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The Ephpheta Bulletin CHAPTER 17 OF INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC DEAF ASSOCIATION LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

"A BULLETIN BY THE DEAF AND FOR THE DEAF" VOL. 2, NO. 7

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RECOGNITION

The day a man wakes up to recognise Jesus, not in a casual offhand way, but as a personal friend, who is deeply interested in everything that interests himself - that day is a landmark in the history of the man's soul.

Does Jesus mean anything like this to me? In my life is Jesus ONE IN A THOUSAND? Is prayer an irksome duty as something that must be got through somehow, and the sooner it is over and done the better? Or does my heart burn within me because in prayer Jesus speaks to me? WE MUST RECOGNISE JESUS IN OUR PRAYERS.

WE MUST RECOGNISE JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST! Jesus is recognised in the Blessed Eucharist not only as a most sympathetic friend, but as a friend who has immense strength to give to a soul that is in need. When the prophet Elias was making his way across the desert he lost heart at the prospect of the difficulties of the journey. So he lay down under a juniper tree and wished to die and be finished with all life's trials. But God sent His angel who touched Elias and showed him food prepared for him. Elias arose and ate and with firm step he now renewed his journey and walked steadily in the strength of that food.

Often we too would give up the struggle, were it not for the sustaining strength of the food God gives us in the Blessed Eucharist. Jesus must be recognised in the Blessed Eucharist as a friend who loves and who knows how to pour delights into the generous soul. He must be recognised too as a friend who is able to inspire immense courage to face life's battle, to impart to the weakly and sickly soul His own divine power.

WE MUST RECOGNISE JESUS IN OTHERS! Jesus continues to walk by my side. He will walk with me today. Today I shall have to work in the same room as a man or woman whom I naturally do not like - Jesus is there for me. Today I shall meet a boring talker or a person who will never even think of saying a word of thanks for a favor - REMEMBER, in all these Jesus walks by my side. Today, too, or tomorrow or the next day, I shall have the joy of being with those who are sincerely grateful, who appreciate what I do for them, who themselves are so thoughtful and ready to upset their plans for my sake, who do what they can to cast a ray of sunshine wherever they go. In these, once again, I MUST RECOGNISE JESUS.

Whether they be people whom naturally I like, whom naturally I find it easy to get along with, or whether they be unpleasant, or spiteful, or ungrateful, or vindictive - in all I HAVE TO RECOGNISE JESUS, for Jesus assures me that what I do to others is done to Himself. If I help any member of Christ's people I am helping Him; if I am revengeful, or impatient, it is because I fail to RECOGNISE JESUS.

SO WE MUST PRAY ALWAYS TO HAVE A DEEP REALISATION OF OUR LORD'S PERSONAL LOVE FOR US SO THAT WE CAN SHARE THAT LOVE WITH OTHERS.

THURSDAY, MAY 8, IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. ALL CATHOLICS MUST ATTEND MASS. SUNDAY, MAY 11, IS MOTHER'S DAY. TODAY WE PAUSE TO PAY HONOR TO OUR MOTHER. SUNDAY, MAY 18, IS PENTECOST. WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD. SUNDAY, MAY 25, IS TRINITY SUNDAY. WE BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON

AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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Dear Members and Friends,

As you know, May is the month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Most of us have beautiful childhood memories of honoring Mary during May with processions and devotions in her honor. We are proud to belong to a Church that has done so much to remind us of the importance of Mary in our lives. Surely God must be happy with us because of this.

The EPHPHETA MASS on May 11th. also falls on Mother's Day. On that Day we will continue our custom of honoring Mary, the Mother of God, and our own mothers also. Again we will have a procession in Mary's honor and we will crown her statue. The Rosary will be explained. THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE A ROSARY will be given one free, as our gift in honor of Mary. So we hope to see many of you on that Day, May 11.

> I must remind you of our ANNUAL GRAND BALL. This year it will be held in St. Vincent's Hall at Adams and Figueroa in Los Angeles.

> > This year the Grand Ball is being presented by the 1976 CONVENTION COMMITTEE. Frances Ripplinger and Don Hohn are doing a lot of work as heads of this committee. I hope

as heads of this committee. I hope you will join me for the Grand Ball and let Fran and Don know that WE REALLY SUPPORT THEM. There is more information about the Grand Ball in another section of this EPHPHETA BULLETIN.

A lot of things are happening during May. On May 24th. some new Priests will be ordained for this Archdiocese of Los Angeles. They will celebrate their First Masses on Sunday, May 25th. We must pray for these priests as they begin their work among us.

Memorial Day is on May 26. You should really try to go to Mass on this day and pray for all those who have died while defending our country in recent wars.

Many of our Deaf children will be Confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion in May. On April 20th. a group of Deaf children received their First Holy Communion at St. Anthony's in Oxnard. On April 27th. another group will receive their First Holy Communion at Holy Angels in Arcadia. On May 3rd. First Holy Communion will be received by the children at St. Gregory's in Whittier. We ask all these children to remember us in their prayers on their First Holy Communion Day.

On May 28th. a group of Deaf children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Anthony's Church in Anaheim. Another group od Deaf children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 6th., at St. Rose of Lima Church in Simi Valley. Then on May 17th. the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on a group of Deaf children at St. Anthony's in Oxnard.

I know that you will keep all these young people in your prayers.

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We must thank the teachers who prepared these students and the parents for their cooperation.

Finally, as you make your plans for the summer, I ask you again to include JUNE 28th. THE DAY OF THE GRAND BALL AT ST. VINCENT'S IN YOUR CALENDAR.

God bless you.

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MODERATOR FOR THE DEAF, ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

ST. FRANCIS LIP-READING CLUB

We want to tell you a little about our new group for Oral-Deaf, those who do not use Sign-Language, but Lip-Read in stead.

It is named in honor of St. Francis de Sales, the Patron Saint of Deaf people. Father Brian is the Moderator and we meet on the Fourth Sunday each month. We meet at Father Brian Doran's Church in Bell Gardens. Events for the summer are being planned.

Membership is open to Deaf and Hard of Hearing people between the ages of 20 and 35, married and single, Catholic and non-Catholic.

For more information contact Mary Jane Morris (213) 799-2727 or Marie Dahlstrom (213) 796-7034.

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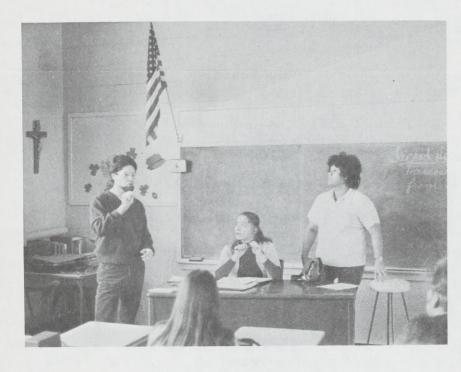
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LIP-READERS - Fr. Brian Doran confers with members of new St. Francis Lip-Readers Club. Organization for persons 20 to 35 with hearing impairment will have pot-luck supper and captioned movie at 5 p.m. April 27 at St. Gertrude's, Bell Gardens. Those interested may contact Fr. Doran at office of Special Services for the Handicapped, 388-8101.



Kathy Ivankay talks over the report of The Angel West Club with Father Twohig





Above: Phil McKindly explains member's dues at Angel West meeting.

Above Right: Aline Callens, Betty Blanchard and Agnes Bente socialize at the Pot-Luck Supper following the Annual Mission.

Right: Beth Schorr, Irene Lazo and Kathy Ivankay enjoy a joke at the Angel West meeting.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday,	May	3	St. Gregory Church 13935 Telegraph Rd., Whitt	FIRST HO	LY COMMUNION	1	9:00	A.M.
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Saturday,	May	3	St. Joseph's College 480 Batavia Rd., Orange		Confessions Mass			
Sunday,	May	4	Our Lady of Peace - 15444 Nordhoff St., Sepula	veda 1	Confessions Mass FIRST HOLY C	:	3:00	P.M.
Sunday,	May	11	ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH 900 S. Bronson Ave., L.A.	Ephphet	Confessions a Mass	:	1:30 2:00	P.M. P.M.
Saturday,	May	17	Immaculate Conception Chur 1433 W. Ninth St., L.A.	rch Anni	Msgr. Collin versary Mass	::1	.0:00	A.M.
Saturday,	May	17	Sacred Heart Mission of St Harcourt near Katella, Ana	t. Justin aheim. And	Martyr gel West Clu	ıb:	5:30	P.M.
Sunday,	May	18	St. Anthony Church 2511 S. "C" St., Oxnard	1	Confessions Mass	:	2:00 2:30	P.M. P.M.
Sunday,	May	18	St. Barnabas Church 3955 Orange Ave., Long Bea	ach 1	Confessions Mass	••	2:30 3:00	P.M. P.M.
			(THIS MASS WILL BE FOLLOW	ED BY A P	OT-LUCK SUPP	PER	AND I	MOVIE)
Saturday,	May	24	St. Clement Church 3102 Third St., Santa Mon:		Wedding of D Elizabeth Ga			
Saturday,	May	24	Sacred Heart Mission - Fin 5th. and Center Sts., Cove		Communion	:	2:00	P.M.
Sunday,	May	25	Holy Angels Church 370 Campus Dr., Arcadia		Confessions Mass	:	2:30 3:00	P.M. P.M.
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NOTE: CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE ALL THE MASSES. BUT THE MASSES WILL BEGIN ON TIME. THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO HAVE THEIR CONFESSIONS HEARD BEFORE MASS MAY GO TO CONFESSION AFTER MASS.

We have received a letter from the MICHAEL FREED COMPANY, makers of pillows and quilts etc.

The Company wants to hire some Deaf people who have had some experience on factory-type sewing machines.

If you are interested in this you may contact the Company at: 316½ Edgeware Rd., Los Angeles 90026 or call the Company at: (213) DU 0-2222.

We have also received a letter from Jane Newmeister to let us know that an English Class for the Deaf began on Wednesday, April 2nd., at North Hollywood First Assembly Church of God.

The purpose of the class is to promote understanding English Grammar for reading the Bible and also to help Deaf people to find a better job because of improved English and reading ability.

The teaching is done in Sign-Langauge. The classes meet every Wednesday evening from 7:00 o'clock to 8:00 o'clock in the Church, 11455 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood.

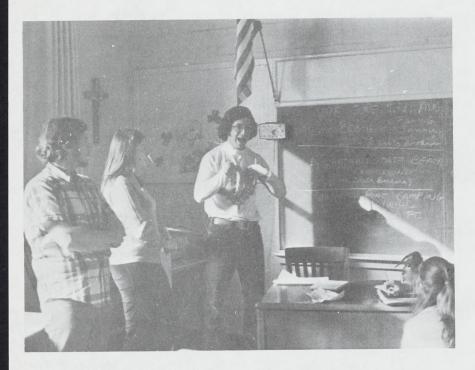
There is also a Sign-Language class for beginners at their Church. This is held on Wednesdays also at 7:00 P.M.

26TH. ANNUAL GRAND BALL ON SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1975 AT ST. VINCENT'S SOCIAL HALL, SO. FIGUEROA ST. L. A. \$5.00 per person. Proceeds to the 1976 ICDA Convention

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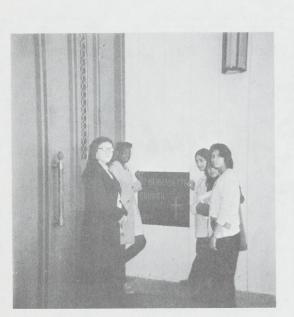
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Top Left: Paul and Lisa Sanchez and Dan Chrisman discuss the Camping Trip. Top Right: Father Brian Doran mingles with

some of the students from Marlton. Middle Left: Father John Spaulding poses with Frances Ripplinger and Don Hohn, Chairman and Co-Chairman of the 1976 ICDA Convention in Los Angeles.

Middle Right: Ruth Luxford discusses some points with Father Brian Doran.

Lower left: Some students from Marlton School for the Deaf begin a tour of St. Bernadette Church in Los Angeles with Father Brian Doran.

JOIN AND SUPPORT YOUR EPHPHETA SOCIETY AND INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC DEAF ASSOCIATION 17



OUR MOST SINCERE THANKS TO YOU !

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We wish to thank the following people for their donations towards the publication of THE EPHPHETA BULLETIN EACH MONTH.

Kit Fitzgerald and Howard Gilbert, Jr., Betty Blanchard, George Maroney, Anonymous, Betty Ann Lynch, Aline Callens, George Callens, Effie C. Rowe, Anonymous, Catherine Miller, Katie Mc

Hugh and Irene Eckerich.

The monthly Mass at St. Gregory's in Los Angeles will be offered for the intentions of all the donors to THE EPHPHETA BULLETIN.

We still are not meeting expenses. So, if you have not donated so far and feel that you can afford a donation, we encourage you to make a donation. We really want to continue publishing THE EPHPHETA BULLETIN.

ANGEL WEST CLUB

WHAT IS NEW? HERE IT IS! From now on we will have our own new place for our meetings and for our Mass.

SACRED HEART MISSION, HARCOURT near KATELLA in ANAHEIM. (See Mass schedule for May)

Our Mass and meeting will be held on the THIRD SATURDAY of every month.

The Mass will be at 5:30 P.M. and the monthly meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Now is the time to prove your real interest in the ANGEL WEST CLUB for the DEAF.

We hope that very many will come and join us.We need your support to make our efforts successful for the Deaf.



On June 1st. we will have a trip to the Universal Studios and there will be more information on this at the meeting on May 17th.

WOW! CAMPING ON WEEKENDS!

Paul Sanchez and Dan Chrisman plan a camping trip at Idyllwild(Wilderness Pines) on July 3-6.

If you would like to go on this camping trip please come to the meetings on May 17 and June 21 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS! To Phil and Liz McKindly, a baby girl, their first. To Beth Schorr, who was voted Queen of the West Junior National Associates for the Deaf.

This contest was held in Oregon.

There will be many other activities. We need YOUR ideas and YOUR likes.

ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THE ANGEL WEST CLUB SUCCESSFUL!

If you wish to make a donation for the cost of THE EPHPHETA BULLETIN, please fill out the following form:

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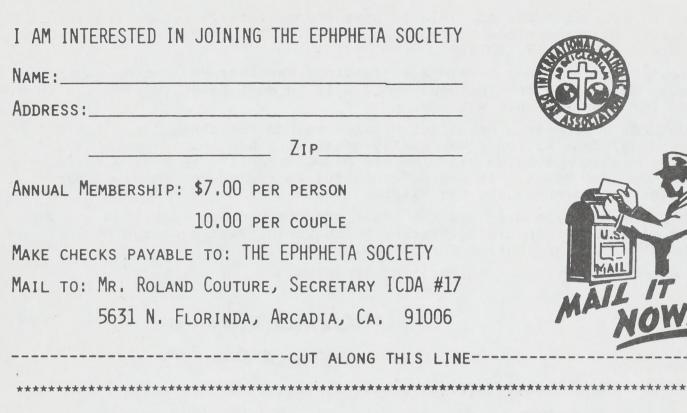
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CORVERTION RETUS

Hi Everyone! It shocks me sometimes when I think how the time is slipping by and our 1976 ICDA Convention is coming closer and closer.

WOW! THE TIME IS VERY SHORT LOOKING FO - JUST 14 MONTHS AWAY! HOWEVER I AM VERY CONFIDENT BECAUSE WE HAVE WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR -A VERY STRONG AND A VERY FINE EPHPHETA SOCIETY AND CHAPTER #17 OF THE ICDA, WE ALSO HAVE A VERY GOOD 1976 CONVENTION COMMITTEE, NOW ALL WE NEED IS YOUR SUPPORT

Caro

AND YOUR CONCERN. OUR MOTTO MUST BE: SOMEONE HAS GOT TO CARE, DO YOU CARE ENOUGH FOR THE DEAF? YOU MUST ANSWER!

WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU DO CARE AND THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP.

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WHAT YOU'VE

We have many big programs lined up for this

we have many big programs fined up for this year: September - the Carnival October - The Ephpheta Society's 50th. Ann-iversary with Banquet and Dance. November - Las Vegas Night. December - The Annual Christmas Party.

December 31 - Happy New Year's Eve Party.

As well as all of the above there will be many other activities that should help keep us act-ive and healthy in promoting the good of the Deaf in our immediate area.

NOW! WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A BIG 26th. ANNUAL GRAND BALL ON JUNE 28th. This is a Saturday night. The Ball will be held at St. Vincent's Social Hall in Los Angeles. There will be cocktails etc. and the raffle tickets will be available before the 28th. June and also at the door.

We feel bad because the International Association of Deaf Bowlers will have its Deaf Handicap Singles Classic on June 28th. also. However, we feel very confident that we will have a very successful Grand Ball with your support and concern for our 1976 Convention. So I am sure that everyone will work well and happy together.

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I am very sorry that I was not able to answer some letters requesting the lovely silver pens inscribed "The Spirit of '76, ICDA Convention, Los Angeles Hilton Hotel, July 11-17, 1976."

I have been very busy. May I make a suggestion? Whenever you see me anywhere please stop and ask me for the pens and I will be most happy to give you them. Thank you for your patience with me.

GEE! SHOUT FOR JOY! What a beautiful Mission we had for three days! Father John Spaulding, from Arizona, was really great with his inspiring talks and prayers. As Father Spaulding said, we are ONE BIG FAMILY. We must work toge-ther with LOVE AND PEACE. It was so wonderful to see so very many of our Deaf people in Church during the Mission.

So we thank Father Spaulding and the other priests who concelebrated the clo-sing Mass with Father Spaulding, Father Brian Doran, Father George Horan, Father Dennis Young and Father Chris Twohig.

Please remember we are one FAMILY !! LET IT SHINE!

SEE FOR

Frances Ripplinger General Chairlady



WHYNOT YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE !

We wish to bring to your attention the fact that



YOURSELF? there is presently a Bill before the State Legislature that would authorize that SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES BE GIVEN TO DEAF PEOPLE (AB 1475 - Fenton, Montebello.)

Of course a Bill like this could be argued for and against. But THERE IS AT LEAST ONE ASPECT OF THE BILL THAT WOULD MAKE IT DANGEROUS FOR DEAF PEOPLE.

It means that if a car with one of these special license plates is parked outside a house, ANYONE PASSING BY will know that Deaf people live in that house. THEREFORE A THIEF WOULD BE LED TO BELIEVE THAT IT MIGHT BE EASIER TO BREAK INTO THAT HOUSE BECAUSE OF THE PEO-PLE BEING DEAF.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE HOMES OF DEAF PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE SO EASILY IDENTIFIED. I DO NOT LIKE THIS BILL! IT HAS DANGEROUS OVERTONES!

Let your State Legislator know how you feel about this Bill. Or you may contact your Assemblyman or Senator at the State Capitol, Sacramento, California 95814

> THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE OF THE EPHPHETA SOCIETY OF THE DEAF, LOS ANGELES CHAPTER #17 OF ICDA PRESENTS BALL GRAND ANNUAL 26тн.

> > ON

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1975 AT

ST. VINCENT'S SOCIAL HALL, 2333 SO. FIGUEROA ST., LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA Cocktail Hour - 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. Dancing

\$5.00 per person (includes one drink free)

PROCEEDS TO THE 1976 ICDA CONVENTION IN LOS ANGELES



MAY 24TH. AT 1:00 P.M. AT ST. GERTRUDE'S CHURCH IN BELL GARDENS.

LORG BEACH

Dear Members and Friends,

Our Long Beach Center for the Deaf will have the welcome mat out for everyone for our Mass and Social in May - Sunday, May 18th. We will have a captioned movie "BEN HUR" and a Pot Luck Dinner.

Our Mass will begin at 3:00 P.M. and the first part of the movie will follow immediately. Because the movie is so long we will serve the Pot Luck dinner at the intermission. Then when the dinner has been served we will show the second part of the movie. Then after the movie we will serve dessert.

Please bring your own special dishes for the Pot-Luck dinner. Those who do not bring their own food will be charged \$1.00.

At the end of the movie and dinner there will be the drawing of DOOR PRIZES. There will be three prizes: One for a man, one for a woman and one for a child. Tickets will be on sale also: Donations will be 3 for 10¢ or 12 for \$1.00. All of the proceeds will go for a very worthy cause. So we are hoping that many will join in the fun and enjoyment.

We ask the parents to watch over their children so as to avoid accidents.

HOPING TO SEE A LARGE CROWD ON SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1975.

God bless you.

Betty Jean Brandt

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It is difficult to tell everyone who did IN THE NEWS not attend the Annual Mission for the Deaf given by Father John Spaulding of Phoenix, Arizona, how wonderful and inspiring it was. Many of our friends, we had not seen for a

long time were at St. Gregory's at the closing Mass on Sunday, April 13. Among our friends were the Jack Mauceres of La Puente, the Howard Holmes of Anaheim, Alvin Harolds of Whittier, Robert Brathaens of Simi Valley, to name a few.

Shirley Maucere is now employed at Wells Fargo Bank in El Monte. She and Jack have six fine children - three are married. They are now the proud GrandParents of a little girl of one year. Their daughter Rose Mary is the mother of the child

ELMER GRISER of Van Nuys is recovering nicely from open-heart surgery two months ago. He is home now and we hope he is taking things easier.

ANDY PAULOS of Riverview, Michigan, is my grandson and he is now six years.

FATHER GEORGE HORAN led the singing at the special Mass closing the Mission. Father was assisted by four lovely nuns from St. Bruno's School in Whittier.

Margaret Kaenter was a joy to meet and see again. Margaret has a wonderful personality and she was a really good leader when she and her late husband Fred were officers in The Ephpheta Society. It is always so nice to see so many friends again.

IN MEMORY OF FRED W. KAENTER WHO DIED ON MAY 3rd. 1973. I am grateful for the richest of love and happiness we shared.

Margaret E. Kaenter

Elizabeth Blanchard had the misfortune to fall twice during the Mission and injure her ankle. Hope all is well with you Betty.

Glady & Study

Knights of Columbus

To all ICDA Members:

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I was really impressed when I read the Bible at Ephesians 6:16,17 and I rem-embered the work of the Knights of Columbus. The verses read: "In every battle you will need Faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan. And you will need the helmet of Salvation and the sword of the Spirit - which is the Word of God."

I have received some applications for the Knights of Columbus for the Deaf. Please do not be worried about the demands of the ICDA Convention in 1976. Your membership in the Knights will help you with the Convention. So complete your application for the Knights now.

In the Knights of Columbus the men are referred to as KNIGHTS and the women as COLUMBIETTES.

If you are interested please complete the following application and mail to:

Ray Garlotte, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR THE DEAF, P.O. Box 7025, Van Nuys, California 91409 -----cut along this line----

Koff	YES! I AM INT	TERESTED IN JOINING THE KNIGHTS.
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I will have captioned films every First and Third Sunday of the month. On the First Sunday we will have the captioned film immediately after the Mass and on the Third Sunday we will have the captioned film without the Mass. The following is our movie schedule:

TROUBLE WITH ANGELS...... MAY 4, 1975SWINGING MAIDEN..... JUNE 1, 1975TALE OF TWO CITIES MAY 18, 1975BONNIE AND CLYDE..... JUNE 15, 1975

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our regular Mass each month and at the movies. This is the time for us to get together and to work together for the promotion of our Deaf society. Father Brian Doran is very anxious to give us all the leadership that is necessary but we ourselves must show that we are interested.

Ray S. Narlitte

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On March 22, our CCD class was privileged to have Father Brian Doran celebrate Mass and join us for coffee (he would not have any donuts!). We enjoyed meeting his new assistant, Helen, who graciously offered to help us with any materials we may need for our classes.

We recently welcomed two new members to our classes: Jeannie and Kathy West. They are two charming teen-agers who attend school at Riverside, California. They are in the Confirmation preparation class for this May.

At our April Mass three of our students will receive their First Holy Communion, Gabriel Bello, Christie Rhan and Andrea Castellanos. The Angel West members are to highlight this festive occasion by being our special guests. A social will follow the Mass and all our readers are cordially invited.

Several of our Hearing class assistants are attending sign-language classes at Elmhurst School in Ventura. Among them are: Tracy Schneider, Esther Villicana, Bing Paja and Celia McTaggart.

Cathy Rhan and Pat West attend class in Oxnard and Joe Hollowell attended Ventura College last semester.

Carlos Panzardi has ably done the readings at the monthly Sign Masses and Bing Paja has assisted with the responses.

Our representative at the CCD Congress was Lisa Spiller. She enjoyed all the activities but was most impressed with the Sign Mass.

Blessings!

(Signed) Celia McTaggart 3024 So. C Street, Oxnard, California 93030