

HOPE Contagious For Redemptorist

By BARBARA HAINES

Father Joseph P. Burns, assistant pastor at St. Joseph's Church, Rochester, has something contagious he'd like to give you.

And he promises it's "contagious."

That something is HOPE—a 15,000 ton variety.

Don't let the Irish sparkle in the eyes of the Redemptorist priest tease you for a moment.

His "HOPE" refers to Project HOPE (Health Opportunity for People Everywhere) and the American medical ship S.S. HOPE.

"Telling people about HOPE is contagious — it's wonderful work these doctors and nurses are doing," he smiles.

During HOPE's 1966 port tour in Corinto, Nicaragua, (where the population is predominantly Catholic), Father Burns was resident Catholic chaplain aboard ship for two months.

While he said Masses daily in the nurses' lounge or ship lecture hall, his chief duty became interpreting for doctors, nurses, and patients in three operating rooms and in recovery rooms.

"Each doctor and nurse had a Nicaraguan counterpart — that's the idea, for the Americans to teach and bring these people the latest medical techniques," he explains.

"The American doctor told me what he was doing, and I'd relay the information to the Nicaraguan (in Spanish) who often helped me find the right medical term."

Fortunately not squeamish, he was most fascinated with a cataract operation, having experienced the same operation on his own eyes a few years earlier. ("Like lifting a piece of tapoca with a suction tube," he chuckles.)

"The people (HOPE served) are so poor—they could never pay these expert doctors. Their native doctor has to sign them aboard for care," he says.

In an almost uncanny manner, 59-year-old Father Burns' life in the priesthood has pointed toward his recent HOPE work in a Spanish-speaking country.

Born in the Baltimore Province (Mass. Church Mission, North East (Pa.) Seminary, and Esopus (N.Y.) Seminary) where he became a Redemptorist priest in the Baltimore Province.

His first assignment took him to Puerto Rico from 1935 to 1953 where, among other duties, he was chaplain for a small town jail, leper colony, insane asylum, tuberculosis sanatorium and boys' home.

"Those (earlier) days were horseback days," he recalls. "It took four days to get there by boat and it took me about nine months before I could speak Spanish well."

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours in Diocese of Rochester: Sunday, May 21 — St. Philip Neri, Rochester; St. Margaret Mary, Apalachin; St. Gabriel, Hammondport; Good Shepherd, Henrietta; St. Thomas Aquinas, Leicester; St. Michael, Livonia Center; Holy Cross, Ovid; St. Patrick, Cato; Precious Blood, Rochester.

He served another 13 years in St. Mary's Church, Annapolis, Md., and, more recently, in a church on Philadelphia's north side where he conducted many services in Spanish for much of the city's Puerto Rican population.

Although he's been an assistant at St. Joseph's Church only three months, he has already heard confessions in Spanish and has gone to Newark (N.Y.) where he says Mass for upwards of 90 Puerto Rican families.

Others evidently share Father Burns' "contagious" enthusiasm for Project HOPE.

Each year's port tour (so far: Indonesia, Viet-Nam, Peru,



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Ecuador, Guinea, Nicaragua, Colombia), costing an estimated five million dollars, has been supported through individual, group, and American business monetary gifts and donations of medical equipment and supplies.

Rochester's own Project HOPE field office, 813 Temple Building, is currently seeking funds and volunteer workers for the next project in Ceylon.

Several area doctors and nurses have also donated two months' service without pay.



Priest at Baptist Ordination

Father James Russell of St. Anthony's Church, Rochester, joins Baptist clergy at ordination rite of Rev. Richard W. Mitchell at Lake Avenue Baptist Church Sunday morning, May 14. The young minister, as a seminarian at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, worked in programs operated mutually by the two churches. Sunday's ceremony was the first time, at least locally, that a Catholic priest took part in a Baptist ordination rite.

202 to Receive Degrees At Nazareth College

Two hundred and two young women will receive degrees from Nazareth College of Rochester on Sunday, May 28. Commencement exercises will be held at 4 p.m. on the East Avenue campus, out-of-doors, weather permitting. In case of rain, at the St. John Fisher Gymnasium.

Commencement speaker will be Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

Baccalaureate Mass will be offered in the Motherhouse Chapel on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Father Frederick Black, C.S.B., librarian at St. John Fisher College will give the address.

Hoag, Mary K. Hoke, Kathleen Anne Horton.

Stephanie Ann Joynt, Alice deForest Junkin, Mary Maureen Kilroy, Donna Marie Klingler, Mary Teresa Krebs, Florence M. Kress, Suzanne Frazier Kuhn, Beverly Ann LaCombe, Kathleen Patricia LaFaye, Diane Jeanne Lambert, Dana Jo LaRose, Mary K. LeBrun, Patricia VanLeuvan LeFevre, Carol Ann Lenzi.

Janet Marie Long, Gloria Lopez, Nancy Marie Lucarelli, Barbara Mary Markowski, Nancy Carol Markowski, Joan Clare Mascaro, Patricia Ann McCarthy, Mary Ellen McGlynn, Nancy Anne McKee, Elizabeth Howell Montean, Patricia Ellen Morrissey.

Juanita G. Mortillaro, Mary Louise T. Noone, Mary Jo Norton, Beatrice Madeleine O'Connor, Joanne Joy Paris, Barbara L. Parsons, Madeline M. Parzych, Katherine Florence Phillips, Carol Ann Rudy, Marilyn Alice Sadler, Linda Louise Samuels, Anna Teresa Sayers, Paula Jean Scarsella.

Louise Frances Schaffer, Nickie Ann Schmitt, Mary L. Schwab, Anne Schwartz, A. Patricia Sculli, Dorothy Serdenis, M. Christine Shea, Helen Gowan Slack, Nijole B. Slapelis.

Judith Slivick, Katherine Teresa Smith, Mary Ann Smolak, Marion Mildred Spinelli, Catherine Frank Spoto, Sharon M. Stigman, Virginia A. Stor.

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School Merger OK'd in Elmira

The Chemung County Catholic School Board endorsed the proposed merger of St. Cecilia's schools at its monthly meeting May 10. The suggestion was also made that some children might be assigned to St. Anthony's School to reduce some class sizes.

The County Catholic School Board, an advisory group of pastors, principals and lay people, made its endorsement subject to the decision of the school boards of the two parishes. Parishioners of both parishes have voted for the merger with a favorable majority, but it is felt that more investigation of class size and other details need to be worked out.

The merger would house the first four grades from each school in the four-room St. Cecilia School, 954 Lake St., and the fifth through eighth grades in the eight-room St. Peter and Paul School, 160 High St. An enrollment of 370 pupils is expected.

The seventh and eighth grades would be divided into four 23- or 25-pupil sections. Projection for other grades was: first grade, 40; second grade, 47; third grade, 51; fourth and fifth grades, 48 each; and sixth grade, 43.

An additional lay teacher may be hired at \$5000 to divide the third grade into two sections.

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When county board members questioned the size of the second, fourth and fifth grades, it was suggested by some board members that some pupils from St. Cecilia's might be assigned to St. Anthony's School, 911 N. Main St., which has projected enrollments in the 20's for its first four grades next fall.

The board also voted to offer its services as liaison for any study which other parishes — such as St. Anthony's — might accept.

Included would be parishes which do not have schools, such as St. John the Baptist, which might employ teaching nuns from the combined schools for its released time instruction of public school pupils from its parish.

Board members noted that this may be the first step toward an eventual centralization of Catholic schools in this area. Another development reported was that principals of parochial schools in Ithaca, Corning and Bath now join in the meeting of Elmira and Horseheads parochial school principals.

Candidates for Degree of Bachelor of Arts: Janet Clare Archibald, Paula Ann Astrolko, Elaine Marie Bair, Martha Kathleen Balling, Kathleen Mary Barron, Joan Ann Battersby, Kathleen Ann Bender, Kathleen E. Bevins, Ann Marie Bissonette, Jean Marie Brann, Betsy Anne Briggs, Audrey Celeste Brodman, Mary Elisabeth Buckley.

Suzanne M. Byrne, Nancy Eileen Cahill, Patricia Inez Cammarata, Virginia Ann Cassidy, Joanne Carol Catzone, Mary Catherine Chamberlain, Margaret Mary Ann Christman, Lucille M. Chung, Christine M. Church, Marylou E. Clark, Mary Beth Cloonan, Christine Marie Coleman.

Sheila Marie Connolly, Peggy Ann Connor, Linda Agnes Culhane, Carol A. Daddazio, Eileen Marie DeGeorge, Diane Lee DeMay, Catherine Mary Dobbertin, Nina Louise D'Onofrio, Mary Ann Eagan, Marie A. Eggleston, Sharon Dean Evrad, Kathleen Marie Fahrner, Elaine Mary Ferlicca.

Mary Elizabeth Ferrara, Ann Louise Fien, Judith Ann Frank, Mary Beth Fuehrer, Nancy E. Fulton, Ralph May Gaffney, Jane Susanna Garvin, Geraldine J. Gasiewicz, Jean M. Geiger, Mary-Alice Giambone, Susan W. Gold, Iva H. Grum.

Patricia Guider, Carol Ann Haase, Suzanne Marie Heberling, Marilyn Heh, Judith Ann Henneberger, Mary Elizabeth Herrmann, Terrie Lynn Clifford Hershey, Joanne T. Hicks, Kathryn Lynn Hilliger, Patricia Ann



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'Second Stage' in Ecumenism

Father William A. Norgren, center, a priest of the Episcopal Church, author of "Living Room Dialogues," visits with Father Joseph M. Egan of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, and Rev. Gordon Matrice of Lake St. Presbyterian Church.

toward a second stage of unity now that initial psychological barriers of resistance have been broken down.

He said the second stage will be an honest and open examination of one another's positions on the part of Christians of all denominations.

Father Norgren was the principal speaker at an Interfaith Assembly at Elmira College Campus Center Sunday evening, May 14.

He said ecumenism is moving

has to be done than just support one's own church."

Father Norgren's book "Living Room Dialogues" has sold more than 150,000 copies and is in wide use with study groups throughout the nation.

The Elmira assembly was sponsored by the Committee on Ecumenical Relations of the Chemung County Council of Churches and by the Catholic churches in that area.

Challenge of Change Convention Theme

Annual convention of the Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women, will be held on Monday, May 22, and Tuesday, May 23, at Vince's 50 Acres, West Henrietta Road.

The theme of the convention is "The Challenge of Change in Women's Widening World." Mrs. Theodore Strohmeier is chairman of the convention and Mrs. Ronald Gledhill, president of the Council of Catholic Women, is honorary chairman.

Mrs. Raymond Hensler has directed convention committees in planning workshops on family

life, community action, personal formation, and world responsibility. The programs of each of these workshops have been worked out in the new atmosphere of ecumenism and Vatican II.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will be celebrant of the Mass opening convention sessions on Monday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. in Saint Anne's Church, Mount

Hope Avenue. The choir of St. Mary's Church, South Street, will sing at the Mass, under the direction of Mr. Thomas Donohue. Bishop Sheen will be the speaker at the dinner which will follow at Vince's 50 Acres at 8 p.m.

There will be four workshops conducted concurrently on Tuesday morning, May 23, starting at 10 a.m. Participants in the workshops are: Father Edward Zenkel of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission; Mrs. Robert Taylor; Mrs. Walter

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New School Board at Holy Trinity, Webster

First school board in the 106 year history of Holy Trinity School, Webster, was recently formed. In photo are: (seated) secretary June Fox, chairman Harry N. Cerandowicz, principal Sister M. Paschal, vice chairman Bruce J. Gadsby, treasurer Asher

B. Borton; (standing) pastor Father Raymond G. Heisel, L. Thomas Hussey, Frank J. Mack, Eleanor Maier, CCD director Father Michael F. Conboy, Margaret Borglum and Harry E. Smith.

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