

Virginia L. Hussong, 70, teacher Religious

Mass of Christian Burial for Virginia L. Hussong, a lifelong teacher of languages and active Hornell resident, was celebrated Monday, April 10, 1989, at St. Ann's Church, Hornell. Father Elmer J. Schmidt was the principal celebrant. Concelebrating were Fathers Ronald Antinarelli, Paul Cuddy, John Hedges, James Jaeger, Robert MacNamara and Jeremiah Moynihan. Deacon Robert McCormick assisted.

Miss Hussong died Thursday, April 6, 1989, at home following a lengthy illness. She was 70 years old.

Born Sept. 1, 1918, to George and Florence Carty Hussong, Miss Hussong earned a bachelor's degree at Elmira College and a master's degree from the Catholic University of America. She also did graduate work at Alfred University, Syracuse University, and Hamilton College. Until her retirement in 1977, she taught French and Latin at Hornell High School.

A member of St. Ann's Parish, Miss Hussong served two terms as president of St. Ann's parish council; was a member of the Legion of Mary, Court St. Ann's 914; Catholic Daughters of America; and the Women's Board of St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell. She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the Hornell Library Boars, the Hornell Fortnightly Club and served on the city's planning board for many years.

Miss Hussong is survived by one sister, Rita Dempsey of Hornell; one brother, George Hussong of Brockport; seven nieces and nephews; and seven great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Ann's Church, 31 Erie Ave., Hornell, N.Y., 14843; St. Ann's School, 27 Erie Ave., Hornell; or to Southern Tier Hospice Inc., 175 Grand Central Ave., Elmira Heights, N.Y., 14903.

Death penalty

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sue," Rev. Witmer said.

The Catholic diocesan Division of Social Ministry has already sent to each parish information packets about the death penalty. Homilists have been asked to speak about the death penalty at Masses on the weekend of April 15/16. Father John Firpo, director of the division, said that diocesan officials will continue to write and call legislators, and urge the people of the diocese to do the same until the time of the override vote.

Rev. Witmer was disappointed that more area legislators did not attend or sent representatives to Monday's breakfast.

However, he said, legislators not at the breakfast will receive copies of the statement, and GEM, along with its member churches, will continue to lobby against the death penalty.

By choosing to jointly issue their statement, leaders of the religious community are indicating how important they believe the death penalty issue is, according to Bishop Burrell. Although each church represents a different economic or social make up, the Episcopal bishop said, unity on this issue has been born from a common Judeo-Christian heritage.

The coming together of a Christian churches divided in so many other ways, "gives a much more powerful witness," he said.

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"Maybe a whole different way of religious life will evolve," Sister Walsh added. "I don't think we need to bang down doors to say people need to be Sisters of St. Joseph or Sisters of Mercy. God is going to take care of us."

Aggravating the problem of declining vocations to women's religious orders is an attitude betrayed in the pope's letter that "expects women religious to be acted upon, and not be initiators as such," Sister Sobala opined. "For example, (the pope) says we have been 'asked' to make a serious response to renewal, we must be constantly 'exhorted' to renew. But these are really at the heart of what we are as women religious, irregardless of episcopal watchfulness."

Although the document calls for equality of men and women, its implication that women are of lesser status actually deters vocations, Sister Sobala contended, because women "don't see a future in the church that still undervalues women."

Sisters Pilot and Walsh both acknowl-

edged that, because many religious feared a more critical, conservative document based on the pope's previous pronouncements, the letter has attracted generally favorable response. Both likewise attribute some misunderstandings between the Vatican and U.S. religious to differing perceptions of the church. "I think essentially you have different cultures talking about the same things, so there would be a wide difference," Sister Pilot said.

"(The pope) perceives us and raises questions out of his own background," Sister Walsh said. "He's saying it out of what he knows."

Differing perceptions of church ministry — which exist not only between the pope and members of religious orders, but also between religious orders — are not necessarily bad, according to Sister Walsh.

"There should be room for everybody," she said. "When we try to put everyone in one mold, one way of doing things, there would be a revolt. It's our diversity that is our greatest gift."

Likewise, Sister Walsh views change as a necessary, though sometimes painful, part of the church's continuing existence. "If the church doesn't change, it's dead," she concluded.

Sister Mary Helen Schonhart, SSND, 98

Sister Mary Helen Schonhart, SSND, a former teacher at three diocesan elementary schools and a professed member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame for 74 years, died on Tuesday, April 11, 1989, at Lourdes Health Care Center in Wilton, Conn. She was 98 years old.

Sister Schonhart was born in Buffalo on Jan. 29, 1891. In addition to teaching at several other elementary schools in the northeast, she taught at Holy Family, Ro-

chester, from 1913-1917; Holy Redeemer, Rochester, from 1931-1947; and St. Michael's, Rochester, from 1957-1967.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, April 14. Interment was in St. Mary Cemetery in Bethel, Conn.

Donations in memory of Sister Schonhart may be made to the SSND Development Fund, 345 Belden Hill Rd., Wilton, Conn., 06897.

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