



AUBURN PILGRIMS — Shown above in their Auburn home, following a recent pilgrimage to Europe, are the Wawrzaszek family of St. Hyacinth's parish. From left are Miss Mary Wilczek, a sister of Mrs. Wawrzaszek; Melanie; Jacqueline; Bonnie Lynn; and Jerome C. Wawrzaszek.

Famed Padre Pio Tells Auburn Father, 'Don't Worry'

By MARY LENNON SNYDER

Auburn — "Pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary." These were the words of advice offered an Auburn father when he was privileged to kneel at the bedside of Padre Pio. In an interview at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome C. Wawrzaszek, 61-4 Grant Street, Auburn, this reporter learned the story of the family.

Jerome Wawrzaszek, his wife and three daughters Jacqueline, Bonnie Lynn, and Melanie, 4, were living happily and contentedly in their comfortable home. The two older girls were enrolled at St. Hyacinth's school. Mr. Wawrzaszek was busy as a building contractor, when suddenly tragedy struck.

Shortly after the first of the present year, Bonnie gave evidence of not being in the best of health. Symptoms developed at an alarming rate; her parents' concern over her health was compounded by the fact that the child was most uncooperative. From a lively, chubby little six-year-old she was being metamorphosed before their very eyes into a listless, wretched invalid.



PADRE PIO

IN HIS TIME of worry Mr. Wawrzaszek went to see his pastor, the Rev. Jerome Hollibaugh, O.C. Conv., of St. Hyacinth Church. "Father Jerry" reminded the young father of the truths he already knew and accepted; that such sorrows are crosses bestowed by Almighty God. The pastor had recently returned from a pilgrimage to Lourdes and had brought back some holy water from the shrine. He gave a vial of this to the worried father who returned home with it.

Bonnie was in such a wretched condition that they could not persuade her to swallow the water. However, they were able to rub a little around her mouth and in a state of mind any parent can understand, they returned sadly to the living room.

As the father recalls the evening, he points to an open state case and remembers the complete surprise of the parents when Bonnie appeared on the stairs and announced, "I'm hungry."

Because we all know the Church's teaching on supernatural occurrences, neither Mr. or Mrs. Wawrzaszek nor I use the word "miracle"; yet one can appreciate the hope that throbbled through them when the frail child appeared

on the stairs and gave them their first real encouragement. Because, and quite rightly so, I believe, the family does not want to dwell at any length on the illness of the child. I have passed over it quickly, though I have done everything possible for her prior to the application of the Lourdes water. She had been to hospitals and specialists in Auburn, Syracuse, and Washington, D. C. None of them gave any hope of recovery.

AT THIS FIRST ray of hope, Mr. Wawrzaszek vowed that somehow he would take the child to Lourdes to intercede to the Mother of God at her shrine there. He is careful to make clear that he does not consider himself a rich man, but he explained that as soon as he had made the resolution to take the child to Lourdes that heaven seemed to help him. His business prospered so that early in May the entire family with Mrs. Wawrzaszek, sister Miss Mary Wilczek of 48 Pulaski Street, Auburn, flew to Paris, then on to Lourdes where they bathed the little girl in the miraculous spring and she again drank the Lourdes water.

They went on to Rome where Father Jerome had made arrangements to come from the Holy Order to facilitate their getting around the Eternal City. At Rome they received the blessing of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, once in St. Peter's square, within a few feet of them and again in St. Peter's Square when the Pontiff gave his blessing from the balcony.

In Rome they met the Rev. Robert Matrino, who had visited in Auburn as the guest of the Rev. John F. Nacca, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church. Father Matrino has had an interesting family history. His father lived at one time in Rochester, but returned to Italy, married and raised his family there. Father Matrino arranged to come from the small village where he is the pastor down to Rome where he was of invaluable aid to the Wawrzaszek family, not the least of which was acting as interpreter.

Through Father Matrino arrangements were made for the family to go to Pietrocina to receive the blessing of the stigmatic Padre Pio. The family made the journey of 350 miles over the renowned and almost perpendicular hill roads in a taxi. Mr. Wawrzaszek chuckled reminiscences as he told of the Auburnians, Father Matrino, and the taxi driver all tucked into one small Italian taxi.

ARRIVING AT Pietrocina they learned that Padre Pio was too ill to receive visitors. While staying at the hotel there, they met pilgrims who had been waiting for three weeks to see the noted Capuchin. One person in particular who moved them was a Polish priest who had come asking prayers and advice to combat the insidious inroads the Communists were making into the life of his parish.

However, and here again the Auburnians feel Heaven (Continued on Page 8)

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Father Heine Honored By Corning Knights

Corning — The Rev. Simon Heine, S.A., of St. John's Atoneinent Seminary in Monticor Falls was honored at a farewell "Appreciation Party" sponsored by Corning Council, Knights of Columbus, in the KC Home recently in recognition of his work as chaplain of the local KC court.

Father Heine is resigning his local duties after being appointed by his superiors to the pastorate of Sacred Heart Church in Golden, British Columbia, Canada.

CHAIRMAN OF the party was W. W. Babcock, assisted by co-chairman Joseph Daley. Joseph Sullivan presented a purse to Father Heine for his work on behalf of the court. Previous to the Ladies of Columbus had given Father Heine a purse for his work as chaplain of the Auxiliary.

Father Heine said that although the new assignment will give him wide experience, he dislikes leaving his acquaintances of the Knights of Columbus and the parishioners of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Painted Post, where he has assisted the pastor, the Rev. Harold F. Rogers on weekdays.

Before coming to St. John's he spent a year in New York City, interviewing boys and men for vocations, and later a year in Japan.

Hospital Grants Given Area Girls

St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira announced this week that scholarships have been awarded to four candidates who are entering its School of Nursing in September.

Two of these are St. Joseph's Hospital scholarships made possible each year since 1953 through unrestricted donations to the hospital.

The full tuition St. Joseph's Hospital scholarship of \$250 has been awarded by the hospital this year to Miss Jean Resavage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Resavage of 65 Glenwood Ave., Elmira Heights.

MISS RESAVAGE is a graduate of Thomas A. Edison High School, class of '59. The partial tuition St. Joseph's Hospital scholarship of \$175.00 has been awarded to Miss Jean Daly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Daly, 918 Davis St., Elmira. Miss Daly is a graduate of Notre Dame High School, Class of '59.

This year's winner of the full scholarship of \$400 awarded by the Medical Staff of St. Joseph's Hospital is Miss Marguerite Cloke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cloke, 950 Magee Street, Elmira. Miss Cloke is a graduate of the class of '59, Notre Dame High School.

THE SWARTWOOD full scholarship of \$400 made available by friends of the hospital has been awarded this year for the first time to Miss Margaret Liguori, daughter of Mrs. Mary Liguori, 539 Broad St., Waverly. Miss Liguori is a graduate of Waverly High School, class of '59. The scholarships have been awarded to those applicants whose credentials give assurance of personal qualities and abilities considered essential for success in nursing, as determined by achievement in high school, performance in the pre-nursing aptitude test, the personal recommendation received by the school, and desire for financial assistance.

Holy Childhood Registration Set

The Convent and School of the Holy Childhood are closed until August 7. Applications for registration at the school may be made by calling Sister Marie Martin at BR. 1-7736. There are a limited number of vacancies in the classes.

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PIONEER HOLY ANGELS NUNS — Three of the seven Sisters who first came to Holy Angels Home, 1326 Winton Rd. N., in 1930 still are at the Home, which marks its 29th anniversary July 9. They are (from left) Sister M. of St. Andrew (Zimmer), native of Webster; Sister Mary Lawrence, extern Sister, and Sister M. of St. Teresa.

Holy Angels Nuns Begin 29th Year Of Service

Thirteen nuns of Holy Angels Home, 1326 Winton Rd. N., will mark the beginning of the order's 29th year in Rochester at a private Mass in the Home's chapel on Thursday, July 9.

Celebrant will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis B. Burns of St. Bernard's Seminary faculty, who has been associated with the work of the Home since it was established in 1930.

The Holy Angels Nuns (Sisters of Our Lady of Charity) devoted themselves to the rehabilitation of teenage girls in need of special guidance. Established in Buffalo since 1855, the Sisters accepted an invitation from the then Bishop John F. O'Hern of the Rochester Diocese to work in this area.

THREE OF THE seven Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, who served during the tenure of the outgoing Grand Knight Matthias F. Fennell, New council officers were installed Wednesday night at Columbus Center.

Father Davis is a native of Rochester and was appointed pastor of St. Cecilia's Church last January. He attended Sacred Heart Parochial School and prepared for the priesthood at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard Seminary. He was ordained in June 1936 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Rochester by the late Edward Cardinal Mooney.

His first assignment was at St. John's Church in Spencerport. Father Davis then served at two Rochester churches, St. Augustine's and St. Margaret Mary, before coming to Elmira in 1950 as an assistant at Our Lady of Lourdes Church where he served until 1958.

Following service Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at Rochester, Father Davis was named pastor of St. Mary's Church in Rexville in June, 1957 and was later assigned the pastorate in Elmira.

A QUALIFIED and experienced staff will direct swimming, music, dramatics, sports, nature, crafts and camp fires. Included are: Marlys Barris, Joanne Barnard, Carole Eastick, Barbara D'Amico, Jeanne Doly, Sheila Doly, Carole Edwards, Rose Ann Hassen, Karen Lee Hossy, Bonnie Hoogy, Theresa Joseph, Dorothy Karski, Patricia Kari, Marian Keyes, Patricia Leach, Margaret Leahy, Karen Meek, Kathleen Moran, Susan Osborn, Jo Ann Pawlak, Kathleen Reidy, Elizabeth Rouke, Patricia Rogers, and Lena Russell.

A Court of Awards at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 16 will mark the closing of the twentieth session of Camp Villa Maria. Members of the Executive Board, parents and friends of the campers will be invited to attend.

Father Curran To Mark Ordination Anniversary

Rev. Charles E. Curran, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Curran of 433 Rocket St., will offer a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving on the anniversary of his Ordination on Sunday, July 12 at 11 a.m. in St. Ambrose Church.

The Rev. Frank W. Mason, pastor, will be the assistant priest, Rev. James Williams, deacon, and Rev. James Moynihan, subdeacon. Rev. John Hempel will preach the sermon. A reception will be held in the church hall on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m.

FATHER CURRAN is a graduate of Nazareth Hall, and attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He attended the North American College in Rome, and has just completed his theological studies at the Gregorian Institute there. He was ordained in Rome in July 1958.

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before coming to Rochester. Still very active, Sister's duties include the making of altar breads for churches, sewing and cooking.

MORE THAN 430 teenage girls have received specialized help — religious, social and educational — at the Home since its founding. They include girls who have failed to adjust satisfactorily at home or in the community and who need special training to become socially acceptable and self-supporting.

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