

DIOCESAN NEWS

Recognizing

★ Students in grades seven and eight at **Our Lady of Mercy High School** in Brighton raised more than \$500 for the American Heart Association's Annual Hoops for the Heart fundraiser. Sponsors pledged money for various basketball activities completed during Jan. 17-21. Meanwhile, the Children's Hospital at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester has given students in Mercy's grades seven-12 its "Miracle Maker Award" for raising more than \$5,400 in the May 1999 "Stroll for Strong Kids" walkathon. The proceeds benefited the hospital.

★ An anonymous donor has given **DeSales High School** in Geneva \$40,000 to upgrade the school's science laboratories and computer equipment.

★ **The Nazareth College Choir**, directed by **Dr. Mark Ziegler**, performed "The Guadalupe Magnificat" in Sicily, Italy, during its March 11-18 tour there.

The piece, which sets the ancient Christian prayer to Latin American melodies and rhythms, was composed by area musician **Glenn McClure**. The choir was accompanied on its tour by the Geneseo-based steel drum band, **Panloco**, under the direction of **Ted Canning**.

★ Between Jan. 24 and 31, students at **Our Mother of Sorrows School** in Greece collected more than 2,100 non-perishable food items that were donated to the Greece Food Shelf. In the past few months, the students have also collected household items for an area hospice and Christmas toys for children from low-income families.

★ **The Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation**, a joint project of the Roman Catholic and Episcopal dioceses of Rochester, raised \$38,000 at its Jan. 22 auction at Oak Hill Country Club, Pittsford. The funds will be used for projects to aid poor families and the elderly in need of home repairs.

Obituaries

Father John McManus, CSB, at 73

Father John Edward McManus, CSB, a Rochester native, died March 27, 2000, in Houston, Texas. He was 73.

Father McManus grew up in Our Lady of Good Counsel parish and attended Good Counsel School and Aquinas Institute. He made his first vows in the Congregation of St. Basil in 1946, and was ordained a priest on June 29, 1955.

Father McManus received a master's degree at the University of Toronto in 1957. He went to work at the University of St.

Thomas in Houston in 1958. Among his responsibilities there was teaching Spanish and German. He retired in 1996.

He was predeceased by his brother, Robert, and is survived by his sister-in-law, Kathryn McManus of Fairport, and nephew, Daniel McManus.

Funeral services were held in the Chapel of St. Basil at the University of St. Thomas. A memorial Mass was celebrated at St. John of Rochester Church in Fairport April 7.



A peaceful, blustery day

Above, Elijah ("Nunni") Jackson, 4, laughs as the wind carries his kite skyward April 5. Nunni is one of several children participating in a peacemaking workshop conducted on Wednesday afternoons in the library of the high-rise at River Park Commons. Run by the St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, the peacemaking workshop is for children preschool age through junior high, particularly those living in nearby apartments and townhouses. Left, Emillio Acosta, 9, tries to untangle his kite string, which had wrapped around his body several times.



Andrea Dixon/Staff photographer

Sister Helen Garrity; was longtime teacher, administrator at Holy Angels in Irondequoit

Sister Helen Garrity, whose ministry at Holy Angels Convent in Irondequoit totaled nearly 60 years, died March 6, 2000, at Mercy Hospital in Buffalo. She was 96.

Sister Garrity was born in Buffalo. She entered the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity in 1922 and professed her final vows in 1925, taking the name Sister Immaculate Conception.

After teaching for eight years in Buffalo, Sister Garrity moved to Rochester in 1932 and began teaching at Holy Angels Home.

The institute, which had opened in 1930 at Holy Angels Convent, provided education for girls who came from difficult family situations and were referred to Holy Angels by courts and state agencies.

Sister Garrity became a fixture at the Irondequoit facility in the ensuing decades, serving in various administrative roles as Holy Angels Home expanded into a school.

"It was a semi-cloister because (the Holy Angels nuns) were so active with those young ladies," said Martin Q. Moll Sr., a

Catholic Courier board member who was also chairman of the Holy Angels Home board for 38 years.

Moll said that Sister Garrity exhibited strong, caring leadership in her work at Holy Angels. "She would just constantly be on top of any problem," he remarked.

In 1968 Sister Garrity was named president of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity North American Federation. She moved to Wisconsin and stayed in that position until 1971, when she returned to Holy Angels.

Although Holy Angels School closed in 1976 and some of the campus buildings were sold, Sister Garrity continued to reside in Holy Angels Convent, 1280 Winton Road North, until she retired in 1994. She then moved to her order's convent in Hamburg, Erie County.

"She was a magnificent lady," Moll commented. "I couldn't hold any human being in higher esteem. She was the essence of purity, the essence of love."

Sister Garrity is survived by three sisters who are also Sisters of Our Lady of Charity: Sister Dorothy Garrity, Sister Mark Garrity and Sister Bernadette Garrity. Other survivors are her sisters Martha Eileen Robinson, Grace Veral and Jane Ritz; and several nieces and nephews.

Sister Garrity's funeral Mass was celebrated March 10, 2000, at Our Lady of Charity Convent in Hamburg. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Lackawanna, Erie County.

Donations in Sister Garrity's memory may be made to the Our Lady of Charity Educational Fund, 3800 Howard Road, Hamburg, NY 14075.

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