

Echo

By Rebecca Fewkes
Bishop Kearney

"Resolved, That woman is man's equal, was intended to be so by her Creator, and the highest good of the race demands that she should be recognized as such.

"Resolved, That all laws which prevent woman from occupying such a station in society as her conscience shall dictate, or which place her in a position inferior to that of man, are contrary to the great precept of Nature and therefore of no force or authority."

These are just two of many resolutions passed at the woman's rights convention in Seneca Falls in 1847. Since then suffrage, equal opportunity and similar bills have found their current — if not rightful — place in American and international society. Sexual discrimination has marginally lessened in the circles of art, music, theater and politics.

But not in the Roman Catholic Church. We have been taught since tender years that the Church is a body, a body of people — parishioners, religious and laity. We learn that the Church is for everyone, but they never teach us why our mothers could never wear robes and hold Mass. The idea had to be mutely accepted. As a young girl, it was never explained to me why I shouldn't aspire to the papacy.

If the Church embraces the world, how can it deprive more than 50 percent of its believers of equal speech and a hand in the mechanism of leadership? It cannot simply be said that the Church will not offer women leadership roles — this stand must be justified. And there is no justification.

The recent month-long October synod touched on this issue, but the entire report of the meeting was subverted by its organizers. This final report was another brush-off by the Church — a rejection of support for enlarged women's roles. The actual proceedings were not much better; they entailed a very shallow look into women's roles. But the need for female ministers was pointed out by an unofficial vote in favor of altar girls and the admission of women to the ministries of lector and acolyte.

Make-up tests scheduled for Mooney

Make-up placement exams for eighth graders interested in attending Cardinal Mooney High School will take place at the school, 800 Maiden Lane, Greece on Saturday,

Speaking Out

The proposition also called for exploring the possibility of opening the diaconate to women.

The problems of the Church are widely recognized — assorted moral and ethical issues, a shortage of priests and many more. What is not widely recognized is that the readiness of women to lead in the Church could be used to great benefit.

Such modern issues as birth control and artificial insemination are drawing carefully phrased and confusing articles from Rome, and divergent advice from American clergy and religious. If the Church has a clear-cut policy, it is certainly not evident to the Catholic parishioner. But it is no wonder that the Church is finding a solid stand difficult, because it is trying to make a decision using only half of the psychological insight it could bring to bear on such issues.

The vocational shortage accents that missing 50 percent of the population. Young women are cut off from the very beginning because there are no options. The sisterhood is a strict, mistreated and underpaid role — and it is the only opportunity for a woman to participate in the central organization of the Church. Here is a significant group of devoted, intelligent people who are not permitted to get ultimately close to the Mission they were baptized into.

A headline blares: "March — Women's History Month." The article states that various media will cover outstanding women in all spheres of American life. "They will teach about the role of women in politics, in literature, in the arts and sciences, in labor and in everyday life." What about religion? Where is the role of women in Church?

March 12 at 9 a.m.

Students wishing to take the test should bring current report cards with them. Call (716)865-1000 for information.

Trinity Montessori School sets open house for parents, children

The Trinity Montessori School, located at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, 4095 East Ave., Rochester, invites all interested parents and their children to an open house on Sunday, March 20, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Teachers will be available in the classrooms to answer questions and to show parents and children how the Montessori learning environment is different from that of other schools.

Trinity Montessori is certified by the American Montessori Society. The school offers a toddler class for children aged 18 months to two years and 10 months, and a class for three- to six-year-old children, including an extended-day kindergarten.

Call Sister Maureen Halack at (716)586-1044 for information.

SSJs schedule reflection for women of all faiths, ages

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester invite women of all ages and backgrounds who are interested in exploring spirituality to a reflection session at their motherhouse, 4095 East Ave., Rochester. The session will take place on Friday, March 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The free reflection is open to any woman — regardless of religious affiliation — who wishes

to supplement her spiritual life, learn about the meaning of religious life in the 1990s, or who may be considering a vocation to religious life.

Speakers for the free evening programs are Sisters Mary Lourdes MacCarthy, Eileen Conheady and Marilyn Pray.

Call Sister Barbara Lum at (716)586-1000, ext. 28, for information.

Missionary sister recalls experience of adapting to life, work in Brazil

By Sue Iekel
Nazareth Academy

She has been a Sister of St. Joseph for 25 years and has spent the last 10 of those as a missionary in Brazil. A native of Canandaigua, Sister Dolores Turner is the most recent addition to Nazareth Academy's staff.

Sister Turner grew up in a small family with just her parents and a younger brother. She went to high school at Nazareth Academy and during that time, read books about and became interested in the missionary life. In 1964, she joined the Sisters of St. Joseph, a congregation which at that time was made up primarily of teachers and nurses.

Choosing to become a teacher, Sister Turner thought that she was giving up her chance at a life in the missions. Shortly after that, however, the Sisters of St. Joseph were asked to found a mission in Brazil. Sister Turner did not get to work in South America immediately, but instead taught junior high school and high school science for 15 years. In 1979, she was finally sent to Brazil.

One of her most memorable experiences from her first year was the language school that she had to attend. It was a four-month school created to teach Portuguese to incoming missionaries.

"It was strictly conversation and memorizing dialogues," Sister Turner said. "There was no grammar, no explanation of why words were where they were — and worst of all — we weren't allowed to speak any English."

After only four weeks of this situation, each of the students was sent out to live with a Brazilian family for one week. Sister Turner said that it was difficult — and certainly an experience — but probably one of the best things

that could have happened.

"It gave me an opportunity for close contact and friendship with Brazilians who really opened their homes and everything they had to me," Sister Turner said.

"The first time I was ever there — before I went to the language school — I went to a Mass in the community that I eventually came to work in," Sister Turner recalled of her first experience in Brazil. "During the Mass, Father must have introduced me, but of course I didn't know it because I didn't speak the language. Afterward, people came over and introduced themselves and talked to us. I couldn't understand (them), but it was a beautiful experience."

After about two years, Sister Turner came to understand what was said to her. "But that doesn't mean that they knew what I was saying!"

In Brazil, Sister Turner worked as a leader of a small base Christian community outside of Uberlandia and then in a squatters' camp in Goiania. Her work was similar to that of a parish pastor here, but in an extremely different setting.

Sister Turner worked in every aspect of community life, from leadership groups to literacy courses to teaching occupational skills to juvenile offenders. She met with the leaders of neighborhood groups every other week for Bible study and talk about problems. Sister Turner also worked with the catechumens and with groups of the poor working women to help them understand the need to support each other and come to agreements about their jobs.

Currently, Sister Turner is in the United States to study Scripture for the next two years. After that she would like to return to Brazil and join her community again.

Cardinal Mooney High School

What do you look for in a school?

ALINA MARTINEZ, senior

A school that prepares me to meet and overcome challenges; a place that emphasizes learning as well as enjoying life; a school that supports the individual.



As Teens See It

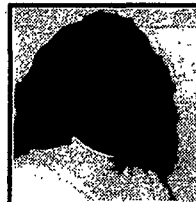
KEVIN AMAN, senior

I look for a school that will provide me with a solid educational background on which to build a secure future. I want a place to grow and be accepted.



GAIL BALCERZAK, senior

My school has to prepare me for life's challenges — both spiritually and academically. While studying, I can learn to become a part of a community that cares.



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This week's question:

What was the name of the nursery rhyme that Mozart composed at the age of 5?

A:

Name

Address

City

Zip Code

School

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All entries must be received within seven days of this paper's issue date. Winning names and answers will be printed the week following each drawing.

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Name

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City

State

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