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know in singing and answering the prayers. And we were more family-oriented at that time. People didn't hurry to get into their cars and leave and people congregated outside of the church and talked to one another, not for just a minute but for some time. We didn't only have the church picnic either, we had a fish fries, and we had chicken suppers. Each circle would sponsor something each month, like that... they usually had that on a Sunday. Yes. So, did you have Rosary circles and things like that? Oh yes. Sure. Rummage sales. And we had the picnics in the summer... and you two ladies remember how much work it was? Oh my. They would never work like that now, would they? No. Well, number one we didn't have what to work with what they had. No absolutely not. No. We did not have any.... No but all the chickens we had to dress, for our, for each family we had so many..... I know my husband and I [indistinct] beside what we had for our own family. Well they paid us for the 50 we dressed and we had to get so many for our own, each family give [indistinct] potato salad, relishes and all that, and the cakes and pies. All of it was made there, except for the desserts, right? [indistinct] Real mashed potatoes. And the men helped very much with this because there was a lot of heavy lifting. It was always [indistinct]. The original picnics, the chicken was made at home. Is that right? Yes. Sure. Chicken was all fried at home and so many. They were dressed. The men would get together on Saturday or before and they were all dressed, home raised, and home dressed. We didn't have the picnic.... [laughter] We enjoyed it though. It was fun. It was really fun. You really knew your neighbors more than you do now. Even though it was work it was pleasant and nice to get together and help one another like that. Not only for the older people but for the more or so for the younger ones like that to get together and know each other. One of our greatest memories, because our boys were in it, was the baseball games. Yeah, we talked about that. It was.... [indistinct]. And we still have an Asbury Phils shirt. And there was a girls. Yes. And every Sunday this is what went on..... everybody turned out to cheer. It was our Sunday afternoon entertainment, especially if your children were in it. Do you feel that when you were a young family, just starting out, do you feel that your beliefs were different than the young children now of our parish, as far as going to church, going to the different.... Oh, very definitely. I mean we went to devotions, we went to confession every month. The children went more often when they were in the Catholic school. Well at that time was there face to face confession like now where the children go face to face, it was strictly the confessional. No, that hasn't come in until the last five years. I think that the children then were taught more of their religion. I know that you ladies went through the same thing I did in teaching their prayers for communion, confirmation. Who made you, why were you made and so forth. Maybe we recall now that it was drummed into them. Now when my children went to school there was no Catholic school at that time, so their religion was all taught at home and prayers were all taught at home. The only time that they went was on Saturday afternoons. They had religion class. They went to school all week.... then on Saturday, well they had two weeks that they called vacation school before they received first communion. In the summertime.... Yes. So, it was more family oriented as far as prayers and things like that. It's not like the husband would buzz off like today, so they never pray together. You said your prayers before meals and you said your prayers after meals. [end of side 1]

I said at 12:00 you said the Angelus. At 6:00 it was said too. It was said in the morning at 6:00. You would hear the church bell toll the Angelus every day. 3 times a day. If you were in the field, the men were in the field. Most of the time a lot of them would get off the tractor with the horses and kneel down and say the Angelus, or stand there and pray. Grace, what do you remember about, I know Suzy attended Resurrection school there? Were there 8

grades when they started? No, there wasn't there was only up to 6th until the building was built. I don't quite recall..... it was mostly sisters who taught there. In fact, it was all. Sr. Joan was the first principle if I'm not mistaken. Now we have the 8 grades and we have 5 nuns, or 6 nuns. We have preschool and a daycare center. There was no sisters home out here. The sisters were picked up by different members of the parish every morning. They'd come and brought out and a different member would take them back at night. And how long did this go on for? Well until they got the new... Dubuque Resurrection

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on the corner, now Pennsylvania Ave and Radford Rd on the, let's see as you come from town, across from your place, yes, across from our place, right across from our place. You could sit on the front porch, if you wanted to, but that wasn't close enough for us, we had to get in on the action..... I got to go church every morning and this is what I feel bad about, we have the church here, and I don't know how many days that the children go, i don't think you go every morning do you? Now that it's Lent we go every day, but when it's not during Lent we go every Wednesday and Friday. [indistinct conversation]. I remember that when I went to school that we used to get up in the morning and walk 8 blocks to go to mass every morning and we had breakfast at the school. And then we had to go fasting when we wanted to go to communion. And then if we broke our fast well then we just couldn't go to communion, but we didn't go every day [to communion] like they do now, probably about once a month or so. And then when they went, we had a big long communion railing that we had to kneel by and we pulled a linen cloth over our hands when we received. Is that right? Oh yeah. And also when we went back further, we went to mass you could go to mass here in the Dubuque or any church in Dubuque or you could go to California and go to mass or you could go to Chicago and go to mass and you could go into any church and sit down, or kneel down, and pray right along with the parishioners. Your mass was universal you knew just exactly what they were going to, how the mass was going to be read. Now anymore you can't do that. Every church has a different order of.... And that was in Latin too wasn't it? It was in Latin. And the they were, the priest was facing the tabernacle and his back was toward the people and he read from the mass at the high altar, and there was more prayers said after the mass. People didn't cooperate in the mass either you had your own prayer book and you followed the mass in your own prayer book like that. I see still where some of them still bring their own prayer books. I like the community prayers like that, but I feel uneasy with going into a different church like that just to feel afraid to say anything because you don't know how they say the mass there, it just does not seem to me to be universal. And then when you find the place where they're reading they are almost done. Like Lenten devotions did you find them to be more symbolic than what we have now. Oh yes, much more. Holy Week in particular. Beautiful Lenten devotions, and beautiful stations of the cross, like Cathedral had down there. They were in every church, now when they move from the church down there they, I don't know what happened to them, the beautiful stations that they had down there. They had big plaster, I suppose they would be, well I don't know. Now this was at St. Philomena's? Do you remember approximately when they moved the sanctuary out here? You said that was Fr. ??? Fr. Graham, yeah.... I am bad on dates, I don't just remember that either, what the date was.... Why did they change the name from St. Philomena to Resurrection. Well...that we'll never know. That was orders from the Holy See, from the Pope that there was no St. Philomena and that was not to be a church or a parish with St. Philomena's name now, as to why I don't know. Well Fr. Graham was here and he changed theirs but there's still a St. Philomena's still in Wisconsin and if it wasn't so far away I would still go there because I feel very much that I have St. Philomena to thank for her novena that we attended when my son had polio that he was the one out of 99 that came home. Do you want to tell us a little bit about that? Well, it was not a very pleasant experience.... to have a lad of 13 years old pulled out and sent in to the doctor and not seeing him again for weeks. It was the first polio epidemic.... He was sent to Iowa City and put in the hospital down there. He never told us about anything of the experience, but he has told his children that it was a very scary thing to hear these machines pumping away pumping breath for the lungs, and he knew that if one of them stopped, that was it. They were either going home or they..... It was a small room so they knew which ones were going home or which ones died. And you say that you prayed to St. Philomena every day? We

made the first day of St. Philomena's novena and he took sick that night and two days later he was in Iowa City in the hospital in Iowa City and it was a nightmare, just a plain nightmare, because I had 9 children at the time and take care of them and worry away, in the middle of the summer, and..... So, St. Philomena answered your prayers. Absolutely, they can't tell me there isn't a St. Philomena, I don't intend to argue with anybody, but I still in my own home have St. Philomena booklets, I do too. Do you remember as far as the financial, how was the church their financial needs or their financial things, how were they met at St. Philomena's church? Was there tithing or....? No, it was pledged. Parishioners in the parish, which were just a handful. All pledged a certain amount. But they had the same problem that they have today. People now following through. Well, financial difficulties..... And St. Philomena's parish down there I was told cost 17,000 dollars which..... We now have Grace ???? joining us. Grace had been in the parish for 33 years and Grace will add to our conversation. We're just kind of recalling things as they come. Mrs. McFadden started with the beginning days, and we're....[indistinct]. What year are you up to? We're just discussing how the financial needs were met at St. Philomena's. [indistinct] It says St. Philomena's was built in 1920.... and then it burned. Yes, there was a fire at one time in the sacristy after the mass, a Sunday morning. And it burned to the ground? No, oh no. Just destroyed the altar, yes the altar, destroyed the altar and the sacristy. Then did people join together and like anybody was talented with carpentry work build it up again? Or did they likely contract it out? I think it was a contract. [indistinct] I was here in '31. It says here that the cemetery was established in 1857 and that at one time the rectory was behind the church. Do you remember that? Alongside the church. The original structure of St. Philomena was built around 1860. And that was at ??? [indistinct]. It says that the first residents where the first mass was said was in 1856, so I guess that was the very beginning. And how long have you been here at the parish? 53 years. 53, that's a long time. What year, Grace, did they move from St. Philomena to Resurrection. St. Philomena's to Resurrection? Well, let's see I think they moved in.... they moved before 1963. There goal was to get in there in 1961 and is that the year that they moved into it? I remember we had mass up there in the first grade at that time. Do you remember that when we had the first mass? We had mass up here for quite some time before they had the regular church built. [indistinct]. Oh yes, my youngest daughter made her first communion there, so I remember that very well. That's were mass was celebrated four oh, at least over a year I would say. And they also had mass at the old church at the same time. Do you recall that when mass when was at both places? The only place I ever went was at St. Philomena's, the old St. Philomena, I.... you never went to the mass in the school room then? Uh huh, where the first grade is now. No. There was mass there before they had mass in the, well what is called the [indistinct] now. That was after my husband died [indistinct]. And they said that there were, as far as the financial reports, they said there were pledges. Did they have a building [pledge drive] just like we do have for our new....? Yes, that's right. It says here that the parish had grown from 75 families in 1957 to 920 families in 1976 and I think that they, when the Resurrection school and the church was completed in 1958 the old church and rectory property belonging to St. Philomena's was vacated and put up for sale. So, that meant that the school was there before they had the church in there. And I think that's when they moved in. You don't recall that, what year it was. No, I'm very..... [indistinct]. I think that it was 1961, the whole thing..... [indistinct]. And then in 1963 they wanted to put an addition on to the school and that's when the church was built between, when they put the second addition onto the school, the last with the high upper grades are now. Grace what do you remember different from masses, from when you first started. We talked about how they were in Latin and we also talked about communion rail. Is there anything else? We talked

about different benedictions that they had then that we no longer have now. Different services. Oh, yes you went to services more often. You went to benediction and I think that was every Sunday night if I'm not mistaken right? A lot of times on Sunday the later mass was a high mass and then followed by benediction. Right. [indistinct] Well one time we were noted for our response to the mass and for our way that our people responded in singing, which I'm sorry to say they don't do anymore. But, our church really responded, you know in singing and answering the prayers. And we were more family-oriented at that time. People didn't hurry to get into their cars and leave and people congregated outside of the church and talked to one another, not for just a minute but for some time. We didn't only have the church picnic either, we had a fish fries, and we had chicken suppers. Each circle would sponsor something each month, like that... they usually had that on a Sunday. Yes. So did you have Rosary circles and things like that? Oh yes. Sure. Rummage sales. And we had the picnics in the summer... and you two ladies remember how much work it was? Oh my. They would never work like that now, would they? No. Well, number one we didn't have what to work with what they had. No absolutely not. No. We did not have any.... No but all the chickens we had to dress, for our, for each family we had so many..... I know my husband and I [indistinct] beside what we had for our own family. Well they paid us for the 50 we dressed and we had to get so many for our own, each family give [indistinct] potato salad, relishes and all that, and the cakes and pies. All of it was made there, except for the desserts right? [indistinct] Real mashed potatoes. And the men helped very much with this because there was a lot of heavy lifting. It was always [indistinct]. The original picnics, the chicken was made at home. Is that right? Yes. Sure. Chicken was all fried at home and so many. They were dressed. The men would get together on Saturday or before and they were all dressed, home raised, and home dressed. We didn't have the picnic.... [laughter] We enjoyed it though. It was fun. It was really fun. You really knew your neighbors more than you do now. Even though it was work it was pleasant and nice to get together and help one another like that. Not only for the older people but for the more or so for the younger ones like that to get together and know each other. One of our greatest memories, because our boys were in it, was the baseball games. Yeah, we talked about that. It was.... [indistinct]. And we still have an Asbury Phils shirt. And there was a girls. Yes. And every Sunday this is what went on..... everybody turned out to cheer. It was our Sunday afternoon entertainment, especially if your children were in it. Do you feel that when you were a young family, just starting out, do you feel that your beliefs were different than the young children now of our parish, as far as going to church, going to the different.... Oh, very definitely. I mean we went to devotions, we went to confession every month. The children went more often when they were in the Catholic school. Well at that time was there face to face confession like now where the children go face to face, it was strictly the confessional. No, that hasn't come in until the last five years. I think that the children then were taught more of their religion. I know that you ladies went through the same thing I did in teaching their prayers for communion, confirmation. Who made you, why were you made and so forth. Maybe we recall now that it was drummed into them. Now when my children went to school there was no Catholic school at that time, so their religion was all taught at home and prayers were all taught at home. The only time that they went was on Saturday afternoons. They had religion class. They went to school all week.... then on Saturday, well they had two weeks that they called vacation school before they received first communion. In the summertime.... Yes. So it was more family oriented as far as prayers and things like that. It's not like the husband would buzz off like today, so they never pray together. You said your prayers before meals and you said your prayers after meals. [indistinct]. Well the sisters also taught the catechism classes at the old St. Philomena's church on Saturdays.

Was there 3 sisters then? [indistinct] ..... I remember the plaque in the back of the church that had all of the service men that had been in war and their names on [indistinct] I have a picture of that. It's amazing how many.... [indistinct]..... When we look at these pictures there wasn't any trees..... We had circles not too long after we were.... [indistinct] Msgr. Dunn was as far as I am, was and is a saint. When he came out here the church was so deeply in debt there was not a penny for food, groceries, or anything and one of the, well I could mention the name of them now, but I won't, his, this man's wife was a Catholic but he was not and somebody asked him to go to this man and ask him if he could charge his groceries and this man gave him his groceries until he got back on their feet. They couldn't meet, or make the ends meet. And there was the old, original priest house across from [indistinct] up there, a beauty shop right now, that was the original rectory. That porch on there, Msgr. Dunn took and hand sanded that porch, hand filled in the cracks on that porch, hand painted that porch and I will remember many of the times that I, we went past there and Msgr. Dunn was out working on that porch. He did a beautiful job. A lot of the work was done by parishioners, because they didn't have the money. The women cleaned the church and that was an all day session. It didn't take a couple of hours. I can remember taking our children in the wagon and our lunch and going out to clean and it took you most of the day to get the church clean. Well, I got into cleaning the house, cleaning the priest house. Twice a year I think. We enjoyed it. Always felt that it was well worth it. [indistinct] The children, we took them along but I don't remember them ever being a problem. They just didn't in those days I guess. Well, they were taught to behave and they behaved or else [laughter]. The flat of the hand where it counted the most. I don't know [indistinct].... sisters convent was to be in 1963 so I imagine that it was when the priest house was built. The first one, here that's used for the preschool now. We talked about benedictions and things like that, do you remember any other service they had. Well they had the May Queen, that was yearly.... [indistinct] I think we would have a procession [indistinct]. Yes we did. And when there was first communion class they had flower girls each day, carry the flowers. Before the class you mean? Mmm hmmm. Procession from the basement of the church around the outside through the front door, down the... and didn't we have a real nice breakfast after first communion? They had a real nice breakfast after first communion for the communion kids. Did you have this as a special service or was it incorporated into a regular Sunday mass. Sunday mass, yes. And then confirmations. Do you remember much about confirmations? Did they have it every year, or every other year. Well I remember my records, when I was confirmed there was an elderly couple living next door and when the girls were confirmed they stood there and Mrs. McBloom and Mr. and she walked along and put her hand on each girl's shoulder for the whole class, and then for the boys Mr. McBloom put his hand on their shoulders of the boys. And they didn't have all of the [indistinct]. Well each individual had a sponsor, the boys had a man for a sponsor, and the girls had a.... at that time they had one for all of them. When did they start [indistinct]..... I wouldn't, I don't recall, it was at, during all of mine [indistinct] this was back when [indistinct].... Do any of you girls have any questions for the ladies? About the school or the church? Can you think of any information that might be valuable in the future concerning Resurrection? In what way? Well all I can say is that children just only knew that don't study and study hard what they're missing they would then just study real hard because it's only once in your lifetime that you're going to get the opportunity and your education is something that they cannot take away from you, ever. Whatever you get in an education you've got that forever. I don't think that too many children think about what they're throwing away. I don't either... [indistinct]. I'm sure there's going to be a big change in our schools because we're not going to have the religious to teach anymore unless there's a change, a turn around with the young girls going into the

convent, or if our priests, I'm sure there's going to be a big change there. [indistinct].... I guess I have a question, do you feel that kids nowadays get enough Catholic education and go to mass enough as when you went to school. Well, convenient as churches are now, and transportation, we had to walk. Children back then a mile and a half, maybe some of them a whole lot more had to walk through snow, sleet, rain, and today children are .... [indistinct] right to school and I kind of feel bad that they don't get to mass. I think that we saw that our children got to mass, even with the hard... Listen to the parent's nowadays and we had to take this one here to school and that one to school and I think you poor dear, one day you took them to school, and I took them and went to 5 schools in one day. Or did you find you went to church quicker or sooner than 5 minutes before mass was scheduled. Did you find yourself going maybe 15-20 minutes before mass. Nobody left mass early. Nobody left early. Unless we had to go outside with our babies during the sermon when it was so warm and no air conditioning. And that has changed because at that time you didn't stay in church if your baby fussed although we did take our babies to walk or we usually.... I had to take mine out or stay home. That's right. If they cried you got up and left didn't you? You didn't stay there and let them cry. Well Fr. Long did. Well most priests then didn't allow you to stay, in fact they would stop talking until you took your child out. Well Fr. Long would say after church, oh the children were good. Oh that one has the devil in her. Now mother, that's not the devil that's in the child, that's the devil tempting the mother to stay home with them. Did you go to church, or was there church on Saturdays? There was no Saturday evening mass. Do you have any idea when this took place, or approximately how long ago they fixed it so you could go to mass on Saturday night and it would satisfy your Sunday obligation? That isn't too long. I would say in the radius of 15-20 years wouldn't you? Yes. If it's even that long. I also remember how long we all worked when the school was built up here. I mean the parishioners really came and helped get that school going, we cleaned desks, I don't know if you women took part in that. We had old desks, old pews, and we had to clean them all up. We had to clean them all up and everybody pitched in and painted and varnished and scraped to get this all ready for the school to open. When you were in school, were your schools like one room or did you have to go to different rooms for different classes. Well when I went to school I didn't go to Catholic school, just a grade school and there was 60 children in 1 room when I started out and 1 teacher. Well I went to a Catholic school and we had 2 grades in 1 room. And you stayed in the same room. That was in the grade school, when you got into high school you had to transfer from one room to the other. They had different teachers teaching different subjects, not in the grade school. The sister would have like 7th and 8th grade and another would have, well they didn't have kindergarten or what they call preschool now. Did you usually go to mass with your family, or did you go on your own? You went on your own. That is on Sundays. I went to 5:30 or noon, because that was the way to get your children there and you'd be able to get your dinner ready, you always had a big meal on Sunday noon, so I always went to the first mass rain sleet or snow. You walked, you walked and wouldn't drive. Well at that time there wasn't too many, well you most likely had a car living on the farm, but we didn't, and our children went to the public school out here and that teacher took the 7th and 8th grade into one room and she did an excellent job. Or what about, do you remember we always had to wear hats or veils or something which they no longer do? I can remember when a wife lost her husband they mourned for a whole year. They wore black. And they wore a black hat with a big veil hanging down, and after 6 months they would pin the veil up on their hat. Do you remember that Lilian? Also I remember if your children went to a public school and the parish priest got ahold of this you were threatened with excommunication. A far change now. Your priests also taught in schools at that time. The priest would come into the schools

every day. He was your catechism teacher, and believe me they were rough. Fr. Moser teaches religion to the 7th and 8th grade at Resurrection. There were no child handled with gloves on, it was either, or. If you went like to a public school would there be like CCD or something like that to learn education? Oh yes, you had to go to catechism if you went to a public school. They still had that. It was during the summer time. Well CCD is for children that go to the public school. At that time you'd go for two weeks after school let out. And they seemed to know just as much as the ones who went every day. The sisters were very strict. Is there anything you'd like to see changed in Catholic schools that going back to when you used to go to school, so the children would learn more, or have more religious education? Or is there anything as far as the mass that you would like to see go back? I think that we have a lot of shortcuts now compared to what it used to be. No, I think that today the schools are entirely too much sports oriented. Just too much, more of the reading, writing, arithmetic, and religion. Forget about the basketball, baseball, all this kind of... some of it is fine. We had it on Sundays and on two nights a week they would practice. The kids got together and they had a wonderful time. There was no basketball, and all of these tennis, and golf and softball, and soccer and all this stuff. They were at home studying their books. There was no television to distract them. I think that too many parents are more caught up with the sports of the school and to see that the children are getting good grades. [indistinct]. For homework, did your children have more homework? Yes, they had homework every night. Now, did they go to school, why I didn't go to Resurrection I went to Holy Ghost when I was young. We had to go, there was so many that we had to go to school for just a half a day. Like, I don't know when maybe I was in 3rd grade, 4th grade, 3rd graders would go in the morning, 4th grades in the afternoon. No, we didn't have a school at Resurrection. There was, the children all went to public schools. They didn't have [indistinct] it was just beginning and the classes weren't very large, so they didn't have any problems like that at all. If your kids didn't have any homework would they stay and just like study or would they go outside? I'd say that I can speak for the rest of them if they didn't have anything to do inside they were outside because they knew what to do with themselves when they had free time. Nobody made up fun for them, they knew what to do. And after children got through with school it was there job to clean up the school. Mine anyhow. They had to stay after school and wash boards, another would clean out the erasers, another one dusted, or swept. After they get though sweeping, another crew would come along and dust the desks and when the children went home their school room was clean for the next morning. That was up to the children to do that. [indistinct] Would you like to see Latin brought back in the mass, do you think? I wouldn't. No, I myself I love to hear the songs in Latin, benediction and that. I was very happy when they turned to English because I never understood what they were saying. Well what about, did you ever have guitar at your masses? It was always organ? Yes. The thing I would like to see happen in our churches would be if they get more stricter and not be afraid to speak out to the people and children about how to act in church. Also, when you are asked to sing, and not leave the mass before the last song is sung. If you would go into a Protestant church of any religion, thos people do not leave their church, and I think that the Catholics to do what they do at their mass is a crime, I really do. I think it's terrible when you see half of the congregation get up and leave before the mass is over. Yes, but Grace on the other hand don't you think that this has got to do with mother's working, father's work and mother's have to go to work and be to work at such and such a time, like nurses at three o'clock in the afternoon or the evening they don't have, or can't go to mass in the evening like that. Well, I don't think that's any reason for leaving the mass that early unless there is an emergency of some type. I think they should know mass is an hour and stay for the service.

But you know, there's people who are still singing and half of the church is left. All those people aren't going to work. What I do feel sorry for are these poor mother's with little ones when they get.... you don't go to church with a baby that has well.... shall we say, did what she shouldn't do, until right before they left and these poor mothers have to clean these little infants up and they come in five minutes late or so and get... And things have changed, we usually didn't take our kids to mass until they learned how to behave, and at that time when your children went to mass they didn't sit with you, they went to the front of the church and the nuns sat behind them and those children sat very still and if they didn't the sister would go up and tap them on the shoulder and bring them back and they would sit right along with her. The children behaved very well at the mass. No, they didn't sit with parents. Now, you go to church on Sundays and you sit there in church and they'll be a bunch of children in front of you [indistinct, making noise like a child]. No, they didn't talk in church in the early days, like they do now, or clap either. I don't see anything wrong in that, clapping for some special occasion. But the young people you see them talking all through the mass. Sometimes it's not just the young people either. Is there any age difference in sacraments that you made when you were our age than there is now? Like first communion or confirmation, do you still make it at the same age as we make it now, or did you make it at an earlier age? First communion was older, and I think confirmation was older. I made my first communion when I was 8 years old. It seems like confirmation they keep switching back. 6th grade, then 7th. Now they're.... Yes, I think that has changed, but I don't think that communion has changed very much. What is the 2nd communion date. 2 weeks after the first and they carried candles and the procession too. It was always in June. And all of the little girls were in their veils and white dresses and the boys were in your dark pants and white shirts. And I think that it looked so much nicer to see them all go up in a class like that, all looking alike. I always they thought they looked like angels, although we knew differently. Did you have to know more prayers and things before you made your confirmation than we do now, or did you have to know [indistinct].... We would have to know what you know now in order to answer that question. Well, like [indistinct] beatitudes..... oh yes. How many of you girls are making confirmation? We have to wait until we are 15 when we're in high school. What they don't know by then.... [indistinct] Was most of the education done in the homes as far as learning the prayers? A goodly bit of it, especially in the country because they didn't have the Catholic schools. It was just, what did they go to school for, how long? 2 weeks. Well yeah, but how long. Half a day. I've put a lot of this out of mind as I have.... [indistinct] Do they teach the little ones to say the rosary now? I think they're getting back to it now. There was a time when [indistinct], when kids get to be young people and not know how to pray the rosary yet, or devotion to the blessed virgin, that a little [indistinct]. I think two years ago they were teaching the rosary to the CCD classes. I had a grandchild and she had a rosary that she'd gotten. You know there was a time when the kids were just not learning the rosary at all they didn't even know that the beads were. My grandchildren in Minneapolis did not know much about the rosary whatsoever. Fact they look at you with a blank stare, what's that? I think there was a transition when..... [end of side 2]