

## Obituaries

**Sister Therese Lang, SSJ; biochemist**

A funeral liturgy for Sister Therese Lang of the Sisters of St. Joseph was celebrated in the Motherhouse Chapel on May 31. Sister Therese died at St. Joseph Convent Infirmary on May 27. The principal celebrant was Monsignor William Shannon, assisted by Father Matt Temple, O. Carm. Also present were Fathers John Hayes, Joseph Trovato, John Murray and John Poluikis.

Sister Therese was a native of York, Pa., and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1956. She earned her baccalaureate degree from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, majoring in chemistry and biology; a master's degree from the State University of Iowa, Iowa City; and her doctorate from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisc., with a concentration in biochemistry.

Sister Therese began her teaching career at St. Agnes High School, where she taught from 1959 to 1967. In 1967 she joined the faculty of Nazareth College

where she served as assistant professor, associate professor, professor and, since 1977, as chairman of the chemistry department.

In 1976-1977 she worked at the Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry in Munich, Germany under a one-year grant awarded by the Max Planck Society. There she joined an international team of scientists to study the structure of the collagen molecule. Earlier she had participated in a three-month research project at the Max Planck Institute also devoted to the study of the collagen molecule.

In other years she worked as a researcher at the Institute for Cancer Research in Philadelphia and at the McCollum Pratt Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Her research has also included a study of the isolation of human pepsins at the University of Rochester and a study on the effects of boric acid on riboflavin metabolism at

Cornell University.

Sister Therese created the first biochemistry major in the Rochester area, and was committed to the holistic development of the human person. In crowded classrooms, she showed her students how scientists go about understanding the world, endeavored to prevent them from being intimidated by science, and prepared a citizenry-informed about science.

In her role as health-professions adviser, Sister Therese assisted students in the selection of health careers and in applying for admission to medical or other health-profession schools.

Sister Therese is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, H. Walter and Marie Lang of Rochester Hills, Mich.; her niece and nephews; cousins; as well as her Sisters in the Congregation of St. Joseph.

Contributions may be made to St. Joseph Convent Infirmary.

**Charles 'Papa' McVeigh, 91**

An Irish immigrant who had been a dedicated employee to the Regional Transit Service for 52 years, Charles P. McVeigh, died at St. Ann's Home March 14, 1995 after a long illness.

Mr. McVeigh was born in Northern Ireland on June 6, 1902, the third of seven children. After losing both parents as a child, he and two of his brothers came to the United States.

In 1921, at age 19, Mr. McVeigh got a job washing streetcars for the New York State Electric Railway Company, the forerunner of RTS. When he retired at age 72, he was the most senior employee at the company.

In 1989, Mr. McVeigh entered St. Ann's Heritage complex due to failing health. Two years later, he was trans-

ferred to the nursing facility. According to his son, Richard, Mr. McVeigh remained active in his faith while a St. Ann's resident, spending hours in the chapel and attending Mass daily.

Mr. McVeigh was predeceased by his wife, Marian, whom he married in 1930 at St. Salome's Church, Irondequoit. He also was predeceased by his brother, Father Thomas F. McVeigh, who died in 1992.

Mr. McVeigh is survived by his two sons, Robert and Thomas; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren to whom he was known as "Papa;" and his youngest brother, Edward J. McVeigh of Annapolis, Md.

His funeral was held at St. Ann's on March 18, 1995.

- Scott VanDerveer

**Sister Dash; longtime teacher**

A funeral Mass for Sister Ancilla Dash of the Sisters of St. Joseph was celebrated in the Motherhouse Chapel on May 23, 1995. The principal celebrant and homilist was Rev. John S. Hayes, assisted by Monsignor Joseph Sullivan, Fathers Donald Curtiss, Thomas Mull, John Norris and Joseph Donovan.

Sister Ancilla, a Rochester native, entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Augustine Parish in 1930. She was a graduate of Nazareth Normal School.

Sister Ancilla taught in diocesan parochial schools for 32 years. Among the schools in which she taught are: Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Bridget, Holy Apostles, St. Lucy, St. Ambrose, Immaculate Conception, Blessed Sacrament, all

of Rochester; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; Ss. Peter and Paul, Elmira; St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport; and Holy Trinity, Webster.

Sister Ancilla was later executive housekeeper at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, for 10 years and assistant administrator of St. Joseph Convent Infirmary for six years. She was also housekeeping supervisor at the infirmary for 11 years. She retired from active duty in 1991.

Sister Ancilla is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Joseph (Virginia) Porreca and Sister Mary George Dash; brother and sister-in-law, George and Rhoda Dash, all of Rochester; nieces and nephews, as well as her Sisters in the Congregation of St. Joseph.

**Gerard Marks, active in Baltimore archdiocese**

Gerard Joseph Marks, an Aquinas Institute graduate who later held several lay positions in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Md., died Monday, April 24, 1995, at his home in Silver Springs, Md. He was 79.

Mr. Marks was a native of Brooklyn. In the Baltimore archdiocese he was co-founder of St. Camillus Parish and School. He was also active in CYO, Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus. In recent years he was involved with

Right to Life, rosary devotion and nocturnal adoration. He also served as vice-president of Catholics Committed to Support the Pope, and was instrumental in the publishing of a 10-volume series on official church teaching.

Mr. Marks is survived by his wife, Virginia; six children; two sisters; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The Mass of Christian Burial and interment for Mr. Marks were April 27.

**Sister Murphy; teacher, director**

A funeral Mass for Sister Hilda Murphy of the Sisters of St. Joseph was celebrated in the Motherhouse Chapel on May 26, 1995. The principal celebrant was Monsignor William H. Shannon assisted by Father John Hayes, Donald Curtiss, Monsignor Gerard Krieg.

Sister Hilda was a native of Geneva and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Francis de Sales Parish of that city in 1923. She was sent to D'Youville College, Buffalo, where she majored in Latin and Greek. She later earned a master's degree at Cornell University.

Sister Hilda taught at Nazareth Academy for 21 years. In 1947 she was appointed assistant director of novices of the Sisters of St. Joseph and later director of postulants, a position she held for 16 years.

In 1970 Sister Hilda opened and directed the Prayer Center of the Sisters of St. Joseph on Mt. Vernon Avenue. In 1977 she served as coordinator of the Religious Life Resource Center located at the order's motherhouse.

Due to failing health she retired to St. Joseph Convent Infirmary in 1991.

Sister Hilda is survived by cousins, including Daniel and Joyce Driscoll of Geneva, as well as her Sisters in the Congregation of St. Joseph.

**Dominican Sister Mary Michael**

ELMIRA - Sister Mary Michael, OP, who served as a Dominican sister in the Order of Preachers for more than 40 years, died Friday, March 17, 1995. She was 79 years old.

The former Patricia Claus was born in Rochester and later moved to Sodus with her family. She was employed as a registered nurse for several years before she became a postulant with the Dominican nuns in 1954 at the age of 38. She made her solemn profession in 1958.

Although Sister Mary Michael suffered from a variety of ailments such as recurring migraine headaches and she underwent a number of surgeries in the latter stages of her life at the Dominican Monastery of Mary the Queen, 1310 W. Church St., she still dedicated herself to carrying out duties such as sub-prioress and infirmarian. She also enjoyed woodworking, gardening, reading and caring for animals.

- Mike Latona

**Marian Conference moving this year to Mercy High School**

BRIGHTON - The second annual Rochester Marian Conference has been scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 5. It will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the auditorium of Our Lady of Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom Road.

Speakers and presenters will comprise clergy, authors and recording artists. One of the scheduled guest speakers is *Catholic Courier* columnist Father Albert J. Shamon, who also lectured at the inaugural Rochester Marian Conference in July of 1994. That three-day event was held at the Rochester Convention Center.

Other scheduled speakers are Bishop Roman Danylak, a Ukrainian priest from Toronto who has lectured at several Marian conferences in the United States, Canada and the Philippines; Bud Macfarlane Sr., a nationally recognized expert on Marian apparitions; and Janice T. Connell, an author and attorney who has given up her law practice to devote herself to lecturing at Marian activities.

Also available to the Aug. 5 Marian Conference participants are a room for adoration; an opportunity for confession; a 5 p.m. Mass with Father Shamon; and religious items that will be both sold and given away.

The conference has been endorsed by Bishop Matthew H. Clark, who stated in a letter, "I am pleased that our diocese hosts this marvelous event dedicated to Mary and devoted to the topic of the family."

The Queen of Peace Apostolate, a non-profit organization based in Canandaigua, is sponsoring the conference. Father Shamon is the apostolate's spiritual director.

Linda Josh, who is serving as the Marian Conference coordinator, said the event's purpose is to reinforce, through devotion to the Blessed Mother, our proper priorities as Catholics.

"It's to awaken us as to what's going on with the Eucharist - to stay focused on what our goals should be. Mary makes it clear what the tools are - prayer, confession, conversion and Mass," said Josh, who directs the Marian Center located at 389 Ridge Road E., Rochester.

"Mary's saying, 'You've got to wake up, and you don't have forever to wake up,'" added Josh.

The Marian Conference is open to anyone age 12 or older. Tickets are \$15 per adult, and \$5 for youths ages 12-17. Lunch, not included in the registration cost, also will be available.

Seating capacity is limited to 1,000, so participants are encouraged to pre-register as soon as possible. For registration details, call the Marian Center at 716/467-8570 or Marie Vasile at 716/586-8053.

- Mike Latona

**Social ministry moves to new Geneva offices**

GENEVA - Finger Lakes Social Ministry, a regional office of Catholic Charities, has moved its main offices from 110 Exchange St. to the third floor of One Franklin Square, the corner of Exchange and Seneca Streets, effective July 3, 1995. The building is equipped with an elevator, which makes the new offices fully accessible.