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Sister Jean Bellini, Sister Mary Maloy and Dr. LaCombe confer.

St. Agnes High Starts Drug-Abuse Program

Hopeful people who deal with social problems tend to say, repeatedly, that solutions lie in education. Acting on this assumption, St. Agnes High School has undertaken drug education for its community—teachers, students and parents, numbering close to 2,500.

Dr. Michael LaCombe of Strong Memorial Hospital is the main stay of the program initiated by Sister Jean Bellini, a biology teacher. Speakers and reading material are found through the Drug and Alcohol Council of Rochester, formerly Allied Forces. Case workers, counselors and psychologists have been sources of informa-

tion at separate meetings of teachers and parents.

Dr. LaCombe, who had directed a drug information program for resident doctors at Strong, had a captive audience in the school's science classes. He lectured each, and came back for voluntary "rap" sessions. The 100 or so girls who are not now taking science attended other lectures in their free time.

A survey the physician took in December showed student approval of the program. An assembly the girls are planning for March 5 will be built on their ideas for extending it.



Preparing for First Communion, second graders at Most Precious Blood hold a breaking of the bread ceremony. Their teacher is Sister Gloria Jean, ASC.

Elmira Streamlines School Signup

Elmira — A registration committee to facilitate enrollment for next fall in the county's Catholic elementary schools was formed here recently by the executive committee of the Catholic School Board.

The committee, composed of two persons from each of the area's parishes, is headed by Thomas Agan, school board vice president.

School registration has been

'Family' is Topic Of Penfield Panel

St. Joseph's Church in Penfield will host another program of its Adult Education Series on Sunday, February 14, at 8:00 p.m. The third topic of this winter series is "Family Privileges and Responsibilities".

The speakers panel will include Paul McVey, director of family life education at Family Service of Rochester; Rev. Alvin C. Foster, Baptist clergyman, administrator of the Fairport Baptist Home for the Aging, and Donald Burt, principal of Penfield High School. Adults of all faiths are invited.

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Special Lenten Liturgy Prepared

An integrated program of homilies for the Sundays and Wednesdays of Lent, suggestions for a new Ash Wednesday service and advance planning for Holy Week will be laid before pastors and parochial liturgical committees this week.

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission and a meeting of nearly 150 lay members of parish committees gathered at Nazareth College worked on the proposals.

A booklet suggesting the possibilities and urging advance planning of the total Lenten program is in the mail to all parishes today.

The theme suggested for Lent, beginning Feb. 24, is "Conversion and Reconciliation".

The Lenten Pastoral Letter from Bishop Hogan to be read in all churches on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and to be printed in the Courier-Journal on Feb. 24, is expected

to cover the biblical notion of penance as a "change of heart" and Lent as a "time of reconciliation".

Suggestions for an ambitious series of Lenten Wednesday evening services, as well as the Sunday Mass homilies, emphasize that reconciliation means concern for groups such as the poor, for causes such as civil and international peace, for family relationships and harmony within the Church.

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Investigator To Be Honored

Frank Dovidio, special investigator with the Irondequoit Police Department, will be honored with a testimonial luncheon at noon, Feb. 15 at the Royal Scot Restaurant.

Dovidio joined the department in 1957 and has worked in such fields as youth problems and narcotics. A committee of Irondequoit citizens is planning the testimonial.

PARTIES GIVEN FOR FR. SWEENEY

Scipio Center — Father Eugene P. Sweeney, chaplain at DeSales High School in Geneva, was guest of honor recently at two parish coffee hours in St. Bernard's rectory.

During weekends for the past few months, Father Sweeney has been helping Father Daniel V. Hogan at St. Bernard's, St. Hilary's and St. Isaac Jogues.