

## St. Monica's School rededicated as Genesee St. Child Care Center

"Welcome home" was the key word at a gathering of St. Monica's School alumni earlier this month. They came to observe and celebrate the rededication to a new purpose of the building where they had spent their grammar school years. The Genesee Street school building had become a 24-hour day-care center.

As part of the rededication, Bishop Matthew H. Clark and Barbara Jean Kleinhans,

director of the Genesee Street Child Care Center, opened the building's cornerstone, which was sealed in September, 1898, by former Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid and then father John P. Brophy, the founding pastor.

At an early morning Mass attended by more than 100 people, Father Bob Gaudio, St. Monica's pastor, urged alumni to "share their memories and enjoy their past."

Katharine Kennedy and Mary Reuschle,

who still live nearby at Plymouth Gardens, did just that, remembering Monsignor Brophy bringing candy to the school children on the holidays, and occasionally calling an impromptu holiday of his own by dismissing classes. "He had a real Irish wit," recalled Kennedy.

They also recalled some of the sisters who were their teachers, including Sister Lambert Tobin, who taught the eighth grade — "very

smart and very strict" — and Sister Ignatius — "just a little saint."

As they walked out of church after the Mass, Kennedy said she heard someone call out "he's probably at Ensmans." It brought back her memories of the little candy store across Genesee Street where she said most of the school children could be found at one time or another.

Most alumni reacted positively to the building's new use. "I think it's thrilling. It couldn't be better used than for these beautiful little children," Kennedy said. "I think Monsignor Brophy would have been so pleased."

Current St. Monica's students agree that the child care center is important. "Now mothers won't have to leave their children home by themselves when they go to work," said James Brown, a seventh-grader.

Father Gaudio said that the church, school and day-care center have already begun to cooperate informally. One teacher at St. Monica's has enrolled her children at the center and a good many parents are expected to do so. "We've changed as a community, but our mission is still the same," Father Gaudio said. "This is a building that's been touched by many people... and that touches a real need for our community at this time," he added.

### First Saturday Devotion

Father Albert Shamon will lead first Saturday devotions at St. Alphonsus Church, 95 E. Genesee St., Auburn on Saturday Oct. 5. Devotions will continue every first Saturday of the month through January 4, 1986.



Angelo Marcello, class of '31, looks over an old class photograph to see if he is pictured.



Bishop Matthew H. Clark greets several St. Monica's alumni during the school building's rededication as a 24-hour day-care center.

## A letter from Bishop Clark on Respect Life Sunday

My Dear People:

This weekend we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. There are certain events in our lives, certain phrases or words, that because of daily usage become familiar and tend to lose value and clarity. I would invite you to reflect on the value and meaning of the phrase "Respect Life."

Our faith teaches us that life is a gift given freely to us by God. Human life is made in the image and likeness of God. When we disrespect life, therefore, we disrespect God. Jesus challenged us by His life and teachings to get involved in working, as individuals and members of our community, for an environment that does not threaten life. As His followers, we have to strive for a world, a country, a parish community, even a family in which the presence of conflict would be minimized. Our world is in need of civil laws reflecting those values so essential in generating and nurturing life. This calls us to engage ourselves and our community in constructing a world in which each person would have an adequate amount of food and a place to shelter himself or herself. A world in which life in the womb would be respected and in which children would have the possibility of developing to their full physical and intellectual capacities. A world in which our elderly could live the last years of their lives with lessened emotional or economic

anxieties and would be allowed to die in dignity. In essence, a world in which human life would be precious.

Our faith envisions a world in which there would be a consistent ethic of life. Such an ethic calls for the respecting and supporting of life from conception until natural death. This faith challenges us to become actors, not observers, in this co-creating effort. To some this challenge may seem awesome. But I am confident that with power of the Spirit sanctifying our ministry and efforts to foster God's kingdom, we will shape a consistent ethic of life. I ask you to commit yourself to take consciously one action a day that will promote a respect for life. In that, we can, as Peter says in his first epistle "... become living building stones, for God's use in building His house."

May our Lord continue to give us His strength and courage to never falter in this most precious work of "respecting life."

Your brother in Christ,

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### Help Sought by St. Salome's

Construction weekend for a Robert Leathers community playground at St. Salome's School is planned Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 3-6. Children and parents from the school at 4250 Culver Road, Rochester, along with the whole surrounding community, have worked since last February to make this dream come true. But financial and volunteer help are still needed. For more information, call the school at (716)323-1440.

### Nursing School Open House

Nazareth College's Department of Nursing has scheduled an open house for prospective nursing students Thursday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Symth Hall, Room 236.

Diploma and associate degree graduates are invited to attend the open house at which Dr. Barbara Smullen, chairwoman of the department, will discuss the trend toward baccalaureate education in nursing, admission requirements, transfer credit policies, curriculum and other matters.

### Diocese plans celebration of Respect Life Sunday

Catholic churches throughout the United States will celebrate Respect Life Sunday on October 6.

Matthew H. Clark, bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, has asked all parishes to

celebrate Respect Life Sunday and has called every Catholic to reflect on the "value and meaning of the phrase 'Respect Life.'"

Bishop Clark will celebrate a special liturgy on Oct. 6 at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 11 a.m. to emphasize his commitment to establishing a consistent life ethic.

The division of Social Ministries is coordinating plans for the diocesan celebration of Respect Life Sunday and other activities that will focus on the "Respect Life" issues.

Parishes are being encouraged to emphasize life issues during the weekend and afterward through their liturgical celebrations and by establishing discussion groups that will meet after the Respect Life weekend to examine human life issues.

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