister Elaine Ryan, SSJ

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 12 for Sister Elaine Ryan of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister Elaine died at Sacred Heart Cathedral Convent April 9, 1984, at the age of 72.

A native of Rochester, Sister Elaine entered the congregation from Blessed Sacrament Parish in 1929. She was a graduate of Nazareth College, and earned her master's degree in religious education from Providence College, R.I.

She taught in the parochial schools of the diocese from 1931 to 1952. During that

time she served at St. Stephen's, Geneva; St. Patrick, Seneca Falls; and Holy Trinity, Webster, during which time she also was principal.

She was named principal of St. Elizabeth School in Selma, Ala., from 1952 to 1956.

For the next 15 years she was the congregation's director of novices.

In 1971 she began service as pastoral assistant at the Cathedral parish, one of the first sisters to so work in pastoral ministry.

She retired because of ill health in 1983.

At her funeral, Father Robert Miller presided at the Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Msgr. Richard Burns, Father Thomas Mull, Father Robert Muhlneckel, Father Richard Hart, Father Thomas Wheeland, Father William Endres, Father Gerard Hafner and Msgr. William Shannon.

Two days later, Bishop Matthew H. Clark celebrated a special memorial Mass at Sacred Heart.

Sister M. Zita Bader

Towson, Md. — Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 14 for Sister M. Zita (Clara E.) Bader, a Mission Helper of the Sacred Heart for 68 years who died at the Sisters' motherhouse here April 11, 1984.

In the course of her religious life, she served as

home visitor and catechist through the Church of the Assumption in Fairport, N.Y.

Born in Homestead, Pa., in 1895, she entered the congregation in 1916.

She spent much of her early religious life in the sisters' day care centers in

New York City, as cook, housekeeper, and catechist. Sister Zita also served as home visitor and catechist in Philadelphia and Washington.

She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Gertrude McCoy Carstater

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 14 for Gertrude McCoy Carstater who died April 8, 1984.

She was born in 1898 in Renovo, Pa. She taught in the Hornell public schools, and the Elmira public schools and then moved to Jamestown where she resided

28 years and attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lakewood.

Following the death of her husband, James, a pharmacist in Hornell, Elmira and Jamestown, she moved to Rochester.

She is survived by a daugh-

ter, Sister Mary Esther, RSM, of Our Lady of Mercy High School, and several nieces and nephews.

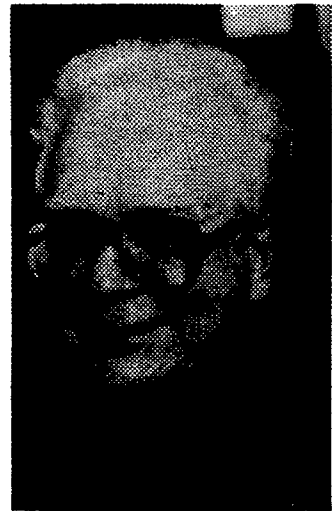
The funeral rites were celebrated in the chapel of Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse. Interment is in Lock Haven, Pa.

Faith Sharing Program Set At St. Bridget

The Sisters of Mercy have invited women interested in deepening their knowledge of the call to religious life to a Sunday liturgy, 10 a.m., May 6 at St. Bridget's Church. Father Robert Werth, pastor, will preside. A discussion will follow the Eucharist.

The liturgy is one of the events in the congregation's monthly Faith Sharing Program which gives women an introduction to the spirit of religious life.

Further information is available by calling: in Rochester, Sister Sheila Stevenson, (716) 244-2175; in Elmira and Corning, Sister Marie Catherine Cain, (607) 732-6295, or Sister Ann Carapella (607) 734-6840; in Hornell, Sister Patricia Prinzing, (607) 324-0833.



Baccalaureate Speaker

Father Vincent T. O'Keefe, SJ, former president of Fodham University and general assistant to the father general of the Jesuits in Rome will be the main speaker at a multi-faith baccalaureate service, 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 12 at Nazareth College's east lawn. Father O'Keefe will also be the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree during the college's 57th annual commencement exercises beginning at noon, May 13.

Golden Age Gives Aging Center Million

Washington (NC) — The Catholic Golden Age Foundation has established a \$1 million endowment at the Catholic University of America's Center for the Study of Pre-retirement and Aging.

The agreement was signed April 5 by Margaret Mealey, president of Catholic Golden Age; Thomas D. Hinton, Catholic Golden Age vice president; Jesuit Father William J. Byron, president of Catholic University and other university officials.

The endowment will be used for research, education and training programs in the gerontology field, according to Michael Creedon, center director.

Catholic Golden Age, a national organization of about 500,000 Catholics over the age of 50, has supported the center for five years by sponsoring major conferences and activities relating to education, housing and retirement.

IWCC Benefit

The Italian Women's Civic Club will host a mini-dinner/card party to benefit Alternatives for Battered Women, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 26 at the Diplomat Party House. A donation of \$10 will be asked.

Cenacle Welcomes Superior General

A reception will be held 7:30 p.m. today at the Cenacle Renewal Center, to welcome Sister Lidia Noto, superior general of the congregation, and Sister Barbara Heanue and Sister Margot O'Donovan, members of the congregation's general council.

Sister Lidia, a native of Turin, was elected to office April 30, 1980. She was then provincial of the Italian communities. She has served as president of the Italian Federation of Apostolic Religious, and has been an active member of USMI, Union of the Major Superiors of Italy.

She has written on the congregational charism that it is "to be a woman who seeks to become capable of

living 'by grace' a harmonious synthesis of contemplation in activity; of personal, community and social life, in which the service of the Church takes priority, and the exercise of charity is that of announcing by word and witness the wonders of God's love."

Sister Barbara, a Boston native, was a member of the Rochester community when elected to the general council four years ago. Sister Margot, a Dublin native and member of the Province of England-Ireland, will remain in this country after the Cenacle visits are over, among directors of the eight-day Ignatian Exercises at Genesis Spiritual Center in Westfield, Mass.

Sister Mary Ellen To Present Dances

Brockport — Sister Mary Ellen Campbell, SSJ, will present four dances in a concert with fellow choreographer Christine Fendley, 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28 in Hartwell Dance Theater.

Sister Mary Ellen and Ms. Fendley are students in the master's program at SUNY College at Brockport.

Sister Mary Ellen's program will include the titles, "Numina," "Spirit Forsaken Never," "Meditations," and "Die Grunen."

Of the last, she said, "The title means 'The Greening,' and was adapted from the German political party founded by Petra Kelly. Their main goal is to stop the planting of nuclear weapons in Germany. The dance revolves around the nuclear disarmament theme, but also

deals strongly with the quest for personal peace."

Her other works explore the themes of refuge, survival, sensuality and grace.


A music teacher in Rochester area schools for the past six years, Sister Mary Ellen will teach dances classes at Nazareth Academy; and she will open her own studio, The Academy of Dance at Nazareth, in September.

Tickets to the event are \$3.50 for the general public and \$2.50 for children, students and senior citizens.

Deadline

Deadline for news in the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday, preceding Wednesday publication. The Courier-Journal address is 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.

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