

Education Board Publishes Update

The diocesan Board of Education recently submitted the following report for publication:

"At its December meeting, each standing committee of the diocesan Board of Education presented a charter of responsibility and action plan for the 1985 year. These committees deal with Programs and Curriculum, Funding, Personnel and Public Relations. To accomplish their work, they will consult with appropriate parish personnel at various times.

"Sister Roberta Tierney presented the proposal for "Guidelines for Local School Planning" which has also been presented to the consultative bodies. It is expected that these guidelines will be implemented by all elementary schools.

"In his remarks, Bishop Matthew H. Clark challenged the board to be mindful of total Christian formation in their plans and programs. He encouraged the board to continue to deal with pressing issues and to find ways of encouraging those serving within educational ministries.

The next meeting of the board is Saturday, March 9."

Vigil, D.C. Trip Planned by RARTL

To note the 12th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision liberalizing abortion, the Rochester Area Right to Life Committee has scheduled a Respect Life Vigil beginning at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 21, at Guardian Angels Church, 2061 East Henrietta Road.

In addition, RARTL is co-sponsoring buses to

VOA Gets Grant

The Gleason Memorial Fund has given a \$7,500 grant to the Volunteers of America Adult Home to be used toward the facility's floor-tiling project.

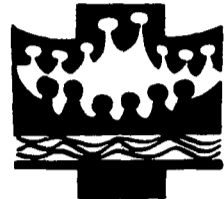
Washington, D.C., for those wishing to participate in the annual march there. The buses will leave from Guardian Angels Church at 10:30 p.m., following the vigil, and will return at 12:30 a.m., the next day, Tuesday, Jan. 22. The buses will pick up passengers at St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, at 11 p.m. and St. Margaret Mary, Apalachin, at 11:45 p.m.

The vigil program will begin with a showing of Dr. Bernard Nathanson's ultrasound of an actual abortion, "The Silent Scream." At 7 p.m., Jonathan Bernis of Bethel Full Gospel Church

will speak; at 8, the Guadalupe Guild will lead a rosary and prayers to Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn; at 8:10, Father Charles Adams, will speak; at 8:30, Rev. Emelio Sebastian of Golden Heights

Christian Center; at 9, Father George Rosenkranz of Our Lady of Victory/St. Joseph Church; at 9:30, Rev. Robert A. Kulzer of Faith Temple; at 10 a reshewing of "The Silent Scream," and at 10:30 the departure of the buses.

Insights In Liturgy



By Father Thomas P. Mull

What Do You Think?

The "Insights in Liturgy" column has appeared in the Courier-Journal since September 1975. During this time, we have used this column as an opportunity to convey information regarding liturgical changes, research and areas of interest to the general public. The reflections on the liturgical seasons, the guidelines regarding sacramental celebrations, and the other timely questions have given us at the Office of Liturgy the opportunity to share our thoughts and understanding with our readership.

Now, we are at a

crossroads. Since it is the beginning of the new year, we have been making resolutions! One of these resolutions is to try to make "Insights in Liturgy" a better avenue of communication. We decided that we would begin by asking your input.

Would you take a few moments to answer the following questions? You may use the spaces below, or write your answers on another sheet. I would ask you, please, to return your responses to: Pam Schaefer, Liturgy Office, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

1. When you read the column, "Insights in Liturgy," do you find the language easily understandable? Yes No

2. Do you feel that the issues addressed are timely? Yes No

3. Do you feel information is given in time for adequate preparation? (i.e. when we write about Lent in January, does that help in planning?) Yes No

4. What topics have you found to be particularly helpful? _____

5. What topics would you like to see discussed? _____

6. When specific changes are brought about, do you find the "Insights in Liturgy" column a good vehicle of communication concerning them? Yes No

7. Would a series of articles (similar to the series on the Order of the Mass, the recent series on the Eucharistic Prayers, or the series on Baptism that was done some time ago) be more worthwhile than a series of unconnected articles? Yes No

8. Any other comments? _____

On behalf of the Liturgy Office I would like to thank you for the time you have spent in response to this questionnaire. I hope that our future

columns will be attuned to your needs, questions and concerns. May God bless you with peace during this new year!

Sarah Child



All in the Family

Seat Belts — Infringement?

For months I've been reading the letters to the editor regarding seat belts. Four out of five are from men who protest the new buckle-up law as an infringement of their right to live as they will or die if that is what fate has in store for them.

The other letters are from women who also denounce a law which takes away their personal freedom and explain that belts are uncomfortable, restrictive, a bother and last, though not least, wrinkle their clothes.

I find it difficult to conjure up any real sympathy even though they express what were precisely my sentiments a few years ago.

One of the shorties who finds that the shoulder harness scrapes my neck I frequently have to adjust it. It is not so annoying, however, that I have inquired into the extenders which can be attached to regular belts.

Time consuming? Yeah. It takes me about five seconds or less to buckle up and one second to unbuckle it.

Restrictive? It took me about a week and a half to get used to the feeling of being belted in. (That's a few days less than it took me to get used to coffee without sugar.) Now, when I don't have the belt on I feel vulnerable.

Clothes wrinkled? Nah. Most of my stuff is polyester, anyway.

Personal freedom threatened? No, but then I'm one of those kooks who'd like to see smoking outlawed, too, because I'm convinced friends and family members are courting disaster of the worst kind.

Once a smoker and seatbelt scornor, I feel strange to be on this side of the fence. But, even head-in-the-sand creatures tend to recognize certain facts when they are drummed into us often enough. When those facts are borne out by events close to home, I become a believer.

I once totaled the family

station wagon on the Thruway in a driving rain storm. Our three small children were asleep in the back. One moment I was fighting poor visibility, the next we had hydroplaned and were hitting the guardrail again and again. I remember the incredulity I felt to find them all alive.

Several years later when I was driving in our town another car ran a red light and my youngest child headed for the windshield. My arm shot out and I deflected her so she only got a bump on the head. It was after that the kids and I start buckling up in the death seat, as I thought of it.

Two years ago our oldest daughter answered the phone and stepped outside on the patio closing the sliding glass door to escape the kitchen noise.

When she came in the tears were running down her face. Her best friend had broken her neck on her 18th birthday. Doctors were not sure she'd live and if she did whether she would be paralyzed.

She had been in a car accident. The seat belt on her side of the car was broken. The driver, belted in, escaped without a scratch.

The girl's sister wrote a letter to our family. "Please when you get in the car put on your seat belts. You can't know how terrible this is for us."

There was a happy ending to the story. After months and months of recovery which included having her head drilled in order to wear a supporting halo, the girl recovered — physically, if not emotionally. She is still afraid to get in a car and the assault on her family's mental state can only be guessed at.

At one point I remember wondering which would be worse. To lose Peggy or to have this fun-loving youngster immobile from the neck down the rest of her life?

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Get Acquainted Days
(group presentations for student and families)
Sunday, February 10
Sunday, March 24
Sunday, April 21

Open House Days
(student day on campus)
Wednesday, February 13
Wednesday, March 13
Wednesday, April 17

You may also choose to visit on Scholarship Competitive Exam Days. Pre-registration is requested. For further information, phone 412-539-9761 or send the form below to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650-2690.

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