



PAA officers are (left to right): Sister Diane, Sister Judy, Sister Anne Michelle, and Sister Lisette.

PAA Elects New Officers

The Pastoral Assistants with diocesan policy and Association, PAA, has elected new officers for 1984-85: Sister Diane Branch SSJ, president; Sister Lisette O'Brien RSM, treasurer; Sister Judy Morgan RSM, secretary; and Sister Anne Michelle McGill SSJ, Pastoral Assistants Committee (PAC) representative.

PAA is a professional support group concerned with the spiritual and educational enrichment of its members. It serves as a vehicle for communication between its members, parishes and other diocesan ministries. Its members include all pastoral ministers in the diocese, said Sister Nancy DeRycke SSJ, spokesperson for the organization.

According to Sister Elizabeth Hughes RSM, PAC, on the other hand, "represents the pastoral assistants at the diocesan level, establishing policy for pastoral assistants, facilitating the certification and hiring of pastoral assistants, implementing and amending the guidelines in accordance with diocesan practices. The committee is accountable to the Division of Personnel, directed by Father Charles Latus. Father Latus is chairman of the committee." Sister Elizabeth said that about 61 parishes in the diocese use the ministry of the pastoral assistant.

The next meeting of the PAA will be 9:30 a.m.-noon, Nov. 14 at the motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sister Molly Brown RSM, widely known as a psychologist and counselor in the area, will speak at the event.

Catholic Scouts Have Annual Retreat

Some 140 Scouts and adult leaders participated in the annual diocesan Boy Scout Retreat directed by Father Thomas Helfrich, a priest from Aquinas Institute, recently at Kamp Koinonia in Italy Valley.

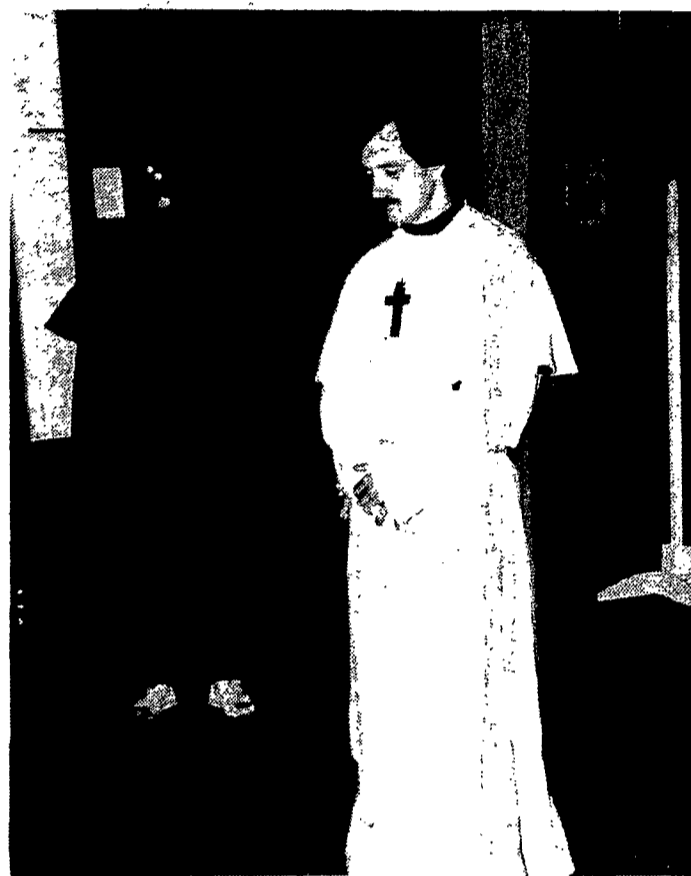
The theme, "Carry My Burden," was introduced at a Friday night theatrical by the Light Brigade, a Christian mime group based in Avon. The group is directed by Michael Meath and includes Jim Meath, Andrew Whitcomb, Mark Blakely and Sandy Magum. They also led Living Stations Saturday afternoon.

The Scouts, ranging from 11 to 18, were introduced to the Catholic Religious Emblems program by beginning Step 1 of the Ad Altare Dei award. At the same time, adult Scouters were trained in counseling the emblems by Duane Pancoast, Scouter Development chairman.

Other activities included a scavenger hunt, scriptural rosary and celebration of the Eucharist. Scouts tented or used the cabins at the family camp. Meals were prepared in the camp kitchen under Robert Randall of Auburn.



Father Thomas Helfrich conducted the retreat. In background is Joseph Ippolito, chairman.



Light Brigade players, Mike Heath, left, as King Henry and Mark Blakely as Thomas Beckett in "Carry My Burden."

Young Adults

The Commission on Young Adult Ministry will host a gathering for those involved in or considering involvement in planning activities for young adults at the parish or area level, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20 at St. Patrick's School of Religion in Victor. Further information is available from Karen Rinefield, coordinator, (716) 586-1919.

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