

Pikes Peak Edition



of the Denver Catholic Register

Praying Together

Dear Friends,

Your response to our two-area-wide Penance Services during Lent was truly moving to me, the priests, and those of you who attended.

It was a sign of our willingness as a community to come together as a church for the purpose of reconciling one another. I thank you.

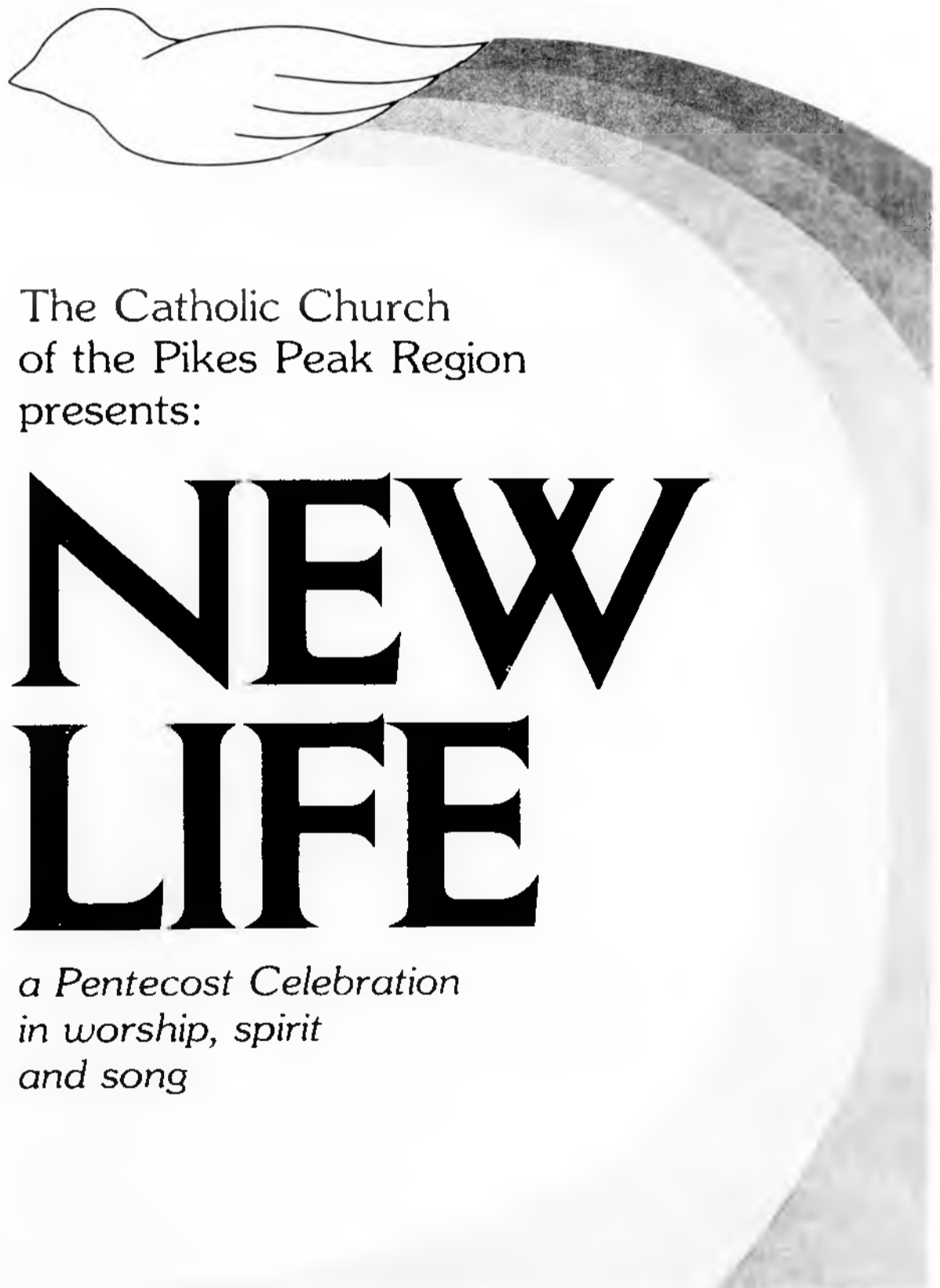
On May 25, Pentecost Sunday, the Catholic Church of the Pikes Peak Area will again come together, this time to celebrate the birthday of our Christianity and new life in our church.

We will sing together, pray together and offer the Eucharist together in the celebration of the Holy Spirit giving life to the church.

It would be a joy to the whole Catholic community if we could fill Garry Berry Stadium that afternoon in our common act of thanks for the Gift of the Holy Spirit in our church.

Please plan to be a part of this demonstration of faith and gratitude. We need one another to say "thank you" to our God for the overwhelming gift of His spirit of love.

Yours in His Spirit,
Bishop Richard C. Hanifen
Vicar of the Southern Area



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Pentecost Liturgy

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came in tongues of fire, and yet like a dove. The Catholics of the Pike Peak Region will be celebrating that birth of the church this Pentecost with a special outdoor liturgy at Garry Berry Stadium in Colorado Springs.

Following up the successful Penance Services of Lent, the Vicariate Council of Bishop Richard C. Hanifen decided upon the service as a call to newly received Catholics, and all members of the church.

"One of our problems in the Pikes Peak Region has been identity," explained Bishop Hanifen. "A sense of mission is our solution, and our mission is evangelization. So, what better way than to publicize and hold an event for everyone to see and experience?"

The celebration on Pentecost is a result of parish councils meeting and urging the church to hold an event for the entire community. Bishop Hanifen feels his holy day of the Spirit is a perfect moment to call the church together.

The celebration will be for two hours, beginning around 3 p.m. at the stadium. Capacity of the stadium is 7,500 people, and Bishop Hanifen is praying that the Wasson High School facility will be packed.

"This is our opportunity to show the new life in the church," said Bishop Hanifen. "It is a celebration of what the Holy Spirit is already doing in our people and community."

Religious Radio Tells About Faith

More and more Catholics are putting their careers and a personal ministry together into one package.

Rick Martin, station manager of KWYD FM is a perfect example.

Ten years ago, Martin began a career in radio, ending up at a country western station in Colorado Springs.

The owner Pat Patrick, also a Catholic, decided to change the station over to a Christian religious format in 1973. He made Martin his station manager.

Overjoyed

"I was overjoyed by the idea," said Martin. "I'd always wanted to be involved with ministry more actively, and running a religious station was perfect for me."

After studying the market, Patrick and Martin realized that the primary audience would be fundamentalist, pentecostal and biblically oriented.

"We began serving the community that wanted the religious radio, and that frankly did not include many Catholics," said Martin.

Involved

The mood has switched somewhat, though, in recent years. Catholics are reading their Bibles, and the Church is getting more involved in media.

There are more and more Catholic listeners all the time," said Martin.

The programming at KWYD is primarily directed to help the Christian to better live their life with the daily problems they encounter to their faith.

"We reach people who want to continue their understanding of God," said

Martin. "But we also arouse curiosity in people who never thought about Jesus. That is the exciting part of my ministry."

Security

KWYD has 20-30,000 listeners a week according to Martin. The present transmitter is located in Security, but a new tower is

being built on top of Cheyenne Mountain.

The tower should be completed by the end of March with new programming reaching from Castle Rock to the southeastern part of the state.

Secular radio normally attracts listeners for three to five hours a day. Religious broadcasting captures five to eight hours of each listener's day.

"The programming fills a need in the person's life that is very satisfying," said Martin.

Contemporary

The new contemporary music of Bob Dylan and B.J. Thomas, who both became Christians recently, has attracted even a younger audience to KWYD.

"In secular radio you are trying to please the audience with emotional music or disc jockey personalities," explained Martin.

"With religious stations, we are specialized to meet a need, and fulfill a hunger for God's word."

Letters

The programs that Martin plays receive direct evaluation from the audience. The reason most of the programs request donations and ask for listeners to send in letters is because they pay to go on the air at KWYD.

If the listeners appreciate

the show, they send their money, and the show can survive. If the program is of low quality and doesn't attract listeners in the area, then the producers of the show will pull it off the air and stop paying for air time in Colorado Springs.

These programs are usually aired in the mornings. During the afternoons, Martin plays music.

Knights

"We also sponsor programs through businesses and our own means," said Martin. "The Knights of Columbus, for instance, sponsored a special Christmas series on a dramatization of the New Testament."

Martin is currently auditioning some Catholic programs being produced that may fare successfully on the air.

"I think it is important to show that the Catholic faith

is a Christian one," said Martin. "Most of our listeners are Protestant and don't really understand the depth of the Catholic faith."

"We air more and more public service announcements for the parishes, and would do more if they were sent in to us," he said.

Small

The operation is small compared to secular radio, but still runs over \$100,000 a year. Many people volunteer help by doing radio programs for the local citizens and helping out around the station.

"Our message is really attuned to any Christian faith," said Martin. "I remember when Catholics

were not encouraged to read the Bible. Now, we share with Protestants, and I must say that our radio station approaches more Catholics than the average religious station."



Rick Martin, station manager at KWYD reads a passage from scripture to his listening audience.

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Leaders Elected

St. Francis Fraternity, Secular Order of St. Francis of Assisi, met March 30 at the Marian House in Colorado Springs.

Twenty-two members participated in the first fraternity election. Sister Pia

Uglov and Brother Anthony Vaillancourt were elected to serve as Minister Prefect and Vice Minister Prefect for three-year terms.

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The Nortons and daughter Kathy.

A Stranger in Paradise

Father John Keenan is affectionately known as the "Bishop of Calhan."

He is the pastor of St. Michael's in Calhan, but his "diocese" stretches 30 miles in every direction. The seven towns within the parish boundaries form a perfect cross on the map.

"I am just a stranger in paradise," laughed Father. He is of Irish descent while the majority of his flock are third generation Czechoslovakian.

Farms

This area 35 miles to the northeast of Colorado Springs is made up of small farms raising hay, wheat and alfalfa. Many families have to work in Colorado Springs as carpenters and electricians to support their farms, according to Father Keenan.

"I arrived at St. Michael's the year of the drought four years ago," he said. "Our prayers to the Lady of the Rains were answered and the devotions to the Blessed Mother here are strong."

The great percentage of parishioners at St. Michael's are over 60. Father, himself, is 72.

"The youngsters finish high school and leave," he said. "You just can't keep them down on the farm anymore."

Father Zolp

Father Keenan retired from the Chicago Diocese and was living at Holy Apostles when he heard of the vacancy in Calhan. Father William Zolp had been pastor of St. Michael's for 27 years. After his death, the position was vacant for two years.

"I plan to stay here until I die," said Father Keenan. "That is unless they move me, but I doubt it because I am slowing up a bit."

Father suffered internal injuries last year when his car skidded on ice and crashed. He continues this schedule of daily Mass and is auxiliary priest at Peterson Air Force Base on the weekends.

"I have to distribute communion sitting down, however," Father pointed out.

Weather

Mass attendance at St. Michael's is subject to weather.

"The people have to travel up to 30 miles one way to get to church," Father explained. "For some, half the distance is on country roads and the weather often makes them unfit for driving."

For the elderly the distance hits them also from a monetary standpoint.

"John Calkum is 85 years old and lives on a fixed income," said Father. "It costs him \$2.95 to drive to church on Sunday."

Short Sermons

Father Keenan is popular for his short sermons. His reputation is that his talks are short, but to the point.

"I learned in seminary that you spend an hour preparation for every five minutes you preach," he explained. "But if you only prepare five minutes you end up preaching an hour. You simply keep repeating yourself!"

Father characterizes the people of the prairie as down to earth.

"These people don't have a lot of fancy education, but are hard workers. That's why they live so long, they are always out in their fields," Father said. "Sometimes I think they were born to labor."

"I have to admit that the Spirit is out here working," said Father Keenan. "And if I should get an 'E' it would be for effort and not efficiency."

Three Instead of Two

After 29 years, Mr. and Mrs. John Norton can sit down and talk about mental retardation openly.

If the Nortons had listened to their doctor's advice, they would have left their baby daughter, Kathy, at the hospital when she was born. Kathy was born with Down's Syndrome.

"At first they told us she wouldn't live," said Mrs. Norton. "All I could do was cry and pray."

Specialist

"We called in a specialist," said Mr. John Norton. "He said she had no ear drums and would never hear and the scar tissue on her eyes would prevent her from ever seeing."

The grim diagnosis left the couple in shock.

"We were emotionally unbelieving," admitted Mrs. Norton. "There was no history of handicaps in either of our families. It was hard to believe."

Different

Kathy was visibly different from their two other children. Commonly known as mongoloid, Kathy's eyes were slanted, her hands and toes were stubby and her tongue was quite long, according to Mrs. Norton.

"We suspected there was something seriously wrong when she wouldn't breast feed," said Mrs. Norton.

"It took a month of Sundays, several hours, to feed her a bottle," recalled Mr. Norton. "But we treated her as much like a normal child as possible."

Family support and acceptance played an important role in Kathy's raising.

"My mother was the one who was convinced Kathy would talk," said Mrs. Norton. "She was four years old when she said her first word, snow."

Patience

Patience and repetition were the keys to Kathy's

progress, according to Mrs. Norton.

"Kathy would reach plateaus and then there would be no improvement for awhile. We were determined however, and kept trying to teach her new skills."

The Nortons were charter members of "Hope House," a school started by parents of handicapped children.

"A big need for Kathy was physical therapy," said Mr. Norton.

Kathy outgrew her mongoloid features. Now she is a petite young woman with very attractive red hair. She works at the Norton's office supply business and handles her own money.

Restaurants

"Kathy chooses a different restaurant to eat at every day," said Mrs. Norton. "She pays her own way."

Kathy also does extensive traveling with her parents.

"We are now three instead of two," explained Norton. "And when her mother is not with us, I'm her date."

Kathy is presently on her third reading of the Bible.

"First she read the Living Bible, then the King James. Now she is in the Old Testament of the New International," said Mrs. Norton.

Scriptures

"She knows she is retarded," said Norton. "But she turns her troubles over to Jesus. She is always quoting Scripture and when she sees something that needs to be done for someone, she does it."

"We have tried to protect her from unkind remarks and stares," said Mrs. Norton. "We don't expect everyone to love her as we do."

"I just accepted Kathy as my cross," said Norton. "But I have to admit, my cross has turned into a blessing."



Father John Keenan

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Stacey Merkt and Larry and Laurie Hased pause for a picture before preparing the evening meal at the Weber House.

A Place for Isolated

The destitute, homeless and transient have a place to stay in Colorado Springs called the Weber House, but according to the community that manages the home, not enough is being done by the churches in the area to help.

Started in December, 1977, by Stephen Handen and his wife, Mary Lynn Sheetz, the Weber House has served hundreds of people needing individual help and a place to stay.

Nine people are personally and financially responsible for the operation of Weber House keeping costs down to about \$2.50 per person a day.

Not Just Boarding

"We're not just a boarding house," explained Larry Mann Hased, a member of the serving community for their hospitality ministry. "Some stay overnight and move on, and others have been with us for years. We can house about 10 at a time, though we have been extremely crowded in emergencies."

Most of the nine members used to live together at 431 S. Neber Ave. in order to manage the house. Today, the community is spread in four different homes, including a farm at Mt. St. Francis in Woodmen Valley where Larry and his wife Laurie live.

Prayer is a constant part of the community. "How we relate to God and how we live our lives have to be the same," explained Larry. "We belong to local churches, though, for our Sunday worship."

Four of the community are Catholic and four are Mennonite. They feel a strong tie in their Christ-centered commitments to the people that need and come to the Weber House.

"People really help each other out," said Stacey Merkt, one of the nine in the community who was supervising the house that day.

The stories of people who go through Weber House are not that exciting, basically because people who are getting their lives back together simply need time, patience and love. Within the person, however, the changes can be very exciting.

Inspiring

"Knowing that when someone is here they are not drinking, or they are out working is very inspiring," said Laurie. "Many of these people find the Weber House the safest place they can go to do quite normal things."

No one could remember a time at Weber House where a person attacked another, or where someone would steal from another person's room.

"We don't allow weapons, and it's amazing how people respect the safeness of the house," said Stacey. "This is that certain place where violence is not an acceptable way to settle an argument."

But there are still many people who do not get to Weber House, or are not able to fit in. That worries the community.

Homes

"Dorothy Day said that if everyone had a special Christ room in their house for people who needed a place to stay we wouldn't need places like the Weber House," said Larry.

He thinks the churches in Colorado Springs could help a lot by getting people in the parishes to open their homes to the needy.

"It does get discouraging when a church with almost 1000 members must call us to see if we can put a person up for the night," he said.

One resident was amazed that anyone would be afraid of people like himself needing a place to stay. He said that the poor and needy are only people like everyone else.

Isolated

"Our culture has isolated people, though," explained Larry. "We see poor people in one light as someone to be feared, but we have had some fine people come through here."

The people who stay at Weber House can be transient, socially handicapped, or just out of an institution. Some

would end up in an institution if the Weber House were not available at the time.

"The county farm will only take a person for 24 hours. Dale House is for those under 21, and the Cares House is for those who are not psychologically together," said Laurie.

For others there is no place to go except the Weber House. So, the community runs the house like a family, because, said Stacey, "we're the only family they have."

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Dominique: Hard to Say Goodbye

For the past eight years, each day Sister Dominique Priscotta, director of Social Ministry for St. Mary's, has been caring for a cross section of humanity. As a member of the pastoral team, she has worked with staff, volunteers, parishioners, other agencies, but most of all the poor.

"I really need to thank the parishioners of St. Mary's for the resources they bring to the program. They have a deep love for the poor," Sister said.

Reception

Last weekend a reception was held in the church basement, because Sister Dominique is leaving.

"My order has given me a six month sabbatical," she said. "I plan to play, pray and discern where the Holy Spirit wants me."

Even though Sister claims to have received far above



Sister Dominique Priscotta bids farewell to a young child at Saint Mary's.

what she has given, her people-priority has reached out in parish and public communities.

"The first year of the Crisis Intervention Program, I did all the work myself," Sister said. "I was much busier the second year and recruited volunteers. After that they ran the program."

Volunteers

Sister credits her success with volunteers trained in 15 weeks and then respecting their decisions in the interview process.

The service is rewarding in itself, but the volunteers

have their own autonomy in the front office in dealing with clients," she said. "And they know I will back them up."

The years of dealing with others' problems has had its effect on Sister. "At first I wasn't able to eat my dinner at night, knowing that people were going without. No I need to balance my life by dealing with healthy coping people."

For the past six years, Sister Dominique has made weekly visits to the women in El Paso County jail.

"They have such a fear of God," she said. "I wish they could also come to know God's beauty. They are thirsty and need a well from which to drink."

Sister's own strength comes from her vision of Trinity as one, "as a team working together. The understanding and optimism of the Father is like my own father. My personal prayer relationship is with my brother Jesus and the Holy Spirit is the source of healing," she explained.

Loving and caring for others is what it is all about, ac-

ording to Sister. To accomplish her program, she has developed working relationships with Food Stamps, the Department of Social Services, the Sheriff and Police Departments, Vocational Rehabilitation, Alcoholics Anonymous and the Crisis Center at Pikes Peak Mental Health.

The founding of Care and Share is her greatest pride. Other community efforts have been the Nestle's boycott, the Domestic Violence Center, removing the sales tax on food, and the Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission.

"I am not an initiator," Sister said. "I am an enabler that people can use to get themselves together. I would never get to heaven on my own. I need the help of others."

Sister Dominique's priorities put meeting people's needs at the present moment, whether those needs are of a fellow staff person, one of her volunteers, a member of the parish family or someone in crisis.

"It is very hard to say good-bye," Sister Dominique said. "I should have just eloped."

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BA 210 Prin. of Business	3	T-Th	5:30-8:00	Petta
BA 280 Personnel Mgt. I	3	T-Th	8:15-10:45	Petta
BA 451a Human Rel. in Bus. I	3	M-W	5:30-8:00	McBrearty
BA 462 Managing Small Business	3	M-W	5:30-8:00	Rieger
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BA 435 Fundamentals of Investment	3	M-W	5:30-8:00	Bryant
BA 470 Prin. of Real Estate	3	M-W	8:15-10:45	Jones
EC 330 Prin. of Economics II	3	M-W	8:15-10:45	Rieger
EN 203 Freshman Composition	3	M-W	5:30-8:00	Banikowski
EN 480 Bus. and Tech. Writing	3	M-W	8:15-10:45	Banikowski
PL 250 Intro. to Philosophy	3	T-Th	5:30-8:00	Schertz
PL 380 Straight Thinking	3	M-W	5:30-8:00	Kippes
PS 205 Intro. to Political Sci.	3	M-W	5:30-8:00	Klotz
PS 420 State & Local Gov't.	3	M-W	8:15-10:45	Klotz
PY 250 General Psychology	3	T-Th	5:30-8:00	STAFF
RC 321 Psychology and Religion	3	T-Th	8:15-10:45	Schertz
RS 200 Intro. to Rel. Studies	3	T-Th	5:30-8:00	Kippes
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Catholic Motherhood a Challenge

As Mother's Day passes, two Catholic Mothers reflect on what Catholic Motherhood is all about. Barb Mahoney of Saint Mary's Parish has a two-year old daughter, Colleen.

"I've always taken Colleen to church with me," admitted Mrs. Mahoney. "I never thought she was not old enough, but often used the nursery during disruptive phases."

Mrs. Mahoney explained to Colleen that church was God's house and quiet was necessary to hear Jesus talk to you in your heart. "I would bring a soft toy for her and sometimes she would go

through my purse," she said. Recently, Mrs. Mahoney joined the Saint Mary's choir. "Colleen has fallen in love with our choir director, Dan Brink," said Mrs. Mahoney. "But the relationship is doomed because Dan plans on becoming a priest."

married children and a teenager at home. "I have learned to be open to their questions and concerns," said Mrs. Harden. "I can't dictate to them are take them to church like I did when they lived at home."

Mrs. Harden has been an active role model for her children. A member of the Catholic Women's Guild and recently on team for the Mother Daughter Retreat at El Pomar, Mrs. Harden passes on her faith by example.

Please Help — Where Is Sharon?

Dear Friends,

This is Sandy I am writing to you to ask if you know anything about where my daughter Sharon may be.

She left home last July, 1979. We received one letter from her at the end of August, and another at the end of September, saying she would be coming to visit us for the Christmas holidays.

We have heard nothing since from her, not even a Christmas card, which is so unlike Sharon. She and I were very close, not having any real communication problems until a recent relationship with a man twice her age.

We have tried to keep in touch with their friends, who insist they have not seen or heard from either of them.

The main reason I am becoming more and more concerned about Sharon is because I have always had a "sixth sense" between Sharon and myself.

Since I have been praying for some knowledge of Sharon's whereabouts, I constantly come up with zero, nothing, in fact, an almost dread-like feeling.

Even though I realize that this could mean she is, of her own will, not open to our relationship at this time, I still have these ill feelings.

We are absolutely unable to afford a private detective, and the local authorities do practically nothing on runaway cases. I can understand why, as I am now an employee of the Colorado Springs Police Department and am familiar with the many cases the Juvenile Department gets through here.

But it does help quiet my fears and anxieties about Sharon. If you know Sharon Prystup is in this area, or if anyone knows where she is, please get in touch with us because we are about to move and are very concerned about her welfare.

Instead of "time healing my wound", it is getting more and more difficult to bear. I just can't believe that Sharon would not get a letter or note of some kind off to me for seven months now, unless she is totally unable to do so.

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Dancers Get Ready

Maria Estella Carrillo watches as her students, Jeffrey Gonzalez and Angie Benavidez learn the steps to La Bamba.

They are preparing for the Aug. 2-3 Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival at Dorchester Park.

Family Shields

The family is the primary and strongest source of values clarification, according to Aljean Tucker of Divine Redeemer School.

The junior high students in the Christian Living Program designed family shields to emphasize their values and celebrate this Year of the Family.

"In today's society our teenagers are bombarded with ideas that are both shocking and confusing," said Tucker. "Mass media pressures our young people to conform to life styles that are shallow and non-productive."

To counter the peer pressure requires more maturity and experience than junior high students have, according to Tucker.

"Being able to make the appropriate choices is only possible when one has clarified values and knows what one believes in."

Anointing

Holy Trinity Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Elderly at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on this Sunday, May 18. All parishioners are invited to participate. The Confirmation students will serve coffee and donuts in the community center afterwards.

More Books, But Fewer Missals

If the sales of religious goods has any reflection on the faith expression of Catholics in Colorado Springs, then the person to talk to is Magdeline Green, owner of the Catholic Gift and Book Shop at 415 S. Tejon.

"The number of adult education programs has increased," Ms. Green said. "As more people seek information about their faith the number of books we sell builds."

Ms. Green provides parishes, organizations and religious education directors with a variety of services in the book department.

"We stock book racks in the vestibules of Holy Trinity and St. Paul's on a monthly basis."

Requests by Ladies' Guilds and D.R.E.'s for special book fairs are frequent.

Along with the desire to know more about their faith, Catholics are praying in a different way.

"People are praying more spontaneously," said Ms. Green. "The number of missals and choices of bindings have decreased since Vatican II."

"Christian music is becoming very good and very popular," Ms. Green said. She has also expanded her selection of religious jewelry.

"People need to talk, and listening and discussing has just become part of our ministry," said Ms. Green. The store celebrated its 25th anniversary last year.

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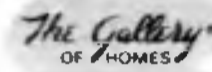
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Justice And Peace

Sister Marie Nord, Lorna Gabel, and Sister Janel Crumb prepare for the membership reorganization of the Pikes Peak Justice & Peace commission scheduled in the next few months.

Facing Realities In Justice, Peace

The Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission has been a hard-working social arm of the Church, but the endeavors of the Pikes Peak area have been less successful than hoped.

After a number of years, hammering away at hunger problems, housing, and other legislation to raise awareness, the commission has reached a reorganization point, a maturity according to chairperson Jean Marsh.

Finances

The organization has come through a lot, and had a hard couple of months getting restructured," she explained. "What we see now is hopefully a more realistic approach in finances and more practical projects for the commission.

The past projects have not been fruitless, but they have been difficult. The commission spent a year on the Nestle's Boycott, even publishing a national 50 page booklet on how to form the controversial boycotts in local areas.

The work was successful from an awareness point of view, pushing recognition that bottle-feeding in poor underdeveloped countries may be more dangerous because of the low standards of cleanliness.

Surface

The food and hunger awareness programs have brought many volunteers to the commission, and shown a hearty support to help needy and hungry people, but the task is so great and large that the commission has only scratched the surface of a world-wide problem.

Most recently, the commission came into information that numerous mining claims have been staked for uranium digs in Colorado, without sufficient procedures to assure the safety of water users within drinking distance of the radioactive mining.

The difficulty with the uranium mining is that 20 different hearings will be held for one mining project and the volunteer de-

mands are too much for us at this time," explained Sister Marie Nord, a member of the commission.

Questions

The hope of the commission is to raise questions that would interrupt the issuance of licenses to mining companies that are not fully studied on the health impacts to Colorado residents.

The current board is eight members with over 60 active members in volunteer work. The Justice and Peace Commission newsletter goes out to 300 people in the area.

"We are no longer directly sponsored by the Archdiocese of Denver," explained Sister Marie. "We have taken a more ecumenical approach because of our broad-based membership. We are still affiliated with the director in the archdiocese, however."

The commission works hard on two other local hunger and food issues that are keeping awareness levels high.

The first is family farms and produce buying, an educational project, and the second is a hunger cause program.

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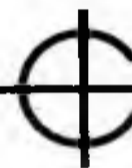
"We are coming to a peak of a year's work on the hunger cause with Frances Moore Lappe speaking on the world self-reliance in producing food," said Jean.

Lappe is co-director of the Institute for Food and Development Policy in San Francisco. She spoke to a large crowd at St. Mary's High School last week, pinpointing ways the country can assist the world in food production.

"We don't see immediate results from our work, but the issues are certainly there for us to work on," explained Sister Marie.

Dues for membership or service requirements will probably constitute a future financial base and clearer direction for the commission. Interested people can call 632-6189 for more information.

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