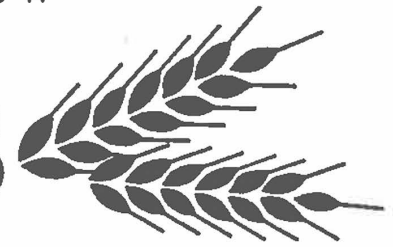


S T P A T R I C K ' S P A R I S H

In Focus



A wish comes true

Ruth Siewert, 93 years young, read the Parish Wish List in *In Focus* and decided to do something about it. She chose to use her time and talent to make a quilt and an afghan, with the idea of having them raffled to raise funds for an item on the Wish List.

Sophia Zeigler agreed to organize the selling of raffle tickets for her. Other assistance came from a few parishioners who helped to complete the top-stitching of the quilt.

The day of the raffle finally came, and whose names were drawn? Why, the winners are . . . Barbara Soltau, who won the quilt, and Matt Langendorf, who won the afghan! Both lucky winners are members of St. Patrick's.

And the money raised? "She made \$647! Excellent, wasn't it?" Sophia wrote to Fr. Remm. "Wonderful!" our pastor replied. "We should have a write-up in *In Focus*!" And so we have.

Ruth has asked that the money raised be used to help pay for the electronic equipment and software needed to preserve the parish archives for future generations, protecting them from loss due to fire or other disasters. Ruth's gift to the parish will be both lasting and everlasting. She joins Fr. Remm in thanking everyone who, by participating in the raffle, helped to make their shared wish come true. ■



Ruth Siewert, assisted by her daughter, Delores Rawlings (left), Fr. Remm, and daughter-in-law, Rita Siewert, draws one of the winning raffle tickets in her fund-raising effort for the purchase of electronic equipment for the parish.

Feasibility study for a Catholic high school

Regional meeting set for St. Patrick's, Feb. 23

An issue important to every one of us is coming before the priests, the people, and the community of Champaign County. That issue is the feasibility of a Catholic high school in this area.

People have strong feelings about this issue. But it is possible for good people to have differing opinions about it; it need not be a cause for division or dissension among us. It is important, however, that we clearly understand what a Catholic high school might mean for C-U so that we can make a realistic evaluation of our ability not only to begin it but to keep it going.

Bishop Myers has asked the parishes of Champaign and Piatt counties to cooperate in a process to determine whether (1) there is a sufficient pool of students for continuing enrollment, (2) parents who wish to enroll their children in a Catholic high school are able and willing to pay adequate tuition in addition to providing ongoing support of their parishes, (3) parishes are accepting of an annual subsidy from ordinary revenue to make up the difference between actual cost and tuition, and (4) a foundation can be established to provide an alternate form of ongoing support for a Catholic high school.

Only after answers are given to these questions would a second phase of the feasibility study be considered. If ongoing support is indicated, then a process will be initiated to determine whether there are sufficient monies

available to build and equip a new school, or to buy and renovate some existing building, if such is available. Accurate projections must be determined for new or renovated space along with land acquisition. The diocese has certain guidelines to ensure that a project can be funded with cash in hand, firm pledges, and loans that can be paid off in a limited span of time.

The Howard Braren Associates, Inc., of Davenport (Iowa), has been hired by the diocese to conduct this feasibility study. The money to pay for it has been donated by persons who have pursued this hope with the bishop. Mr. Howard Braren, in a meeting with representatives of the parishes in the area, has stated that his firm intends to conduct an impartial study so that an informed decision can be made by the responsible parties.

Pastors in the area have already been interviewed for their insights and opinions. During February, regional meetings are being arranged for parish leaders, interested parents, and persons who wish to evaluate the case statement. A questionnaire will be passed out at the meeting to register participants' reactions to the proposal.

The meeting at St. Patrick's will be on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the main hall. You are urged to plan to attend. ■



in our parish library

The Evangelizing Parish

By Patrick J. Brennan

Patrick J. Brennan is the founder and director of the Office for Chicago Evangelization and president of the National Council for Evangelization. He teaches at Loyola University's Institute of Pastoral Studies and Mundelein College's Graduate Religious Studies Program. And he is active in parish ministry, which has provided the experience that makes his writings insightful and on the mark. This book is no exception.

In *The Evangelizing Parish*, Fr. Brennan discusses in detail reasons for alienation from the Church as well as programmatic suggestions on how to reach out to alienated Catholics. A principle he emphasizes is that people do not return to church simply because other people are trying to get them back to church. He explains:

"People may return to active membership if a number of life situations push them in that direction and if they meet or are aware of a local community that communicates care and concern for them." What is needed, he says, are ministries of care and reconciliation. "Concern for the inactive member is an extension of the parish's ongoing pastoral care. Behind the reasons and issues often given for becoming inactive, there are often painful life issues that become connected with nonchurch attendance. The parish must communicate

concern for those real-life issues that are a cause of pain and estrangement."

His research and experience have shown some strategies to be effective in reaching out to inactive members, and he states them simply in this book. Here is a sampling:

- a. Training teams whose primary purpose is to listen to needs, nurture active members, and begin the process of reconciliation with inactive ones
- b. Needs-based adult education that addresses real issues in the personal, familial, and business worlds of the community
- c. Sacramental preparation that gives ample time to participants' questions of faith, the formation of relationships, and discernment of readiness for sacraments
- d. Extensive ministry of care to the sick and shut-ins
- e. Mini-catechumenal series that provide opportunities for those who want to update their knowledge and understanding

These are only a few of Fr. Brennan's suggestions for building bridges of reconciliation to the inactive member. You will find more in his book. "Inactive Catholics," he asserts, "need time to talk, good relationships with church members, new faith experiences, and new information about the Church." ■

Cyril and Methodius, saints of yesterday for today

As war rages through former Yugoslavia and the surrounding region, two brothers today venerated as saints are undoubtedly interceding for peace in the land they knew well during their years on earth.

Cyril and Methodius, sons of a senator, were born in Thessalonika, Greece, in 815 and 826. When young men, both held important positions; Cyril taught philosophy at the Imperial University in Constantinople, and Methodius was governor of a Slavic colony. In a shared desire for a more prayerful life, both retired to a monastery.

Their talents were soon needed. In 861 they were asked to bring the Christian faith to the Khazars, a tribe of people in southern Russia. They worked hard to learn the local language, which helped them to convert many to Christianity in a short time.

They soon traveled west to Moravia (now in the Czech Republic). Their ability to speak Slavonic, the local language, again helped them in their evangelism. Up to this time this language had no written characters, so nothing could be recorded in Slavonic. The brothers used their knowledge of Greek to invent an alphabet for the Slavic people—a tremendously valuable contribution to that society and culture as well as to the spread of Christianity through translation of the Bible and liturgical books.

The "Cyrillic" alphabet, a later version of their invention, is still used in Russia and in many other countries.

Opposition from certain bishops and Emperor Louis the German to the use of the "barbaric" Slavonic language in the liturgy brought the brothers to Rome in 869 to defend their work. While there, Cyril died. The pope blessed their work, however, consecrated Methodius a bishop, and sent him back to Moravia.

Imprisoned by hostile bishops on his return, for two years Methodius resumed alone the translation of scripture that he and Cyril had begun. After his release he continued to serve his people as their bishop, their shepherd, until his death in 885.

Even after all these centuries, Cyril and Methodius are still greatly honored in Central and Eastern Europe. With St. Benedict, they are co-patron saints of the continent of Europe.

We honor these talented and persevering brothers on Feb. 14. ■

Quick Fixin's from the kitchen of...

Ellen Noonan

Chicken Noodle Casserole

- 1 1/2 c medium noodles, cooked
- 1/2 c frozen peas, thawed
- 1 10-oz can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 4-oz pkg shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 c milk
- 1/2 c sour cream
- 1 c chicken (canned or cooked fresh)

Prepare noodles according to package directions, and drain. In a 2-quart casserole combine soup, half of the cheese, milk, and sour cream. Stir in the noodles, peas, and chicken. Bake at 350 degrees for 1/2 hour; remove from oven, stir, sprinkle



remaining cheese on top, and return to oven to bake for another 20 minutes.

Optional: Top with french-fried onions a few minutes before removing casserole from the oven. Tuna and cream of mushroom soup may be substituted for chicken and cream of chicken soup for a good Lenten dish!

"How can I help my son (wife, father, friend), who doesn't come to church any more?"

Do you have family members or close friends who have not been practicing their Catholic faith, or who have not been to church for some time?

Are you frustrated when your best efforts to reach out to these special people in your life seem only to drive them further away?

Do you find yourself defending the words or actions of another Catholic, of a priest or religious, or of the institutional Church instead of attending to the hurt a person suffers from?

Help is on the way.

St. Patrick's has had in place for two or three years a program called Remembering Church. Team members (Judy Conover, Mary Lou Menches, Leo Wood, and Barbara Wysocki) have participated in workshops and training sessions to develop understandings and skills for journeying with individuals who are confronting a variety of faith- and Church-related issues.

This team has adapted a process they themselves have worked through that can serve to support the family members and friends of people who, for any number of reasons, are not active participants of a worshiping parish community. If you find yourself asking the questions stated above, if your heart aches for loved ones whose hurt has resulted in separation from their

church community, then you will find that this process offers you understanding and help.

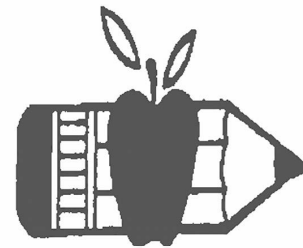
The process will be presented in a series of six sessions during which you will be invited to:

- a. learn practical strategies and suggestions on how to interact with someone struggling with matters of faith or a hurt (real or imagined) inflicted by a church community;
- b. deepen your spirituality as a family member or friend of someone no longer actively participating in a worshiping parish community;
- c. support one another and the inactive Catholics you know in coping with day-to-day matters.

The series will be offered on Thursdays beginning Mar. 2 and extending through Apr. 6. Each session will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the parish library and last for 2 hours.

There is no charge for the series, but a call to the parish office (367-2665) indicating your desire to participate will enable team members to have sufficient materials on hand for all who come.

This program is designed to coincide with Lent, beginning as it does on the day after Ash Wednesday and concluding the week before Easter—a good preparation for a joyful Easter celebration! ■



The Holy Cross School Newsline

Many St. Patrick's families were involved in First Reconciliation at Holy Cross on Dec. 10. These included the families of Christina Bonse, Caitlin Galer-Unti, Daniel Laesch, Ian Millsap, Catherine Nguyen, Garron Sanchez, Kathryn Schuster, Kevin Stanford, Matthew Fitton, and Alicia Tucker, who received the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time.

Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated the week of Jan. 30. This year's slogan is "Schools You Can Believe In." Holy Cross School students and faculty will begin each morning of this week with a communal prayer service in the gym. Other activities include school Mass, a spelling bee, pep assembly, open house/classroom visitation, and a talent show.

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by retired Bishop O'Rourke at Holy Cross Parish on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 2:00 p.m. ■

CHILI SUPPER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5
1:00 - 5:00 P.M.

WHAT COULD BE MORE INVITING ON A COLD WINTER'S DAY THAN A STEAMING BOWL OF CHILI WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS? BRING YOUR FAMILY AND JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AT ST. PATRICK'S FOR A DELICIOUS CHILI MEAL!

ADULTS, \$3.50
CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER, \$1.50
FAMILY, \$12

BABY SITTING AVAILABLE

Pancake Breakfast coming up!

On Jan. 29 the Knights of Columbus (Urbana Council) will host a "Fifth Sunday of the Month Pancake Breakfast."

Tickets will be sold at the door: \$4 per adult, \$2 per child, \$10 per family. Proceeds not only support K of C programs and special events or purchases for the developmentally handicapped, but also enable the Knights to provide for specific parish needs (such as the new furnace needed for the parish center) and the Fr. Charles Martell Scholarship (last year awarded to four graduating seniors from the parish).

Plan to lend your support to this worthy (and tasty) enterprise!

Parish Council News



At their January meeting Parish Council members heard a presentation by Nancy Steerman on the work of the Archives Committee and their objectives. For some time members have been gathering news clippings, photographs, and write-ups of interviews with long-time parishioners into notebooks to compile as complete a history of the parish as possible since its founding in 1901. A card index of names, places, and events will also be prepared.

They hope to interest a graduate student in History at the U of I to write a history of St. Patrick's Parish, making use of their notes, clippings, photographs, and interviews—perhaps in fulfillment of a requirement for an advanced degree.

Meanwhile parish sacramental records are being computerized, one of many such steps in getting all records on computer. How and where such records can be kept will depend largely on whether the electronic scanner, imaging software, and optical disk storage are acquired (see "What's on St. Patrick's Wish List?" in this issue).

The Development Committee is keeping busy too. Members have proposed the diocese's "Evangelization 2000" as a new program for the next fiscal year. Other projects include a parish Lenten mission in 1996, memorial binders for funeral directors' reference to encourage memorials benefiting the parish, and monitoring committees' progress in meeting 1995 objectives for achieving parish goals.

The board for the parish's Catholic Education Fund has met. Interest for the first three quarters totals \$7200.34; when records for the fourth quarter are final, 10% of the interest will be added to the Fund's principal, and the rest will go to supporting the parish's religious-education programs and helping with tuition expenses for St. Patrick's children enrolled at Holy Cross School.

As for the proposal for a Catholic high school for the C-U area, Fr. Remm said that all the pastors in the area have been interviewed and dates have been set for regional meetings with lay parishioners. The regional meeting at St. Patrick's will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the main hall of the parish center on Feb. 23. All parishioners are urged to attend this important meeting.

The Social Action Committee has not yet received a response to their application for

funds to support a proposed program to promote environmentally sensitive practices in the parish and in parishioners' lifestyles, but plans are progressing nonetheless. Dr. Daniel Martin, formerly of the United Nations committee on ecological matters, will speak at the U of I on Apr. 5 (Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.) on "An Ecological World View and the Restoration of the Human Spirit" as part of the Millercom lecture series.

On the following day, Apr. 6, Dr. Martin will have a breakfast meeting with pastors and their staffs on the role that churches can play in ecology. That evening Dr. Martin will speak again, this time at Holy Cross parish center (6-9 p.m.), on the topic "Faith, Justice, and Ecology," open to all interested persons.

Council members agreed to give \$100 to help pay for incidental expenses for the Mother-Daughter Breakfast on Mar. 19. Young girls in grades 6-9, attending the breakfast with their mothers, will listen to talks designed to pave the way to discussions of sexuality.

As an important first step in the budgeting process, the Financial Affairs Committee projected income of \$431,500 for FY 1995-96, based on the pattern of donations so far this year and over the last several years.

The following new program proposals were submitted to the Council by staff and committees: Evangelization 2000 (\$2000), Parish Lenten Mission during Lent 1996 (\$1000), Bereavement Ministry (\$500), Gift of Cana (\$900-\$1200). The cost to the parish (\$10,000-\$12,000) for the services of a retired priest, should Fr. Remm's invitation be successful, was also proposed for the budget. Proposed committee budgets and estimated costs for new programs now go to the Financial Affairs Committee, which will prepare a draft of the operating budget for the next fiscal year.

Fran Cousin and Joe Pavia, both of whom are in the last year of their terms on the Council, will serve on the election committee to prepare a slate of candidates for election to Council. They will seek out others to serve on this ad hoc committee. The annual election of new members will take place this year on Apr. 1-2.

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings. ■

Celebrating "Ordinary Time"

The Christian year is a balance of the extraordinary and the ordinary, a profile with peaks and plains. The peaks of Christmas and Easter are surely extraordinary, as are their preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent and the festive seasons that follow, lasting through Epiphany and the Day of Pentecost. But between these two extraordinary times, these mountains, are the great plains that we call Ordinary Time.

The word "ordinary" as it is used here is not a put-down. It means "regular" or "ordered." Nothing can be extraordinary unless something else is ordinary. The term also reminds us of "order" and "orderly," as when lectionary readings in Ordinary Time go in an orderly (and ordered) way through books of the Bible.

Though Ordinary Time includes a slightly different part of the calendar each year, depending on the date of Easter, it is roughly the months of January and February and of June through November. Individual days stand out rather than seasons. There may be church anniversaries and homecomings. We may join in celebrating national holidays, with a picnic or a family reunion or a church service—or all three. These days help us break through the wall in our imaginations that separates the sacred from the secular so that we can celebrate the whole of life.

The Christian calendar itself sprinkles extraordinary days through Ordinary Time like solitary mesas rising from the plains: the Baptism of the Lord, the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the Transfiguration, Trinity Sunday, All Saints Day, Christ the King. We remember St. Patrick on March 17, Mary Magdalene on July 22, those extraordinary brothers Cyril and Methodius on February 14, and any number of other saints whose days occur during Ordinary Time.

The greatest challenge in celebrating Ordinary Time creatively is not that there are so few possibilities but that there are so many. You are invited to throw caution to the winds and launch out on a journey of discovery! ■



Greetings from Susan Nagele...

The following Christmas letter, dated Dec. 4, arrived while the last issue of *In Focus* was at the printer. Since greetings from Susan are never out of season, we invite you to enjoy her latest message of peace and hope.

Dear friends,

Greetings once again from Nimule, Southern Sudan. We are preparing to celebrate our third Christmas in the same place, albeit with some changes!

During my three-month home leave last summer the diocesan personnel and expatriate relief workers in Nimule had to leave because of insecurity related to the war. When I returned to Nairobi in August, the bishop asked me to go to another border town, called Parajok, with a team of five other people. We all visited there on Aug. 30, but it was clear there was not enough work for a doctor there. At the same time our travel overland in northern Uganda was also hampered by insecurity. The government of Sudan was supplying Ugandan rebels with land mines, and we met two incidents on the road that weren't very pretty.

Finally, on Sept. 20, Fr. John Garry and I returned to Nimule to assess the situation, and I knew immediately that this was where we should be. The local authorities estimated there were 34,000 people in Mogali I, 9000 people in Mogali II, and 5000 people in Nimule (although the actual number was probably only 30,000 in total). Health care was being provided by one good medical assistant, three poor medical assistants, and one Irish nurse.

Two Sudanese and one Ethiopian doctor had left for different reasons. Bakhita dispensary was now occupied by the local authorities as the out-patient department of the hospital. Although they offered to

return it to us, we felt the need was greater in the displaced camps, and when Sr. Sean returned from her break on Sept. 29, we began working there.

Displaced persons are among the most disadvantaged. They haven't crossed a national border, so they are not eligible for assistance provided to refugees. Neither the government of Sudan nor the Sudanese rebels provide anything. So they are totally dependent on the local church and international non-governmental organizations for assistance.

We have really enjoyed these last two months and are looking forward to welcoming Marj Humphrey on Dec. 12. She is also a Maryknoll lay associate and a physician's assistant.

Again, we are not sure what the future holds. The front is 12 miles north of us at the Aswa River. The rains have been unusually heavy, and the river is full and hard to cross. But the rain is starting to peter out, and the government will almost surely try to move again in the dry season. So for the moment we are not building any big projects. We are just trying to meet the current needs and bring some hope for peace and good will toward all.

I hope this Christmas season brings the same to each of you and many blessings in the New Year.

Merry Christmas,

Susan

Susan's address, should you like to write, is: Diocese of Torit, c/o NCA - Box 52802, Nairobi, Kenya. ■



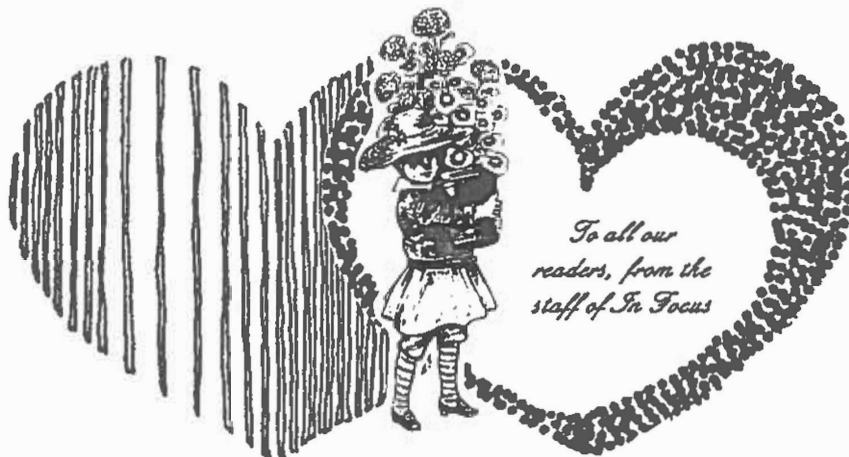
Welcome to new parishioners James and Rose Breen, Teresa Brennan, Bridget Budde, Scott Cimarusti, John and Margaret Crosson, Margaret Kearns, Barbara and Nicholas Koch, Steven Miklasz, Ramona and Thomas Watkins.

Farewell to the following parishioners who have moved from C-U: Al and Ruth Mytty, Michelle and Scott Vance.

Congratulations to Carrie Ann Curtis and William Clark Mulvaney, married at St. Patrick's.

We welcome the following, recently baptized into our faith community: Sydney Rose Colussi, Justin Glenn Matson Donovan, Jessica Page Elliott, Alyssa Lynn Ross, Alexander James Ross.

Please pray for deceased parishioner Helen Marie Cuppernell. ■



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Please leave news items in the Communications Committee mail bin in the parish center, or call a committee member. All submissions are subject to review and/or editing by the committee. By-lines are generally omitted.

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Virginia Alane, Guild president, helps prepare the Trees of Christmas exhibit.

St. Patrick's Guild, a society of and for the parish

St. Patrick's Guild has been busy recruiting new members and restoring some popular parish activities.

The main source of revenue for the Guild, providing the income needed to support the group's charitable expenditures, is the annual Cellar-to-Garret Sale. Each year's Sale relies on the assistance of an increasing number of parish workers for its success.

Headed up for many years by Oscar and Lucille Kocher, this major parish fund-raising event has been co-chaired for the last few years by Irma and Ray Wait and Pat and Norm Donze. Those who "work" the Sale see it as an opportunity to help the parish financially, since the profits from the Sale directly benefit the parish.

One of the organizers behind reinstatement of the popular "Trees of Christmas and Holiday Traditions around the World" has been Virginia Alane, Guild president for the last four years.

This exhibit provides to parishioners and the local community a visual experience of Christmas in other countries as it may have been observed many years ago. While the exhibit does raise funds, its primary objective is to serve as an educational resource for the local community.

This year, reservations were received from over 60 schools in the area, some as far away as Mattoon. Groups of senior citizens, nursing home residents, children from day care centers, and Urbana High School students came to tour the exhibit. People in wheelchairs found it easy to get around the display. Attendance during the week-long exhibit totaled 2598 schoolchildren and 659 adults.

Once the exhibit has been dismantled and the ornaments carefully wrapped and stored, planning begins for the following year's exhibit, with workshops soon to follow.

How does the Guild use its income to benefit the parish? In the last three years this group has spent \$4400 for the priests' residence for carpeting, a washer-dryer, a new ceiling for the second-story apartment, and a microwave oven.

In addition, St. Patrick's Guild has contributed \$5000 toward the overall cost of repairing and refurbishing the church's stained glass windows and over \$6000 to help with the expense of new inside and outdoor lighting for the church.

Both lighting projects were cooperative efforts. The Guild paid for the materials, and the Building and Grounds Committee members provided the labor. As you more easily make your way to and from the church these winter evenings, remember with gratitude and appreciation our handy and generous members of the Building and Grounds Committee—and St. Patrick's Guild! ■

Be part of a health-care solution

St. Patrick's Parish is a member of the interfaith Council of Congregations and supports its services to the community.

Now the Council offers members of St. Patrick's an opportunity to engage in hands-on, person-to-person service to others. You are invited to volunteer your help in one of two programs, Hospital Support or Friendly Visiting.

Hospital Support: You provide one-time services to help hospital patients and their families, as requested by social workers at local hospitals.

Friendly Visiting: You "adopt a granny" (or younger person) who is trying to maintain independent living at home, or who has moved to a retirement community or nursing home and needs the encouragement a visit can give. Perhaps you'll write letters, or read mail, or help by shopping for a gift for a grandchild. In this program, you two establish a long-term relationship based on mutually convenient visits.

The Hospital Support program, in particular, needs more volunteers now. Here are some examples of service in this program:

A woman new to the community is discharged from the hospital after treatment for a broken ankle. A volunteer helps her with grocery shopping.

Three small children are brought to a C-U hospital after an automobile accident near Mattoon. When discharged, they need clothing. A volunteer picks up the necessary items at Empty Tomb.

Four or five volunteers take turns driving a young woman to dialysis treatments every Thursday. Others take an elderly woman to dialysis treatments twice a week.

While returning to Carbondale, a Southern Illinois University student with a seven-month-old daughter is involved in a 10-car accident during a snowstorm. The car, damaged beyond repair, is towed to Rantoul. Mother and baby spend the night in a motel after emergency-room treatment. The next morning, they are welcomed into the home of a volunteer couple. Another couple invites them to spend the afternoon, while a volunteer drives to Rantoul to retrieve their belongings from their car. That evening a volunteer drives mother and child to the train for Carbondale and later arranges free storage for the car until it can be sold for scrap.

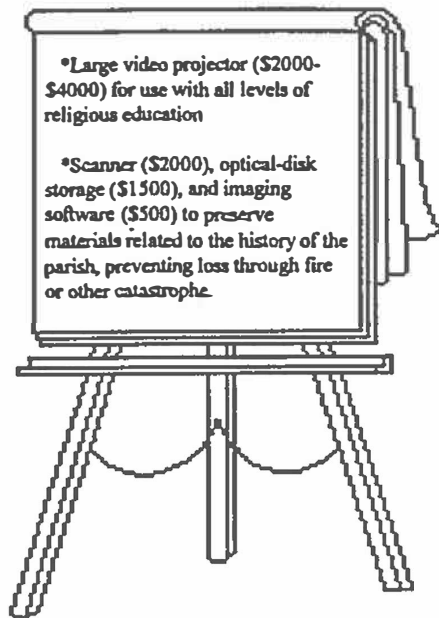
The key feature of the Hospital Support program is that you do a good deed at a specific time, upon request, and then are finished. There is no long-term commitment. You are unlikely to be called on more than once a month, and it is understood that you may not be available for a particular request. For this reason a large pool of volunteers is needed. On the other hand, there will be times when your "yes" will make a difference that only you can make—and that may be a source of tremendous satisfaction for you.

To offer your help, call Peggy Whelan, St. Patrick's delegate to the Council of Congregations, at 367-3668 (evenings). If you prefer, you can leave your name and telephone number at the parish office (367-2665), and Peggy will return your call. You can also sign up at a table in Coffee Shop after the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, Feb. 5. ■



WHAT'S ON ST. PATRICK'S WISH LIST?

The parish wish list at present includes the following:



Fr. George Remm will be happy to discuss the purpose of the wish list with interested parishioners or to answer questions about individual items on it.



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is February 12.

Pax Christi commemorates liberation of Auschwitz inmates

The year 1995 has been designated by Pax Christi USA as the Year of Nonviolence, a year to reflect on the past and to pursue the peace of Christ in the present. During this year Pax Christi will commemorate several 50th anniversaries, most associated with the end of World War II.

In January Pax Christi recalls the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp on Jan. 27, 1945. An estimated 1.5 million people died in this camp. The many wars and instances of genocide that have occurred since then indicate that the atrocities of World War II were not simply an isolated aberration of history. The daily news reports from Bosnia alone are enough to remind us that genocide is still very much a part of our world.

As a step toward eradicating such horrors, we continue to ask, "How could such a thing have happened?" The following quotation from Hermann Goering, Hitler's deputy, offers a disturbing explanation.

"But after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship. Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country."

Hitler was democratically elected and worked through legal means to advance his agenda. Do we let our leaders provide scapegoats for our nation's problems? Do we let them promote hatred? How do we treat immigrants, the unborn, transgressors of the law, or people of another nation? Can we really recognize the sacredness of each person and at the same time kill them or deny them basic human rights? Are we actively working for a society based on respect for all people and indeed for all of God's creation?

Martin Luther King, Jr., offers us a sober warning: "It may be that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transformation is not the glaring noisiness of so-called bad people, but the appalling silence of the so-called good people."

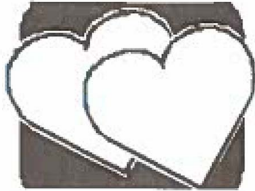
By better understanding how the horror of Auschwitz arose, may we move our world away from hatred and war and toward peace for all people. ■



Monday morning



You served breakfast
on the beach,
broke bread with thou-
sands
at a hillside picnic,
celebrated
at the marriage in Cana.
Exciting events,
all of these.

But this morning
it's only me,
on an ordinary Monday,
requesting the honor
of your presence
at my kitchen table
for coffee and conversation.
Comfort comes in knowing
you require neither
feasts nor crowds—
only an invitation.



February, 1995

St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			5:15pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Rel Ed Urb 6:30pm Rel Ed St J 7:00pm Pro-Life Com 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm SVDP 7:30pm Over 21 Club	10:15am Moms' Group 6:45pm Choir	10:45am Mass Champaign County NH	
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9:00am RCIA 9:00am & 11:00am Rel Ed Classes 10:15am Children's Liturgy 1:00-5:00pm Chili Supper 6:30-8:00pm Jr./Sr. High Youth Group 6:30pm Bible Study	11:00am Rosary Champaign County Nursing Home 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Education Com	9:30am Funeral Schola 7:00pm Beginning Experience 6:30pm Bible Study	5:15pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Rel Ed Urb 6:30pm Rel Ed St. J 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm SVDP 7:00pm Buildg & Grounds	6:45pm Choir 7:00pm Baptism Prep 7:00pm Building and Grounds	10:45am Mass-Champaign Cty NH	5:00pm RCIA
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10:30am RCIA 6:30pm Bible Study 9:00am - Noon Library Sale	9:30am Take and Receive 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Liturgy Com	6:30pm Bible Study 7:00pm Social Action 7:00pm Homily Prep	 <p>Because the In Focus calendar is prepared in advance of scheduled events and meetings, please check the weekly bulletin to confirm dates and times for specific listings. Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is February 12, 1995.</p>			
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