



Voter Pilgrimage

Father Vince Hatt, administrator of St. John Parish in Independence, Iowa, says he will walk 330 miles across the state of Iowa July 4-20 in an effort to encourage people to register to vote. "I'm willing to walk across the state to motivate people to walk across town to vote," he said. "If they do, it's worth it." (NC photo)

Disney World to Give Ducks to Local Zoo

Rochester native Susan Ralston, the 1984 Walt Disney World Ambassador, and Donald Duck will present a pair of Peking ducks to Seneca Park Zoo at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 10.

The snow white ducks are among 50 that were raised to celebrate the famous cartoon duck's 50th anniversary.

They are being presented as ambassadors from Walt Disney World to children's zoos in several cities across the nation.

Miss Ralston, a graduate of St. Agnes High School here, will present the two ducks -- named Nana and Wendy -- to Donald E. Snyder, chairperson of the Seneca Zoological Society's

Zoo Improvement Capital Fund Drive and treasurer of Eastman Kodak Company.

The ducks will be placed in the Mini-Zoo, which is operated by the Society and one of the most popular attractions at the park.

According to a press release from the Seneca Zoological Society, the fund drive, which Snyder heads, has a goal of \$4.5 million for a modernization program which includes a new permanent elephant enclosure, renovation of the Mini-Zoo, new habitats for cold weather animals, and other improvements to "create a more eye-pleasing atmosphere for the 300,000 annual visitors."

USCC to Resettle Released Prisoners

Washington (NC) -- Twenty-six Cuban political prisoners, scheduled to arrive in Washington June 28, will be resettled by the U.S. Catholic Conference Migration and Refugee Services, a USCC official said.

Release of the 26 Cubans was arranged by the Rev. Jesse Jackson through negotiations with Cuban President Fidel Castro.

John McCarthy, MRS executive director, said the Cubans would be resettled in Miami because many of them have relatives there.

"They'll be released to us," he said June 28. "We're the major actors" in the resettlement operation.

"We're thrilled that this is happening," McCarthy said. "They're political prisoners;

they didn't commit any crimes. We're delighted they're free." The 26 Cubans are listed as political dissidents by Amnesty International.

McCarthy called the plan to resettle the Cuban political prisoners one more example of the Catholic Church's efforts to reach out to anyone in need of help.

MRS provides food, shelter and jobs for approximately 60 percent of the refugees who come to the United States. McCarthy said it is the world's largest private resettlement agency.

The release of 22 American

prisoners, most reported by U.S. officials to be drug smugglers, was also arranged by Mr. Jackson. Alan Romberg, the deputy State Department spokesman, said those Americans with outstanding criminal charges against them would be taken into custody in the United States.

Deadline

The Courier-Journal is Thursday noon, preceding Wednesday publication. Copy should be sent to 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.

Fr. Louis J. Hohman



The Open Window

Mediator Is Jesus

Dear Father Hohman, In a Courier-Journal article, F.G. wrote and questioned the fact that so many were praying to St. Jude. Believe me these people are not praying with this mind, they are praying to St. Jude. For seven years I prayed to St. Jude and sent a tenth of my take-home pay to the Shrine of St. Jude in Maryland. During those seven years I seldom ever prayed to Jesus my Father and Redeemer. I would like to say to F.G. and others that there is no other mediator between God and man but Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

and paid the penalty of hell for us; and by the shedding of his precious blood we are washed and made clean and by this cleansing we are made worthy to come in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

If we could earn our own way into Heaven or have any other connection than Christ, then Christ died in vain. He said I came that you might have life and live more abundantly. Although I only quoted a few verses of the sayings of Christ, you can plainly see that he wants us to come to him. For when we look to man, he is dead or alive, we are taking our eyes off Christ and looking to man. Let's look to Jesus Christ our Redeemer, for no other could rescue us from the pits of hell.

He wanted us worthy because he did it all in the desecrated resurrection and sat at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us.

It is in making intercession for us, who else do we need?

(Signed) M.K.

Dear M.K. I simply print your experience because what we all know is the truth that prayer to saints is merely intercessory; there probably are many people like you were formerly who are centering their prayers on Jude or some other saint. Perhaps this will clarify the matter for them.



Walt Disney World Ambassador and Rochester native Susan Ralston and Donald Duck will be in town July 10.

Time, Treasure Donated by Knights

New Haven, Conn. (NC) -- Knights of Columbus during 1983 donated more than \$53 million and 14.7 million volunteer hours, according to a survey conducted by the Knights' headquarters in New Haven.

Eighty-five percent of the society's 9,095 state and local units responded to the annual survey.

Since the survey began in 1970, the amount distributed has totaled more than \$343 million and 100 million hours.

Among the chief donations, based on the 1983 survey, were \$11.9 million to the sick, needy, disabled and handicapped; \$8.7 million to churches, retirement homes, orphanages and hospitals; and \$7.2 million for church and community activities.

The \$53 million repre-

sented a \$818,332 increase over 1982.

Four jurisdictions in the United States and Canada donated more than \$2 million. Knights in Quebec led all branches in donations with \$2.9 million. The Knights in New York donated \$2.7 million, while Michigan Knights followed with \$2.6 million. Knights of Ontario donated \$2 million.

Volunteer service included community assistance programs, visits to sick or disabled members and their families, and blood donations.

Focus Rites

Focus on the Eucharist will hold its monthly program 7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 5 at the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, Bonesteel Street and St. Martin's Way. The evening includes Evening Prayer, rosary, Mass, meditation time and Benediction. The public is invited.

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