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Becoming Catholic the "Rite" Way

What does one do to become a member of the Catholic Church?
This question is often asked by members of the Marian College Community. During this school year seven members of the Marian College Community have taken part in the program for becoming members of the Catholic Church called the RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults).

These students along with their sponsors have met each Sunday evening with Alice Sherfick, Shannon Gaughn and Sister Christine Ernstes to pray and share, discuss and study the Catholic faith.

On these Sunday evenings they have heard presentations from theology department and others. In November they took part in a morning of reflection led by Sister Norma Rocklage and in February they went to Oldenburg, IN for a retreat day.

The process of becoming members of the Catholic Church is marked by a series of RITES of celebrations, thus the name Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. In November seven people were welcomed as candidates for membership in the Catholic Church by Father Francis Bryan, the College Chaplain. In February, the seven candidates went to Saint Peter and Paul Cathedral where Archbishop Daniel Buechlein presided at the Rite of election. This rite, the Rite of Election, formalized their request to become members of the Catholic Church.

On Sunday, April 18 at the 11:00 AM Mass Amy Delp, Stephanie Fort, Nathan Hough, Kelly Gatto, Susan Hill, Stephanie Phiefer and Harold Robbins will celebrate the final rites of the process. Nathan will be baptized and received into the Catholic Church. The others will be received into the Catholic Church. All will be confirmed and receive Eucharist for the first time.

Juanita Brand, a member of the nursing faculty took part in the RCIA at Holy Spirit Parish. She was baptized and received into the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday, April 10, 1993.

14 month Nursing Program to Start in '94
by Michelle Gobin

Dr. Esther O'Dea, Chair, Department of Nursing, has announced that the nursing faculty at Marian College is developing an accelerated track within the accredited baccalaureate program. This track is designed for the student who has earned a baccalaureate degree in another discipline but wishes to make a career change to nursing. The accelerated track is designed so that the nursing courses may be completed in four semesters rather than in the usual six.

To earn the baccalaureate nursing degree (BSN) from Marian College, these students in the accelerated track must meet the College's core requirements for graduation. These requirements may be met either through acceptable transfer credit or by enrolling in the courses at Marian College.

Accelerated programs are a growing enrollment trend especially for non-traditional students and the bachelor degree students changing to a nursing career. At the present time, the Indianapolis area is not served by such programming. Therefore, Marian College's accelerated track for students seeking a BSN degree will be the first in the metropolitan area. The planning committee expects that the accelerated track will accept its first students in 1994. For further information, call 317-929-0311.

The Much Trimmer Carbon
Contains:
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Page 3: Next year's oval office occupants, more on RCIA, some ads, an explanation of the Carbon's rapid weight loss.
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What's not inside: A reprint of Michelle Rodriguez's letter asking for your help in aiding the family of Carmen VanHuss. Please be generous- the red boxes are in the cafe, the snack bar and the business office.
Big League Preview

by Scott Gobel

With the crack of the bat and the roar of the crowd, major league baseball is once again underway. This season should be quite an interesting one indeed. This year marked the peak of movement by free agency with over 200 players donning new uniforms this year. This list includes the likes of Greg Maddux, Barry Bonds, Jim Abbot, Kevin Mitchell and Dave Stewart. This year, also, we say goodbye to pitching great Nolan Ryan, who came to the League in 1965. Ryan has been in the majors for a remarkable 27 seasons, longer than any other active or inactive player. The 46 year old star will leave the game with an amazing 52 different pitching records under his belt including most no-hitters (7) and most strikeouts (5,668). Perhaps, the biggest news this year, however, is the expansion of the two teams in the National League; the Florida Marlins and the Colorado Rockies. Both of these teams are very young but do possess a number of established veterans acquired in the expansion draft. Although most of the players have little in the Big Leagues, a lot of raw talent makes for a promising future. O.K. drum roll please, it is now prediction time! In the National League west look for a tight battle between the Reds and the Braves. These two teams will be neck in neck all year, but down the stretch look for Cincinnati to pull it out. The National League East is not quite clear. As a die hard Cubs fan since birth, I am overjoyed to see the Cubs picked to finish first by most major publications. The sobering truth, however, reminds me that ALL diehards say this every year, so look for Montreal or St. Louis to be tops in this one. In the American League West look for the lumber company of Jose Canseco, Juan Gonzales, Dean Palmer and Ivan Rodriguez to carry the Rangers to the series. In the American East look for New York to win, only if they can hold off Baltimore & Milwaukee. So there you have it sports fans, the Carbon's unbiased & totally reliable sports predictions. If you disagree with these picks & wish to tell me so, I can most likely be found on my couch at 2:20 most everyday of the summer tuned into my Cubbies & if not there, look for me in left field of Wrigley, with a nasty sunburn, shouting insults at the outfielders & singing “Take me out to the ball game” with Harry Caray.

African Rhythms
A four person African band will play and explain African music on April 15th at 1:30 at the St. Francis Colonnade. In case of rain it will be held in the marble room at Allison Mansion.

Field Day '93
Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 1st! The Booster Club has planned an exciting Field Day '93 with activities starting early in the morning and lasting until Saturday evening. Events for the outside event of the year include: coffee & donuts, worship service, D.J. & dance, Marian College Knight baseball game, organized activities such as softball, volleyball, three-legged races, & a water balloon fight, and of course, the legendary little 500 bike race. Don't go home, stay on campus May 1st and enjoy Field Day '93!!

College Night at Bush Stadium
Indianapolis Indians vs Omaha Royals
Thursday, April 22 at 7:15pm
The Blues Brothers Act is before the game and there will be music and great fun ALL NIGHT LONG! Bring out a group and receive great prices! Tickets: $3.75 each; call Student Activities at x106 for tickets and details or the Indians at 317-269-3545
Who's in Charge in 93-94

1993-1994 Class Officers:
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President.............Jennifer Haire
Vice-President......Judy Cenova
Secretary...............Kristin Barrette
Treasure..............Kerri Leffler
Class Representative.....Jennifer Kirk

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Vice-President......Michelle Guzenski
Secretary...............Cindy Theising
Treasurer..............Melissa Matlock
Class Representative.....Amy Kicinski

Sophomore Class
President...............Jose Arqiz
Vice-President......Jennifer Bailey
Secretary...............Erin Coffield
Treasurer...............Scott Meiser
Class Representative..Nathan Greskowiak

Commencement Ushers Needed
Approximately 10 volunteers are needed to usher at the commencement ceremonies on May 9, 1993. The college will pick up the room and board contract through Graduation Day for those students living on campus. If you are interested, please see Kate Osborn or Connie Wesner in the office of the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, before April 23.

RCIA: RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

How does a person become a member of the Catholic Church? How does one find out about what Catholic's believe? I am a Catholic, but how do I find out more about my faith?

If you have asked yourself any of these questions, consider joining the RCIA group that will be forming in September 1993. This is a time of prayer, discussion and study about the Catholic Church. For those who are interested in joining the Catholic Church it is a special time of preparation for entrance into the Church. For others who take part in the program it is a time to study about your faith and the Catholic Church.

Some of the topics that will be studied and discussed will be Your Faith Journey, Images of God, Jesus, Prayer, Scripture, Church, Sacraments in the Catholic Church, Catholic Worship and Morality.

If your would like to find out more about the RCIA program contact Alice Sherfick X234, Shannon Gaughn X141 or Father Francis Bryan X202.

WHODONIT
M.Gobin- Ringleader
M.Fletcher- Mapped out plan
M.Winkler- Fundage
S.Gobel-Token Athletically Inclined Male
C.Brebner-Liasion to Mother Earth
H. Ray- Prompted Women Power
J. Maraszkiewicz- Added Artistic License
T. Sears- Typed up game plan
J. Leap- Smiled and Nodded

YO!

What the...? Due to the Easter holiday and an ultra-educational, yet amusing field trip to Chicago with the honors humanities class (so skillfully taught by Dr. B. Adler, M. Hall and M. Hodapp and no, this isn't a plug for your class or anything), the format this week is a bit shorter than usual. Some columns and features are missing, but they'll be back next week. So enjoy, (consider honors humanities next year) and feel free to write what you like and deposit it in Big Blue. (Creations will return next week.)

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AUDITION NOTICE
Who: Freetown Village Living History Museum
When: Saturday, April 24 beginning at 1:00 pm
Where: Fall Creek YMCA
860 W. 10th Street
Helen Duncan Room
Indianapolis
Freetown Village Living History Museum will have auditions for the 1993 summer and fall touring programs on April 24, 1993. Freetown Village teaches black history through first-person interpretive drama programs and workshops. Actors selected will complete training in history, drama, and improvisation. Three male and three female actors are needed to play characters of different age ranges. Actors are compensated. Experience and daytime availability is preferred but not necessary. For more information and scheduling an audition time, please call 317-631-1870 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Classifieds
Wanted: Fun and energetic person who loves kids to enjoy the summer with two girls ages 6 and 8. Looking for someone with own car. From 7:30am until 5:30pm 2-3 days per week. $35 per day plus pool membership. Call Linda at 290-8910, after 5:30.

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