

# Catholic Charities Lauds Worker, Volunteers

At its annual banquet last Friday, diocesan Catholic Charities heaped praise on four of its own. Bishop Matthew H. Clark presented awards to four lay persons who have made, in the words of Maurice Tierney, executive director, "significant contributions" to the Charities movement in the diocese.

The St. Vincent DePaul Award went to William E. Wynne, past president of the Catholic Youth Organization; a Louise DeMarillac Award was given to Sonia Pasker, a long-time volunteer with Catholic Family Center; a Louise DeMarillac Award was given to Joan Tannous,

associate director of the Out-Patient Clinic of DePaul Mental Health Services; and a special award was given to Jared Raines, a volunteer with Project SEED.

Raines, was cited for "his unselfish service to, and love for disabled persons." He is a volunteer at Project SEED, teaching sign language there.

His award states that he is "a model of compassion; comfort and consolation."

Ms. Tannous, an employee of DePaul Clinic and DePaul Mental Health Services for 19 years, has worked as a psychologist and administrator. Her citation stated that she "has coordi-

nated community relations, professional forums and most recently she was instrumental in getting DePaul through the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals in 1984."

Ms. Prasker, a native of Poland who has lived in Rochester for 33 years, has volunteered for the past five years as receptionist and telephone coordinator of the Clinton Avenue office of Catholic Family Center. In addition, her citation stated, "She has become proficient at helping with many of the day-to-day problems such as

assisting in making referrals to the Welfare Department and to area food cupboards. She keeps track of supplies and takes care of cleaning the office.

"Sonia helps distribute bread each week and keeps account of the number of families and individuals served for the month. On school holidays and on her vacation, she has come in to volunteer her time and stays after hours, if necessary. She has recruited other volunteers to participate in our monthly cheese distribution program. Sonia has also assisted in

picking up donations for inner city clients and opens the office before regular hours if donors need to drop off items early."

Wynne was cited for his "example to us all of what it means to be a Christian. He

doesn't talk about it; he does it, in a quietly effective way."

"Wynne's contribution to CYO in particular and the work of the church in general have been outstanding," his citation stated.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

## Are Children Starving In Lansing?

To the mayor and council of Lansing, Mich.:

"Last night my phone rang. The caller said: 'There is a Catholic sister and a lay woman on the Sandy Freeman Nightly Report. Better get it.' It was a panel presenting a Catholic sister who was pro-choice for abortion, and a lay woman who was defending the life of the unborn. During the 'call-in' period, a man from Lansing called and posed a thesis: that it is better to destroy the child in the womb, than to have it born and live in misery and starvation. The caller declared there are many children starving in Lansing; and it were better that they had never been born, than to starve in Lansing, or elsewhere.

"Is it true that you have many, or any, starving children in Lansing? If not, I wonder if a disclaimer of this charge should not be made over the Freeman Report. Since time was up, Sandy had to terminate the discussion with the charge hanging over the air: that Lansing, Mich., is a city which allows babies to starve. Would it be impudent of me to request some reply of the actual conditions of little children in Lansing?"

**Comment:** The pro-choice sister was a Sister Ware. I had seen her about a year ago when she was on a Phil Donahue Show with a Sister Trexler, an aggressive feminist who was peddling sex doctrines antithetical to the teachings of the Church. Donahue asked her: "Why do you stay in the Catholic Church? Why don't you walk out like Luther did?" She gave a strange answer, that she was a counselor and kind of chaplain in a jail for women. I suppose she would not get the same entry as a non-Catholic laywoman. Sister Ware, toward the end of the Freeman Report, said with some exasperation: "I am not pro-abortion. I am just pro-choice," which means freedom to destroy the child or to let it live. I think Aristotle

and most other logicians would have a problem with her logic. Last week's OTRS article quoted Jesuit Father Fisher, who wrote on why young Catholics are leaving the Church. He gave as the first reason: "Confusion in the Church."

**To Tom and Steve, college freshmen:**

"Saturday night -- no, it was Friday, since I was returning from the Webster K. of C. weekly fish fry -- I stopped at the Murphys and your parents were there. I inquired, 'How are Steve and Tom doing with their new life as collegians?' Rather proudly, they all said, 'They go to Mass every Sunday, and so do several in their halls.'

"I saw that they were so pleased with this, and I said, 'Well, I don't want them just to go to Mass. I want them to be apostolic and bring other to Our Lord. That's what St. Ignatius did at the University of Paris, and he brought Francis Xavier and others in. With the family background of the Scotts and the Murphys, they should be apostolic!'

"Defensive, as parents tend to be, they said, 'With the way young people have been dropping religion, we think it good that they go to Mass.' 'If the Witnesses of Jehovah and the Mormons and the Bible zealots can effectively propagandize their weird religions, I think our youth should be zealous for Our Lord and His Church. Think of what the English converts did after they became Catholics: Newman, Faber, Chesterton, Lunn, Ward, Martindale, Waugh. They were gloriously enthusiastic about the Faith, and zealously promoted it. Think of the new Miss America. She isn't namby-pamby about her Mormon religion. Why should Steve and Tom be less so?"

"So I send you both my blessing and greetings; and a great hope that you will fulfill the expectation I have from both of you."

**Comment:** Tom and Steve are two fine, intelligent, normal 18-year-olds whom I have watched develop for a dozen years. Why should we expect little from young men who can give so much?

## Camp Stella Maris Benefit Dinner Set

Livonia — The sixth annual Camp Stella Maris benefit dinner will be held 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 at Oak Hill Country Club.

The dinner is sponsored by the camp's board of

directors, this year under the presidency of James Gullo. The chairperson for this year's event is Mrs. Gloria Lechase.

The program will include dinner and a multi-media presentation of the people and programs offered at the facility.

In addition, Father Thomas Statt, pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Church, will speak at the event. Father Statt is a former camper and counselor at the camp.

Tickets to the dinner are \$30 and may be purchased by contacting either Mrs. Lechase, (716) 247-4162; or the camp office, (716) 346-2243.

## Charismatics To Welcome Radio Preacher

Father Ray Borque OMI, director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace in Colebrook, N.H., who also has a growing radio ministry in New England and parts of New York State, including Rochester, will be the celebrant for the First Friday Mass for the Charismatic Renewal community, 8 p.m., Nov. 2 at St. Margaret Mary Church.

Father Borque's program is heard locally 9 p.m. weekdays, and 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, on WWWW.

In addition, Father Borque will be the guest speaker at the Full Gospel breakfast the following day at Arena's Party House.

Further information is available by calling the office of the Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Center, (716)436-6252.

## Cenacle Schedules Scripture Retreat With Fr. Falcone

A "Scripture Retreat," led by Father Sebastian Falcone, noted scripture scholar and president and dean of St. Bernard's Institute, has been slated by the Cenacle Renewal Center, Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

The theme of the program is "The Prayer Experience of Jesus," with special emphasis on the setting, insights and implications of the Lord's Prayer, Jesus' prayer of thanksgiving for the mission of the disciples, the priestly prayer, the Gethsemane prayer and the prayer words on the cross.

The conferences will attempt to interpret the Christian community's recollections of Jesus' approach to the Father, the significance of those moments of intimacy, and the value of those prayer forms in one's personal life.

Further information and reservations are obtained by contacting the Cenacle Ministry Office, 693 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14607; (716) 271-8755.

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