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Fr. Raymond Bartoldus, OFM Cap., missionary to post-war Japan

Father Raymond Bartoldus, O.F.M. Cap., who worked in the Marriage Encounter Movement in Interlaken from 1981 to 1982, died on Sunday, August 28, 1988 at St. John's Riverside Hospital in Yonkers. He was 73.

Son of the late John and Katherine Horsting Bartoldus, Father Bartoldus was born on August 24, 1915, in New York City. He was baptized in Capuchin-staffed St. Michael's Church in the East New York section of Brooklyn.

Father Bartoldus attended St. Michael Elementary School, Brooklyn, for seven years prior to entering the Capuchin minor seminary at Garrison, N.Y., in 1928. On July 22, 1933, he entered the Capuchin Order at St. Felix Friary, Huntington, Ind., where he pronounced first vows on July 23, 1934.

Father Bartoldus studied philosophy at Mary Immaculate Friary in Garrison from 1935 to 1937. He pronounced his perpetual vows on July 23, 1937, at Mary Immaculate Friary. From 1937 to 1940, Father Bartoldus studied theology at St. Anthony Seminary, Marathon, Wisc., and was ordained a priest on June 23, 1940, at St. Mary's Church in Marathon by the late Bishop William R. Griffin, bishop of LaCrosse, Wisc.

From 1941 to 1947, he was a member of the faculty of the college seminary at Mary Immaculate Friary, where he taught courses in biology.

At the conclusion of World War II, the Capuchin Order was asked to assume pastoral responsibility of the war-torn Ryukyu Islands in southern Japan. Father Bartoldus was assigned along with Father (later bishop) Felix Ley, O.F.M. Cap., to launch the Capuchin presence in the islands.

Later, in 1953, the decision was made to begin another missionary effort on the southern Ryukyu Island of Yaeyama. Father Bartoldus served as pastor of the even smaller Catholic community on Yaeyama until 1956, when he was asked to teach at the Ryukyu University on the Island of Okinawa. He taught classes in philosophy, religion and culture for two years. All of his classes were taught in Japanese, which helped him to become acquainted with his students. At the time, he was the only foreign professor who lectured in Japanese.

In 1959, Father Bartoldus returned to the island of Yaeyama as pastor of the Catholic community there. He also served as pastor of several other parishes on the island of Okinawa prior to his return to the United States in 1970.

In 1981, Father Bartoldus was assigned to St. Fidelis Friary, Interlaken, where he worked in the Marriage Encounter Movement until 1982. He also served in the Marriage Encounter Movement from 1982 to 1984 while assigned to Mary Immaculate Friary.

In 1984, Father Bartoldus requested and was

given permission to return to his beloved missionary work in southern Japan. He served there until suffering a paralyzing stroke in May, 1985. He returned to the United States and — while living in residence at Mary Immaculate Friary — underwent physical rehabilitation. He was able to take up residence at Sacred Heart Friary, Yonkers, in 1987, where he was assigned until the time of his death.

Father Bartoldus is survived by two brothers,

Eugene of Brooklyn and Gerald of Hackensack, New Jersey; and two sisters, Patricia Larkin of Ridge, N.Y., and Audrey Colvin of Huntington.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Father Raymond Bartoldus Memorial Scholarship Bourse for the training of future Capuchin Friars, 110 Shonnard Place, Yonkers, N.Y., 10703.

Schools

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something similar," Kirst said.

The principal of one such school — St. John the Evangelist in Greece — can attest to the positive impact of eliminating negative terms. When students at St. John's don't meet the criteria for promotion at the end of a school year, their report cards note that they've been promoted to the same grade, rather than "failed" or "held back."

"We do a lot of counseling with students, and I give report cards out individually and privately," said Sister Marilyn Reeves, SSJ. "Students often share with me that they know it's their own fault. It isn't such a traumatic experience here."

Sister Reeves and other principals noted that although the passing standard for students in grades 1-6 was lowered, diocesan criteria for promotion remains unchanged. Students in grades 7 and 8 must earn a rating of D or better in each major subject area, whereas students in grades 1-6 may be promoted if the average of their grades in all major subject areas totals 75 percent — C or better.

Thus, none of the principals contacted regarded the change as a lowering of diocesan standards. "The only way standards lower in a school is if the teacher and the principal lower their expectations," said Thomas G. Bahr, principal of Our Lady of Good Counsel School and Genesis Junior High.

The 75-percent standard for passing in grades 1-6 was high in comparison to several public school districts in the diocese. The public schools of Auburn and Corning generally regard passing as 70 percent or higher, while the Rochester City School District's standard is 60 percent.

The former diocesan elementary standard left "too much span on the lower end of the scale," Bahr said, and thus did not reflect gradual improvement on the part of students earning below-passing grades. The inclusion of a new D-plus grade at the junior-high level should similarly encourage older students — especially in light of the state Board of Regents'

demanding new requirements on seventh- and eighth-graders, he noted.

Bahr, along with other principals, credited diocesan staff and members of the report-card committee for incorporating many ideas and suggestions gleaned directly from grass-roots sources. "The changes came, not from the diocesan office, but from teachers themselves," said Sister Brian Madigan, SSJ, principal of St. Mary's School in Waterloo.

Impetus from teachers and principals was in fact what prompted diocesan education officials to look critically at the 10-year-old report card. The committee, which included principals from each of the diocese's regional principals' associations, began in 1986 to collect ideas and suggestions from across the diocese and from other dioceses throughout the country.

During the 1986-87 school year, nine diocesan schools agreed to test the new report card. Several changes in grading procedure — including the addition of a D-plus grade in junior high — were adopted as a result of reaction from parents and teachers in the pilot schools.

The new report card's expanded information on skills and curriculum is a change welcomed by Nancy Ferris, a parent whose children attend Nazareth Hall, one of the pilot schools. "For parents, the real important thing is not so much how grades are divvied up, but that parents know what the curriculum is," Ferris said. "Grades don't mean much if you don't know what the child is getting."

While the revised report card has earned favorable reactions, several principals hope further changes are ahead. "This is not the end-all as far as report cards go," concluded Vincent Moschetti of Corning's All Saints Academy. "I think we're going in the right direction."

The revisions reflect a goal toward which Catholic education has been striving for many years, according to Sister Alice Marie Kurtz, SSJ, principal of St. Mary's School in Canandaigua. "We're trying to stress the positive with our children by guiding them to reach their highest potential, whatever that may be for the individual," she said. "When you can have a positive self-esteem from an early age, you are going to really reflect that are you go on in life?"

Sister Marie Kalb, RSCJ; devoted to Our Lady

Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Marie Kalb of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Albany.

She died September 8, the 58th anniversary of her final profession of vows to the order. She was 87 years old.

Sister Kalb was born in Rochester in 1901. She graduated from St. Boniface School and lived at home until August 14, 1922, when she entered the order. She made her final profession in 1930.

Noted for her devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, her sense of humor and her deep interest in people, Sister Kalb worked at a number of convents as a receptionist. She spent most of her years as a sister in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. She also served in Grosse Point, Mich., and Noroton, Conn. Troubled by arthritis, she lived the last years of her life at the order's convent in Albany.

Sister Kalb is survived by two brothers, Frederick W. and Robert H. Kalb, both of Rochester, and several nieces and nephews.

Mass slated for Rochester native Francis Kavanagh

Mr. Francis Kavanagh, a Rochester native who spent 30 years in the United States Navy, died Thursday, Sept. 15, 1988 at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego. He was 59.

A graduate of Immaculate Conception School in Rochester, Mr. Kavanagh was a member of Madison High School's Class of 1946.

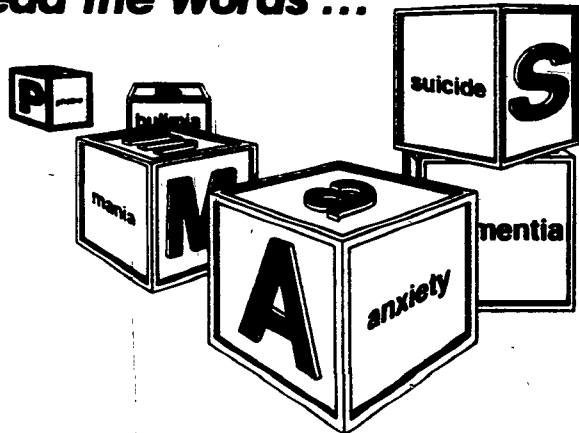
He joined the navy when he was 18, and was a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Mr. Kavanagh is survived by his sister, Eileen Butz, of Rochester; two brothers, John of Tampa, Florida, and Gerald of Albion; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Interment was at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego.

Father Dominic F. Mockevicius will celebrate a Mass of the Resurrection for family and friends at noon on October 1, at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 11 N. Main St., Churchville.

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happy life for herself after years of being ignored and belittled by Nobu, Masi must deal with pressures not only from her husband and daughters to return to the nest, but also fight her own sense of insecurity and guilt at having left a longstanding marriage. For a Japanese-American woman in her mid-60s, this would never have been an easy decision to make or to sustain.

But sustain it she does, and it is a joy to behold her incredible ability to restore her bat-

tered self-esteem and find happiness and a more balanced relationship with a gentle widower (Sab Shimono).

"The Wash" is not only a study of conflict between old and new mores within one ethnic American family, it is also one of the few films that takes seriously the realities of aging, and paints a sensitive picture of loss and renewal, and the healing power of love and happiness.

Because of incidental rough language, a fairly explicit sexual encounter within marriage and implications of a sexual liaison and cohabitation outside marriage, the U.S. Catholic Conference's classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America has not issued a rating for this film.

Singer

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to use her tour as a means of raising public awareness of the organization's work.

An informational booth about Habitat for Humanity will be stationed at each show on the tour. Amelia Parsons, director of recruitment for the group in Americus, Ga., is one of two organization representatives who are traveling with Grant. She sees the tour as a "way into the Christian community" that turns out to see the singer. Although there are no plans to donate concert proceeds to the organization, both Chapman and Grant's press agent, Chaz Corzine, said it was a future possibility.

During the afternoon before their concert at the War Memorial, Grant and Chapman appeared at the site of two houses Habitat for

Humanity was building on Rochester's Hollister Street. They signed autographs and spoke to the local media before pounding a few nails in the frames. Corzine said several charitable organizations had previously sought the singer's endorsement, but she has consistently refused to lend her name to any cause until now. "We didn't want to get involved halfheartedly with anyone," Corzine said.

Chapman said that eventually the tour band would like to spend a whole week working at a Habitat construction site to symbolize their commitment to the organization. "I think the desire is to create awareness," Chapman said. "The thing actually works."

Grant welcomed the construction-site visit as an opportunity to meet people. "I love this kind of environment," she said, noting that touring tends to strain her perception of ordinary life. "I need this hopefully as much as they need me," Grant said.