



Happy Family

Constance and Dominic Salmida have brought happiness into their family through the services of the Catholic Family Center. The children are (l-r) Suz-

anne, Shawn, Martin, Christine and Tonia. More pictures can be seen in the centerfold, as the Diocese inaugurates its Community Chest Campaign.

CCD Institute Draws 700

"Great progress is occurring in religious education," Father Daniel Holland, diocesan Director of Religious Education-CCD, told 700 diocesan CCD teachers and coordinators who attended "Lay Catechist Institute" at Mercy High School last Saturday.

Although concerned about the large numbers of young people in the diocese who now receive no formal religious in-

struction, Father Holland saw a number of hopeful developments in religious education programs this year. He reported lower rates of teacher turnover, better cooperation between parochial schools and CCD, high teacher attendance at CCD workshops and teacher training programs, and increasing numbers of parish-centered programs in preparation for the sacraments. "These indicators," Father Holland observed, "are

encouraging signs of the seriousness and talent with which religious education programs are being executed."

Lay Catechist Institute, a major event on the CCD calendar, focused on teaching methods and aims. Its guest speakers, Father Carl Pfeifer, S.J. and Sister Janaan Manternach, O.S.F., assistant directors of the National CCD Office in Washington, D.C., gave presentations on process, creativity and media in education. Their program was interspersed with song, poetry and anecdotes drawn from their extensive teaching experience. They also used films and an overhead projector in their lectures to a thoroughly responsive audience.

Father Pfeifer spoke on the theory behind contemporary catechetical approaches. He urged teachers to help their students see a relationship between their lives and experience and the reality of the Gospel. "The awareness of the presence of Christ, here and now, will enable students to discern meaning and purpose in their lives," Father Pfeifer said.

Sister Janaan translated Father Pfeifer's theory into practical advice to teachers. She rated belief in oneself, love of one's students, a solid faith in God, and a sense of humor as qualities essential to a religion teacher.

The day-long program also included showings of three films by esteemed Czechoslovakian film maker, Father George Torok. The three ten-minute films, entitled "Revelation," "Resurrection" and "Reconciliation" were followed by a commentary by diocesan Vicar of Education, Father Albert Shannon.

The institute concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist and a graduation ceremony. Bishop Dennis Hickey was principal celebrant at the concelebrated Mass.

The graduation ceremony marked the successful completion of the CCD teacher training course by 300 volunteer teachers in the diocese this year.

Ordination, First Mass For Father Helfrich

Father P. Frederick Helfrich was ordained to the priesthood last Friday night at the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus in Greece, where he has been serving as deacon.

He said his first Mass Sunday afternoon in his home church, St. John's, Spencerport.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan ordained Father Helfrich and celebrated Mass with Father Thomas M. Reddington, pastor; Father Francis E. Hester, pastor of St. John's, and Father Lawrence A. Gross of Holy Name, the ordinand's sponsor.

Seminarians served under the direction of Father Michael Conboy, master of ceremonies. Deacons were the Rev. Mr. James Bucaria and the Rev. Mr. Robert Schmid. The lector was

Father Helfrich's brother, Peter, a student at Becket Hall.

Some special guests were there in wheelchairs — people Father Helfrich worked with in the Multiple Sclerosis Society, when he was on field assignment from St. Bernard's.

Father Helfrich is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Helfrich of Spencerport. Their parish Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers put on a reception for him Sunday evening.

Concelebrating Mass with him in the afternoon were Fathers Reddington and Hester; Msgr. Gerald Lambert and Fathers Elmer Heindl, Joseph Reinhart, John Whalen and Francis Young, a classmate from the Syracuse diocese. The Rev. Mr. John Zimmerman served as deacon and Gerald Begy was lector.



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Father Pfeifer demonstrates multi-media teaching techniques to religion teachers at the Institute.

Hike for HOPE Breaks Records

By JOHN DASH

In Rochester it rains, or threatens to.

But like Portia's mercy, last Sunday's rain was twice blessed and fell as HOPE.

Throughout the day nearly 35,000 teenagers, under the aegis of the Teen League of Rochester, walked 25 miles through Rochester on a Hike for HOPE, netting the hospital ship that circles the world almost \$500,000.

Some of the marchers hit the road in wheelchairs, two in shopping carts, one on stilts, another on a unicycle; but mostly the sidewalks excised pounds of flesh from tender feet.

During a brief glow of warm damp sun, the marchers were figured four and five abreast;

the army of HOPE was 17 miles long.

Midway through the march the merchants of Rochester had erected an Establishment Oasis, where Dr. Louis K. Eilers, president of Eastman Kodak Co., among others, served free hot dogs, ice cream and soda to the hikers.

Before this bar, the plea rang out twice for more pounds of flesh in hot dog form. At least 14,000 were cooked and served by local dignitaries.

Chairman David Polan, a McQuaid Jesuit High School senior, indicated the crowd was better than 10,000 more than expected and the money raised was almost twice its goal.

The quality of HOPE blessed thousands who gave and the millions who will take.

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