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## 'Excitement of Learning' Shows at Auburn School

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Auburn — The excitement of learning was in evidence at the St. Alphonsus School open house held recently as children illustrated their accomplishments through exhibits and demonstrations.

Questioning and self evaluation are encouraged by the faculty as an important skill and this was reflected in the originality of exhibits and apparent comprehension of subject matter.

Among the projects were a tin can planetarium and exhibits illustrating other national cultures. Fourth graders used over-

head projectors to illustrate the skeletal system, and an eighth grade project in architecture involved drawing each school room to scale, then fitting the pieces together—perfectly.

Several students worked on a short movie film designed to bring out what it means to be saved. A college using pictures of nature, illustrated that just as nature calls us to new life in spring, so does Christ offer us new life at Easter.

Sister Mary Dorothy, principal, pulled together the spirit of the open house when she commented, "An added dimension of Christian education is that it brings to the child the

awareness of the person of Christ and what He has taught us through His life.

"This awareness is what gives life meaning. 'Education' and religious commitment are not separate entities, but are united in the children's personal development. It is this special appreciation of life, that we hope our children carry with them throughout adulthood."



Young film makers "zoom" in on subject. These students, under the direction of Father Lewis Brown, put together a film on the theme of salvation. They are (l-r.) Donald Leader, Patty Kachris, James Blair and JoAnn Joseph.

### Cenacle Offers Women's Retreats

Two periods of spiritual renewal for laywomen and religious sisters will be offered June

25-27 and July 2-7 at the Cenacle Retreat House.

The first program, the June 25 weekend, will be directed by Father Bartholomew O'Brien, pastor of the Church of Saint Mary Our Mother in Horseheads.

The second will be a five-day program directed by Father William Connolly, S.J. who is currently completing doctoral studies in spiritual theology at the University of Ottawa.

The retreats open at six o'clock on the first evening and close at half-past three on the last day. Further information may be obtained from Sister Mary Connolly at the Cenacle, 716-271-8755.

### Auburn Area Notes

**Cato** — The 8:45 a.m. Mass, Sunday, June 27, at St. Patrick's will be a Baccalaureate Mass for the 18 Catholic graduates of Cato-Meridan High School who will attend in cap and gown. Following Mass, the Altar and Rosary Society will hold a communion breakfast for the graduates.

**King Ferry** — Sister Elaine Theresa Mulcahy, with the King Ferry Rural Education Center, is pursuing summer studies at Nazareth College, Rochester.

**Owasco** — Time for Sacred Heart School graduation has been confirmed at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 24.

**Auburn** — St. Mary's Girl Scout Cadette troop leaves on an education tour to Springfield, Mass., June 28, with a visit to the Auriesville Shrine scheduled on the return trip, June 30.

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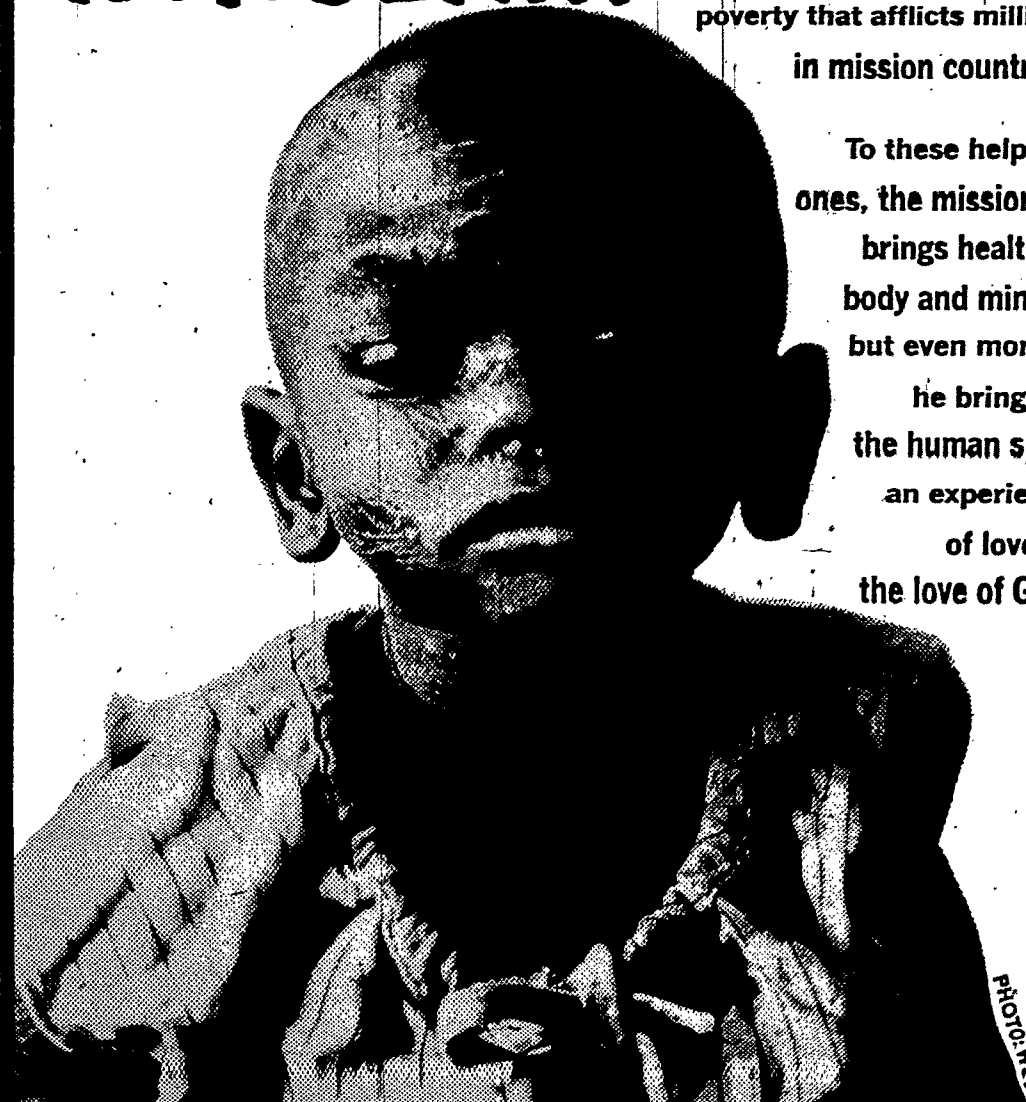
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