

Holy Childhood Gets \$100,000 From Kresge

The School of the Holy Childhood has been awarded a \$100,000 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich.

The grant was awarded the agency for its \$1,500,000 campaign to complete the purchase and renovation of a new facility and to provide an endowment program for future operations.

The Kresge Foundation approved grants to only 10 percent of the applicants this year. The School of the Holy Childhood is one of 128 charitable organizations to receive funds.

"We are pleased and proud to be one of the few institutions nationwide to be selected by this prestigious leader in charitable giving," commented James W. Wilmot, general chairman of the campaign and a member of the school's board of directors. "It has convinced us that others share our recognition of the important work being done by Holy Childhood in the field of mental retardation. We are now looking to the Rochester community for the support necessary to meet the Kresge challenge and complete this project."

Wilmot also announced that the total pledged to the campaign to date has reached \$726,000, more than half of the goal, though the public phase of the program has just begun.

The School of the Holy Childhood is a private, non-sectarian agency dedicated to the education and training of mentally retarded children and adults in a warm and loving environment.

Established in 1946, the

agency has rented its facilities in the diocesan Pastoral Office on Buffalo Road since 1972. The inadequacy of the existing facility mandated the purchase of the former Gillette Elementary School, located in the Rush-Henrietta School District.

The one floor, 60,000 square foot facility will be renovated to make it compatible with the specific and unique space requirements of the agency.

Sister Seraphim Herbst, SSJ, executive director of the agency, said, "This is the first capital fund drive that the agency has conducted in its 38 years of existence. We have found that the ideal site to serve the needs of our handicapped clientele, and are confident the Rochester community will respond to our cause."

The move will allow the school to expand each of its three basic services.

The children's program benefits those who find it difficult, or impossible to learn in a public school setting. Children have a specifically structured curriculum tailored to individual needs at Holy Childhood.

The adult day training program features a work activities center certified by the New York State Department of Labor. Local corporations contract with the agency for small piece-work jobs. The students receive vocational training and reimbursement.

The clinic provides a diagnosis and treatment program for all children and adults. Most retarded persons have at least one additional handicap.

Focus on Today's World



Father George Clements, pastor of Chicago's Holy Angels Parish, leaves court with Anthony Morgan, a 17-year-old youth who pleaded guilty to robbing Father Clements with a toy gun to buy narcotics. Father Clements, who has adopted two boys, asked the state for custody of the youth but the request was denied, and Morgan will be placed in an institution.



Archbishop Patrick Flores of San Antonio, Texas, greets inmates following a Mass for the prisoners. He told the inmates not to be hard on themselves but "respect yourselves."



Fathers Robert Williams, left, and Leo Tibesar participate with their delegations on the floor of the Democratic Convention in San Francisco. Father Williams was suspended by Archbishop Edmund C. Szoka of Detroit for his role as a delegate while Father Tibesar, attending as an uncommitted pro-life delegate, said Archbishop John Roach of St. Paul-Minneapolis approved his efforts.



House Approves 'Silent Prayer'

Washington (NC) -- A proposal to deny federal funds to public schools which prohibit voluntary vocal prayer by students was defeated July 26 in the House, which later overwhelmingly approved a proposal to permit "moments of silent prayer."

The original proposal would have cut off federal

Red Cross Manager Named

C. Kyle Rodeman has been named manager of the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross, effective Aug. 30. He succeeds John McDivitt who has been named manager of the Houston chapter. Rodeman currently is manager in Syracuse.

Rodeman's 17 years of Red Cross experience includes service as manager in Salt Lake City. Prior to that, he held a number of positions at the Red Cross in Milwaukee.

Cosby Tickets

Tickets for "Bill Cosby Live... at the Eastman," slated for Oct. 28 are available by calling (716) 288-4817. The performances, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Eastman Theatre, are being sponsored by the Founders Club of the Sisters of Mercy and will benefit the congregation.

funding from "any state or local educational agency which has the policy of denying or which effectively prevents participation in prayer in public schools by individuals on a voluntary basis."

The amendment also prohibited prayer at designated times, such as during a teaching session, when a vocal prayer could disrupt a classroom.

The approved amendment seeks to ensure that "no state or local agency shall deny individuals in public schools the opportunity to participate in moments of silent prayer."

The defeated amendment was proposed by Republicans as part of a strategy worked out with the White House to put Democrats on the spot on the school prayer issue a week after their convention in San Francisco.

"We're trying to show that what the Democrats said in San Francisco and how they vote are two different things," said Rep. Trent Lott, R-Miss., of the 215-194 vote which defeated the proposal.

But the approved "moment of silence" amendment, which passed 378-29, was heralded by Democrats as making good on their platform pledges.

"We can still say we voted for prayer in the schools," said Rep. Tony Coelho, D-Calif..

the Saints by Luke


ST. JOHN BAPTISTE MARIE VIANNEY
 WAS BORN AT DARDILLY, FRANCE, IN 1786. AS A CHILD, HE WOULD HIDE IN ATTICS WITH HIS FAMILY IN ORDER TO ATTEND MASS, BECAUSE OF THE PERSECUTIONS OF THE REFORMATION.

JOHN WAS A FARM-HAND AND WANTED TO BECOME A PRIEST, BUT COULD NOT MASTER LATIN. HE ATTENDED CLASSES WITH STUDENTS WHO WERE YEARS YOUNGER. HE WAS FINALLY ORDAINED IN 1815. HE BECAME PASTOR OF A LITTLE PARISH IN ARS (ARS-EN-DOBES) IN 1818; THIS WAS THE SCENE OF HIS EXTRAORDINARY LIFE UNTIL HIS DEATH, AUG. 4, 1859.

HIS SERMONS ATTRACTED PEOPLE FROM FAR AND WIDE. SO MANY PEOPLE CAME THAT HE SPENT UP TO 18 HOURS A DAY IN THE CONFESSIONAL. JOHN INTRODUCED FREQUENT HOLY COMMUNION AND PIOUS SODALITIES. HE CONDEMNED DANCING IN THE TAVERNS AND STREETS AND FOSTERED DEVOTION TO MARY.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY IS PATRON SAINT OF PARISH PRIESTS, AND HIS FEAST DAY IS AUG. 4.

ST. JOHN Baptiste Marie VIANNEY
 The Curé d'Ars



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