

Christian Formation Speakers Listed

Elmira — Sixteen priests, 15 ministers and three laymen are serving as Lenten speakers under the sponsorship of the Christian Formation Board for the five counties of the diocesan Southern Vicariate.

Father John Mulligan, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Corning, and director of the Christian Formation group, said the speakers are available for Southern Tier parishes with some qualifications as to their personal schedule.

General topics covered in the talks include liturgy, theology, Christian living and social concerns.

Featuring one of the lectures is an ecumenical discussion on "The American Way of Death."

Is It Christian? by Father Mulligan and the Rev. Thomas Steen of the First Methodist Church, Corning. Other speakers include:

Elmira — Fathers Joseph D'Aurizio, James P. Collins and Roy Kiggins; Dr. Clara L. van de Wall; **Ithaca** — Fathers David Connor, Paul Freemesser and William Graf; **Hornell** — Fathers Paul J. Cuddy, Albert Delmonico and Robert G. Magin; **Corning** — Father Elmer Schmidt, J. Emmett Fitzgerald.

Apalachin — Father Douglas C. Hoffman, Arden J. Wolterman; **Canisteo** — Father Otto Vogt; **Perkinstonville** — Father Timothy Weider; **Waverly** — Father John A. Morgan; **Rochester** — Father Louis J. Hohman.



Priests' Council Hears About Priorities

Thirteen religious and laity of diocesan Southern Tier presented problems and suggestions at meeting of Priests' Council March 3 in St. Mary Our Mother School Auditorium, Horseheads. Father Robert Kanka, assistant at St. Peter & Paul Church, Elmira, answers 17-member Council's questions following his talk on proposals of assistant pastors. Seated at left center are Bishop Hogan and Auxiliary Bishops Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty. Council plans similar meeting in Rochester in May.

Memos From Office of Human Concern

By FATHER JOHN HEMPEL

MEMO TO: Father James Lawlor, Newman Center, University of Rochester, Many thanks for the opportunity to speak to your group on the occasion of your liturgy last Sunday. It was good to see the apparent enthusiasm expressed by college people for the social action stance of the church.

MEMO TO: Carmen Viglucci, Editor of The Courier Journal, Congratulations on your editorial last week on the Rochester City School issue. Your evaluation of the situation as a moral issue went to the very heart of the matter. I hope that our people would be more conscious of this.

MEMO TO: Father Roy Kiggins, Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira, Thanks for making it possible for me to visit the MECA operation, which is making an effort to meet the complex problems of human needs found in the Chemung Valley. When you see Father Bartholomew O'Brien in Horseheads, indicate how much we appreciated his fine job in hosting the Priests' Council last week. All the presentations were well prepared and should give some real guidelines for our consideration.

MEMO TO: Christian Action Group, Nazareth Academy, The visit of some of your representatives to our office

last week was most welcome. It was rewarding to see how young people are becoming interested in the educational issue that is plaguing our city at the present time. It would appear that your generation is more conscious of the need to solve the urban crisis as soon as possible.

Social Notes

The Holy Name and Altar-Rosary societies of St. Vincent de Paul, Churchville, will have their St. Patrick's celebration this Sunday, March 15, at 4 p.m. in the parish hall.

St. Anne's Society of St. Joseph, Irondequoit, will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage, at 1:30 this Sunday afternoon, March 15. The eighth grade will be conducting a bake sale in the school cafeteria after morning Masses the same day.

Holy Name members at St. Joseph's, Livonia, will put on their annual "Jiggs" dinner of corned beef, cabbage and ham from 1:30 until 4 p.m., March 15.

The St. Thomas More Club will hold a St. Patrick's dance Sunday night, March 15, from 8:30 until 12:30 at Kelly's East, 3024 East Henrietta Road.

The St. Patrick's dance at St. Philip Neri parish will be tomorrow night, March 14.

St. Rose's Guild, Lima, will have a tavern supper on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, preceding the regular monthly meeting.

A fish dinner will be served at St. Helen's from 5 until 8 p.m. next Friday, March 20, as a fund raiser for the school library. Robert and Carolyn Thomson are chairmen for the Home-School Association.

The Rosary-Altar Society of St. Patrick's, Owego, will sponsor a dessert card party in the church hall at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 19. Mrs. Elizabeth Welter, Mrs. Joanne Bogdan and Mrs. Clare Perrine have charge.

An auction of art and craft work will be held at the Monday, March 16, meeting of Christ the King Rosary Guild. The meeting will begin with church services at 8 p.m. Mrs. David Gramlich and Mrs. Duane McCoy are hostess chairmen.

The Holy Name of Mary Society at St. Stanislaus will meet in church from 2 until 5 p.m. Sunday, March 15, for an afternoon of recollection directed by Father Michael Wesley, CSB., of Aquinas Institute.

Father William Donnelly, chaplain at Monroe Community College, will be the speaker at an evening of recollection for the Altar-Rosary Society of St. Theodore's, from 7:30 to 9:30 Wednesday, March 18.

A 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. John the Evangelist, Greece, will precede the Rosary Society meeting Wednesday, March 18.

New Chapel Dedicated On RIT Campus

Father Henry Atwell, former editor of the Courier-Journal, and Dr. Paul Miller, president of Rochester Institute of Technology, participated in ceremonies formally dedicating the new chapel facilities at RIT, March 10.

According to Father Gerald Appely, coordinator of religious activities at the school, furnishings for the chapel were commissioned by RIT's Women's Council and were executed by faculty members at the school.

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Confrontation Home Role in Communion

By JOAN ZUMMO

Most parishes now offer several options to parents regarding the preparation for and reception of their child's First Communion.

As with other relatively recent changes in emphasis and attitude in religious education these options are sometimes misunderstood, feared, and never fully explored by many parents.

The role of parents as the primary religious educators of their children has been stressed in recent years in all areas of religious education. That many parents are unsure of how to carry out this responsibility, or choose to simply ignore it, is one of the difficult problems confronting religious educators. These attitudes become especially obvious at First Communion time.

Most of the textbook series in use include a parent guide that can be used in home instruction throughout the year.

Most parishes provide some assistance to parents in the form of parents meetings, written instructions, and assistance in obtaining published material pertaining to sacramental preparation. Samples of material available can be inspected at the CCD Office on Chestnut Street and many helpful publications are available on loan from the CCD Office library. Instructional supplies can also be

purchased from local religious supplies stores.

This variety of aids should calm the fears of the parent who feels that he doesn't know what to teach or how to teach it.

The beauty of this system, in fact, is that parents can learn along with the child.

Parents who have worked with their children to prepare them for this First Communion are usually very enthusiastic about this method of preparation, especially if they have had a child prepare for First Communion in the more traditional way, and can compare the effects and benefits of the two methods.

Another option usually extended to parents is that of having the child receive his First Eucharist with a large group of First Communicants,

individually at a parish mass, or at a mass in the home.

The first option often includes rather elaborate arrangements in regard to dress, processions, memorized songs and responses.

Another option is a parish mass where the child and his family are singled out for a few minutes as most honored guests at this meal of meals, or a quiet home mass with family and friends where the family bond can be especially felt.

New Deadline!

When the Courier-Journal shifts to a tabloid edition April 8 its delivery date will be advanced two days from Friday to Wednesday.

Because of the increased

production problems caused by those two factors our deadlines also must be advanced. All sports news must be in the sports desk no later than the Thursday morning mail.

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