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Capuchin Superior Cites St. Francis' Popularity

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Interlaken — The Capuchin superior at St. Fidelis Friary sees the ideas of St. Francis as "the in-thing" today, with stress on "the love and mercy of God, in contrast to His wrath."

Father Bennett Devine, OFM Cap., made the comment in reference to the renewal chapter which the Capuchin Fathers of St. Mary Province convened April 19 at Garrison, N.Y.

Father Bennett, who is also pastor of St. Francis Solanus Church, said the Garrison meetings were a continuation of the official chapter opened last July. Elected and appointed delegates in equal numbers are taking part. He sketched the following background:

Proposals tabled in July will be voted on at this session: Such renewal meetings are in keeping with Vatican II, which called upon religious orders to review and revise rules and constitutions. The discussion of issues at the grass roots level, through delegates, serves to further the ideals of fraternity.

A major issue under consideration is the formation and training for religious vocations. The chapter focused on renewal and examination of religious life. Also under review is how the order can most effectively continue meeting the variety and unique demands of apostolic work today, fulfilling commitment to fraternity and community, and finding financial support.

Through the centuries, the Capuchin fathers have responded to society's needs by involvement in a variety of apostolic work. Today they carry on the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi from the ghettos of New York to missions throughout the world. In this area, they serve as chaplains, conduct spiritual conferences, do mission and parish work.

First Penance Series Continues

King Ferry — Parents' meetings in the First Penance Series for the parishes served by the Rural Education Center in King Ferry will continue with the third in the series of First Penance meetings at St. Bernard's Church, Scipio Center, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28. Part of the meeting will consist of a Communal Penance Celebration, with opportunity for private confession if desired.

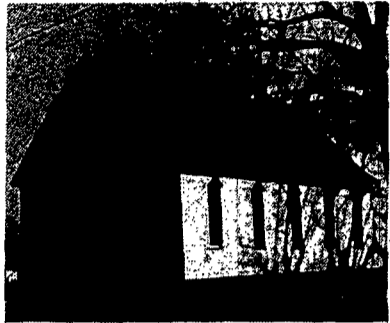
The second in the series will be held at All Saints Trailer in Ludlowville, at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 29. The topic will be "Sin and the Child," a look at the formation of conscience in the child's growing years.

The third in the series will be held at 7:30 p.m. May 4 in Our Lady of the Parish Hall, King Ferry and at 7:30 p.m., May 6, in the All Saints Trailer in Ludlowville.

CLYDE SMORGASBORD

Clyde — The sixth annual smorgasbord dinner sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Parish here will be held on Sunday, May 2. Featuring home-made cooking, dinner will be served from 12 noon until 4:30 p.m.

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The St. Fidelis Friary in Interlaken, overlooking the Cayuga lakeshore, was acquired in 1952 as a novitiate, but is used instead as the center from which the Capuchins carry on their work in the area.

St. Francis Solanus Church was entrusted to the Capuchins in July of 1956 as St. Fidelis Friary is only a few miles away. Until then, St. Francis Solanus church was a mission.

Father Bennett observed:

"The ideas of St. Francis are the in-thing today, with the stress on the love and mercy of God, in contrast to his wrath. It is the more literal living of the Christian gospel expressed in a life of poverty, simplicity, and concern for the outcasts of society. And, in the insistence on brotherhood, fraternity, and working for peace among nations. It is working for the social peace in the world, in the individual, the family, community, and family of nations."

Mercy Hospital Auxiliary Schedules Luncheon

Auburn — Mrs. Pauline R. Riemer, director of Social Service at Mercy Hospital, will be the main speaker at the Spring luncheon of the Ladies Auxiliary of Mercy Hospital at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28 at the Springside Inn.

"Discharge Planning — Medicare Style" will be her topic.

A graduate of East High School, Mrs. Riemer received the B.A. degree from Keuka College and the M.S.W. from the University of Buffalo, School of Social Work.

Mrs. Riemer's varied experience includes children's activities director, Auburn Day Nursery; social services caseworker, Auburn; casework supervisor, American Red Cross, Onondaga County National Disaster Worker, Red Cross; caseworker, Onondaga County Adult Mental Health Clinic; and director of social service at the Cayuga Home for Children, Auburn Neighborhood House and Upstate Medical Center.

Having been associated with Mercy Hospital since September

1969, Mrs. Riemer is also social work consultant for three area nursing homes. She is a member of the Cayuga County Comprehensive Planning Health Committee and the Committee for Service to Military Families, American Red Cross. Mrs. Thomas Leone is chairman of the luncheon.

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Open House Sunday At Newark State School

Newark — Newark State School will hold open house on Sunday, May 2, from 1 until 4 p.m. in observance of Mental Health Week. All interested in observing the programs and activities carried on at the school are invited.

Registration of visitors will take place in the foyer of the Education Building on East Maple Avenue, and buses will start from there at intervals to conduct tours of the school grounds. Guides will be stationed in the various buildings. Refreshments will be available in the foyer of the Educational Building and a baby-sitting ser-

vice will be provided by volunteer workers. There will be continuous showings of films depicting the work of the volunteer services and the recreation department in the Education Building.

"A tremendous effort is being made to provide new and improved programs for the care and treatment of the handicapped and to offer opportunities for training and habilitation," Dr. Frank R. Henne, director said. "Many will thus be able to achieve their ultimate goal of return to the community, either to independent lives or to sheltered environments."

Horseheads Church Plans Retreat

Horseheads — Men and women from St. Mary Our Mother Church in Horseheads will have the opportunity to make separate retreats in May and June.

Women interested in making a retreat at the Villa of Our Lady of the Poconos from May

21 through 23 should contact Miss Mary FitzGerald at 607-734-7439.

Men will be able to make a retreat at the Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, from June 11 through 13. Men interested should contact Frank Sally at 607-739-9128.



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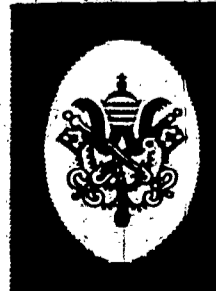
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