

Neighbors



Irma Joana Alves Mendes, a newly professed Sister of St. Joseph in Brazil, greeted her guests at a reception following her profession ceremony.

Three Brazilian women made their first profession of religious vows to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester at Paranaiguara, Goias, where the congregation's first mission was established more than 20 years ago.

Anadir Pereira da Silva, 27, Ireny Rosa da Silva, 30, and Joana Dalva Mendes, 21, each formalized her commitment before a gathering of more than 350 people.

Guests gathered from each woman's home town and from all over the region. Sister Elizabeth Anne LeValley, superior general of the Sisters of St. Joseph, traveled from Rochester for the occasion. "Now our mission activity takes on its fullest dimension — the fostering and growth of native vocations," she noted.

Avon resident Lynda Hally has been chosen from nearly 20 nominees as New York state's first School Nurse of the Year.

Hally, 43, has been a nurse at Avon Elementary School for more than 15 years. She was nominated for the award by several colleagues at Wayland Central School.

A member of St. Agnes Parish, she has also served as a lector, Rosary Society member, and chairperson of the parish social ministries committee.

Investment advisor William J. Napier has been elected to the board of trustees at St. John Fisher College.

The co-founder and senior vice president of Manning & Napier Advisors, Inc., Napier is a native of Rochester and a graduate of the Aquinas Institute and Hobart College.

Sister Judith Heberle, principal of Our Lady of Mercy High School, has been appointed to a two-year term on the Non-public Schools Committee of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

As one of seven committee members, she will represent a region which includes New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania. The committee works to clarify the importance of nonpublic schools to American education.



During a recent visit to Nazareth Academy, Phyl Contestable, who portrayed Mother Maria Regina in the musical "Nonsense," shared a laugh with real-life Sister Aquina.

Cast members from the musical *Nonsense* performed during an assembly at Nazareth Academy last month to thank students for contributing to a Christmas food collection.

Producer Jerry Algozer brought Phyl Contestable (*Mother Maria Regina*) and other cast members to Nazareth Academy, as well as musical director Corinne Aquilina and percussionist Jim Dalton.

Students and teachers who coordinated Nazareth's contribution to the food collection were invited to a special performance of *Nonsense* later this month.



Dr. Michael Pignato, a dentist, and Mary Kay Molsenbocher, a nurse, were among the guests who addressed students at St. Joseph's School in Penfield on Career Day.

Career Day was among the highlights of Catholic Schools Week at St. Joseph's School in Penfield. On Friday, February 6, more than a dozen St. Joseph's graduates returned to the school to offer presentations about their occupations.

Among the presenters were: Brian Barney, a local lawyer; Mark Bezek, horticulturist; Ellen Larkin Bonnano, banker; Dr. Edward Doyle, chiropractor; Barbara Larkin, speech therapist; Susan Woodard McCarthy, medical technician; James Combs application analyst; Maureen Doyle, dietitian; and Michael Malone, technical sales representative.

Sister Joseph Twomey, S.S.J., was chosen employee of the year for 1986 at the Elmira Correctional Facility. More than 800 people who attended a dinner in her honor offered her a standing ovation.

Sister Joseph has served as a member of the chaplaincy team at Elmira since 1978.

Students at Mother of Sorrows School celebrated Catholic Schools Week by reaching out to their community. On Wednesday, February 4, they made and sent Valentines to police, firefighters and bus drivers. Later in the week, they collected toys to donate to the Salvation Army.

Students also made a mural on the theme of "We Touch the Future," charted their individual ethnic heritages on a World Origins Map, and created an essay or picture depicting their dreams for the future.

Dr. Charles J. Vacanti, attending anesthesiologist at St. Mary's Hospital, has been elected president of the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists.

A Pittsford resident, Dr. Vacanti is also medical director for Office Surgery Associates and a consultant in anesthesia at Monroe Community Hospital. He joined the staff of St. Mary's in 1968.

Aquinas Institute Junior Victoria Howard has been accepted to the New York State Summer School of the Arts, School of Visual Arts.

Along with 150 other students, she will spend nearly a month next summer at the State University College at Fredonia and the Chautauqua Institution, enjoying music, drama and dance performances, and field trips to areas of cultural interest in western New York. Students will also have a chance to meet and work with a number of visiting artists.

The program, which emphasizes drawing and painting from a live model and local scenery, also includes experiences in welding, casting, direct carving, modeling life-size objects in clay, and etching.

Howard was selected on the basis of her work, which was reviewed at the 45th Annual Scholastic Art Awards Exhibit for Sibleys and the Central Western New York Region.

Seventeen Nazareth Academy juniors and seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society during a candlelight ceremony last month.

To qualify for membership in the National Honor Society, students must not only meet high academic standards, but must also demonstrate qualities of leadership, service and character. Each candidate must present two letters of reference to a faculty committee, which elects new members.

Members inducted last month were: Nancy Bush, Suzanne Connolly, Sally DeCarolis, Christine Morgan, Ann Michelle Perricelli, Molly Risewick, Elizabeth A. Ryan, Amy Sauter, Margaret Sawyko, Jeannine Sojka, Lourdes Solau, Christine Spezio, Karen Staropoli, Janet Tasciotti, Wendy Walters, Kimberly Yazback and Rita Zingaro.

Students at Mother of Sorrows School have elected student government officers for the 1986/87 school year.

They are: Mary Radford, president; John Aboumoussalem, vice president; Mandy Pelcher, secretary; and Jennifer Cianciola, treasurer.

Throughout the year, student government officers plan activities, including pep rallies, "dress-up" and "dress-down" days. Assisting the officers are 12 homeroom representatives from grades three through eight, as well as faculty advisors Mary La Vere and Kathryn Phelan.

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