

And Bon Voyage to Mother Laudine

Madonna Cornerstone Ceremonies on Oct. 24

Madonna College will hold its first official ceremony — the laying of the cornerstone — under the new \$5 million contemporary residence halls and academic buildings on Sunday, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. In correlation with this ceremony the college and its friends will also honor Mother Mary Laudine, provincial superior of the Felician Sisters who staff the college.



Mrs. Elly Peterson, the Republican Party's state chairman will speak at the Republican 19th Congressional District Fall Banquet. The Republican meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Glen Oaks Golf Club. The public is invited and those wishing tickets or further information should contact either of the above Dinner Co-Chairmen, James F. O'Neill, 422-8446; Mrs. Charlotte Bruce, 474-7233. Reservations are requested by Friday, Oct. 15.

and its friends will also honor Mother Mary Laudine, provincial superior of the Felician Sisters who staff the college. The reception and tea which will follow the ceremony are being planned to bid Bon Voyage to Mother Laudine, who has been appointed Vicar General of the Felician and will be leaving for Rome to assume that office on Oct. 26.

It is fitting that the college ceremony should be the occasion of honoring Mother Laudine. It is the final crowning of her many achievements as a provincial of the Felician Sisters in Livonia.

Mother Laudine has had a rich background of experience in education and administration. She attended St. Casimir elementary school, and later the Felician Academy. It is at this point that she developed an interest in the community that she eventually entered and for which she has worked with much love and success.

Mother Laudine took her bachelor's degree at Siena Heights College in Adrian and her master's degree at the University of Notre Dame. She taught at many schools, including St. Stanislaus in Detroit and St. Florian in Hamtramck.

In 1950 The Felician opened Ladywood High in Livonia. Mother Laudine became its principal and during her administration the school doubled its enrollment.

When in 1959 Mother Laudine became the provincial superior of some 600 sisters who comprise the Livonia province, she fulfilled the expectations of the sisters. The convent chapel was redecorated to match the Lombardian style of the exterior, with a brick and wood motif to add warmth to the elegance of the tall rafters and dome.

Within a short time she saw the completion of St. Mary's Hospital, a residence home for nursing sisters, an addition to the emergency ward. Mother Laudine also initiated the building of St. Joseph Hall, a complete three story wing for the elderly and retired sisters. During her administration Ladywood High was extended to accommodate 800 students.

In the course of her administration, Mother Laudine selected capable individuals to share that responsibility of the projects. Sister M. Reynolds, who was college president through the building period, can share with Mother Laudine the pride in a work well done.

The office of Vicar General which has a formal advisory capacity to the General Superior of the Felician Sisters who is Mother M. Alexander. The general office of the Felician is in Rome.

It is from there that Mother Laudine will observe and advise on the affairs of a community of some 6,000 sisters who work in the United States, South America, Canada, and many countries of Europe.

Because of the double ceremony on October 24 many prominent guests, civic and religious leaders have been invited.

Schools Ease Rules on Student Field Trips

Students in Livonia public schools will get an even greater opportunity to explore their ever-widening "community" due to revised field trip regulations approved by the Board of Education last week.

Dr. Paul E. Johnson, assistant superintendent in charge of instruction in outlining the proposed regulation, pointed out that the "community, both local and extended, should be viewed as a part of the learning laboratory of the school. As such, its resources should be utilized whenever feasible and whenever such utilization holds promise of more effective learning and attainment of the objectives of the school.

"School field trips are excursions into the community under school sponsorship and supervision. As such, by definition the term includes only such activities of specific classes or groups of students for whom the experience is specially planned by a specific teacher or teachers; this is in distinction from trips or excursions in the community which constitute a regular, generally recognized and accepted part of the school program. Field trips holding promise of contributing significantly to the instructional program of the schools are to be encouraged."

Under the extended regulations it will be easier for teachers and principals to arrange school trips to educational points in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties and to Lansing and East Lansing.

Under the regulations the students are generally limited to one bus trip per semester each year, although exceptions to these rules are possible as long as the total number of trips for the school as a whole are not excessive.

"In setting up these purposes visits to community points we always have the safety and welfare of the pupils in mind," Dr. Johnson said. "We also weigh the pupil interest, the readiness to learn on the trip, and the comparable educational value of the field trips to time expended in the classroom."

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GM to Hike Allowance for Driver Cars

General Motors, in its continuing efforts to advance highway safety, will increase the allowance to GM automobile dealers loaning passenger cars for high school student driver training up to \$400 per vehicle, President James M. Roche announced Monday.


The Driver Training Car Dealer Allowance Plan, pioneered in the auto industry by General Motors in 1955, provides for sharing between the dealer and GM the cost of loaning vehicles to high schools.

Under the revised allowance program, dealers supplying regular size cars for driver training will receive \$400 per vehicle and those loaning intermediate size cars will receive \$350 per car loaned.

"We consider this support of high school driver training one of the most productive of our many activities in furtherance of greater highway safety," Roche said. "It is gratifying to note that such a large and growing number of General Motors dealers are performing this public service in their communities."

"We hope that our increased cooperation with our dealers in meeting the substantially rising costs of loaning cars will hasten the day when this vital training in good driving will be made available to all high school students."

During the school year ending August 31, General Motors payments to dealers reached an all-time high as did the number of cars loaned by dealers to schools for the driver training program. In the 12 months ending August 31, GM dealers loaned 7,355 automobiles to schools across the country. This was 878 higher than in the previous school year.



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