

Four Installed Acolytes

Four Rochester seminarians were installed to the Ministry of Acolyte on Sunday, Nov. 4 at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J. They are, from left, Edward Giannino from Holy Family Parish, Auburn; Michael McHale from St. Mary's, Corning; Timothy Brown from St. Pius X, Rochester; and Paul Bonacci from St. Mary's, Waterloo.

Nazareth College Names Two New Board Members

David J. Metz, vice president and director of corporate communications of Eastman Kodak Company, and Sister Seraphine Herbst SSJ, executive director of the Rochester School of the Holy Childhood, have been recently elected to the Nazareth College Board of Trustees. The appointments were announced by Appellate

Court Justice Emmett J. Schnepf, chairman of the Nazareth College board.

Metz has worked at Kodak since 1959. He was elected a vice president in August, 1980. He is also a member of the public relations advisory committee of the United States Information Agency, and of the communications

committee of the National 4-H Council.

Metz is also on the Board of Directors of both the Rochester Downtown Development Corporation and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and is a trustee of St. Mary's Health Care Foundation.

Sister Seraphine has been director of the School of the Holy Childhood since 1962. Prior to that she held faculty positions at Sacred Heart, St. Monica's and St. Mary's, Elmira, schools.

She is a 1958 alumna of Nazareth College and a member of several regional and national professional associations: the Monroe County Coordinating Group on Mental Retardation, the National Council for Exceptional Children and the National Association for Retarded Citizens, among others.

Sarah Child



All in the Family

Shared Reading Creates a Lasting Bond

During my mother's last illness, she moved in and out of consciousness, sometimes rousing to mumble a word or two.

My father who sat by her side would record whatever she said in a small notebook he always carries with him, hoping to make sense of them after leaving the hospital.

He showed me the notebook in the waiting room outside the intensive care ward and going down the list I came to the phrase, "Fluff, Muff and Algernon."

Dad didn't know what it meant. But I recognized it at once as the names of the three kittens in the first book Mom ever read to me some 40 years before.

It was that story which put me to sleep night after night. My mother told me when I was older that if she dozed off or tried to skip a page I would finish the book from memory. At age two, I demonstrated the nighthawk tendencies that would later make me suited for working on a morning newspaper.

My mother also read to me before naps which we took together on the studio couch in the living room. I was four or five when she began reading the monthly story which appeared in the House-

hold magazine. The story was always about the same little black boy and his mother, the love between them radiating from the printed page, enveloping my mother and me in its tangible haze.

I can remember my young mother stretched out beside me, the warmth of her body, the sound of her voice with all the right inflections bringing to life the latest adventures of another child and his mother.

I thought of these treasured moments the other day as I scanned an article in which some educator claimed that the best readers, regardless of intelligence, are those people who have been read to as children.

His theory sounds plausible, but to me the chief benefit accruing from being read to is not what kind of reader the child becomes but a very different kind of bonus.

Much has been made of the psychological advantages falling to the child who is nursed by his mother, the bonding that takes place, a benefit above and beyond the nutritional pluses of mother's milk.

Yet it seems to me that the linking that takes place between a parent and the child read to on a regular basis is at least as important as breastfeeding, a ritual that engages not only the body but the mind and heart as well.



SISTER SERAPHINE



METZ

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding Wednesday publication.

Rush Parishioner Named State's 'Teacher of Year'

Anne Marie Miller, a reading teacher in the Rush-Henrietta School District, has been named "teacher of the year" by the New York State Reading Association.

Ms. Miller, who teaches at Sherman Elementary School, was chosen by the association's executive board from a group of reading teachers nominated statewide by their peers.

Ms. Miller is a parishioner of St. Joseph's Church in Rush, and volunteers there as a Eucharistic Minister and lector. She is the daughter of George A. Miller and the late Louise A. Miller of West Henrietta.

She learned she had won the award when she saw a notation about it on forms

during an annual evaluation session with Director of Reading Dr. Achille DeBerardinis.

In nominating Ms. Miller, her colleagues wrote, "The depth of knowledge she brings to any situation as a reading specialist with advanced graduate training in administration is second to none on our reading staff. She is the person whose advice and opinion is most sought and respected."

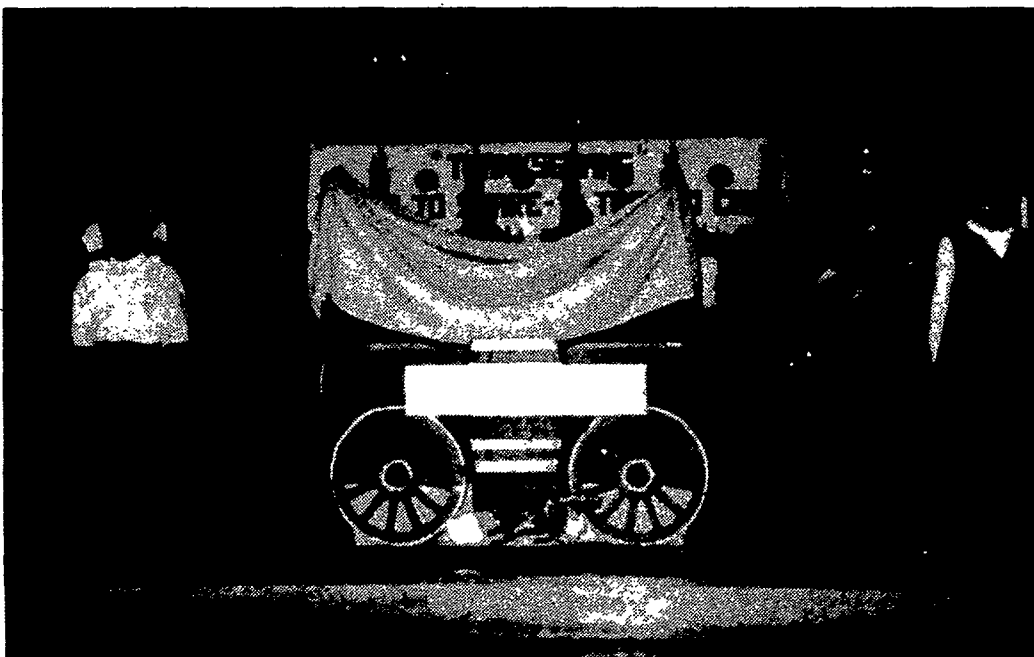
Ms. Miller earned her BA in sociology from Nazareth College and a Masters of Science Education from SUNY Geneseo. She holds certificates in elementary and general education, elementary administration and supervision, social studies and reading.

She worked as an elementary teacher before she was asked to become a reading teacher. She liked reading resource work and stayed in the field.

She said poet John Donne expressed her reading philosophy well when he wrote, "Let each become all he is capable of being."

"With that in mind, the importance of reading becomes quite clear," she said.

"You can't take away from a person what they have learned through reading," Ms. Miller said. "The satisfaction for us comes when we hear the children coming back to us saying, 'the teacher asked a question and I was the only one who knew.'"



Share, Care and Prayer

The Thanksgiving Care and Share Campaign at St. Augustine's School culminated with a prayer service organized by the junior high student council on Tuesday, Nov. 20. Representatives from each class placed food donations in a small covered wagon to be given to the Southwest Ecumenical Ministries' (SWEM) food cupboard. Students then participated in reading the first thanksgiving story, dressing to play the parts of pilgrims and Indians.

Knights Plan Free Throw Competition

William Sansone, Knights of Columbus state deputy, has announced a statewide free throw, basketball contest for boys and girls 11 through 14 to begin in January 1985 with the state finals on March 30.

Under the chairmanship of Jim Carroll, state youth chairman, there will be five levels of competition with trophies or medals awarded to the winners at each level. The contest will start with local council competition in January, followed by district competition in early February, regional competition in late February, semifinal regionals in early March and the state finals on March 30.

The contest will be open to all boys and girls in the state between 11 and 14, with Jan. 1, 1985, the date determining age group classification.

The state winners will be eligible for the international contest conducted by the Supreme Council in New Haven, Conn. Anyone interested should contact his or her local Knights of Columbus council.

Dancing Club

The 31 over 61 group organized by Dot Benner is holding a dance, 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9 at the Hof Brau Haus, A New Year's party is slated for Dec. 30. Further information is available from Ms. Benner, 436-7032.

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