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Parishioners Get Chance To Speak Up in Owego

Owego — Parishioners at St. Patrick's Church here received their "chance to be heard" two weeks ago when, instead of the regular Sunday sermon, a three-page questionnaire was passed out to those in the congregation to be completed during the homily part of the Mass.

The innovative idea was conceived by the church's Liturgy

Committee whose job is to work with the parish priests to plan and implement the public worship program at the church.

Questions ranging from "Would you approve a decision by the Church allowing priests to marry?" to "Is the time schedule of Masses convenient to you?" were included.

The majority of the questions

were general but others pertained just to the activities of St. Patrick's.

Questions such as "Do you approve the use of Extraordinary Ministers in the distribution of Holy Communion?", "Do you think the priest should discuss in a Sunday sermon, topics such as, drugs, race prejudice, rioting, Vietnam War?", "Would you say your personal faith has been shaken by all the changes (the major changes in the celebration of the Mass in the past few years), and "Do you think the Catholic Church is more in tune with the modern world now than it was before Vatican II?" are just some of the generalized queries made in the report.

The parishioners were also asked whether they would want St. Patrick's School to continue to operate if financial and teaching situations stayed at present levels.

The first two sheets of the questionnaire could be filled out anonymously, while the final page called for the person's name, address and phone number.

The final page dealt with parish organizations and which ones a person would be interested in plus such questions as "Would you attend a Home Mass?" and "Do you have any particular talent or interest you would be willing to offer our parish?"

The results of the questionnaire will be compiled by the parish's liturgy committee and Parish Council. The announcement of the results is not expected until late in August.



Fr. Adamski Honored

Father Henry Adamski, pastor of St. Casimir's Church, Elmira, was recently honored by the parish Rosary and Sacred Heart Society on the occasion of his 29th anniversary of ordination, by the society's June banquet. Group officers are: (l.-r.) Patricia Shields, vice-president, Mary Petzhe, marshal, Antoinette Wisniewski, president, Elizabeth Clauss, secretary, and Bertha Szabatara, treasurer.

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Sister to Pursue Studies

Elmira — A year's leave of absence to continue educational studies has been granted to Sister Claire, director of Religious Education at St. Mary's Church here.

Sister Claire will continue studies for a master's degree in psychology at Catholic University, Washington, D.C., this summer and will start on a master's degree in religious education at the Divine Word International Centre of Religious Education in London, Ont., Canada, in September.

A teacher at St. Mary's for four years, Sister Claire has also been vice chairman of the Christian Formation Board of the Southern Tier, founder of the Audio-Visual Library of Marion Center and an organizer of a Folk Group for the parish's folk Masses.

Sister Claire also has been instrumental in preparing fu-

ture teachers in adult education and is one of the organizers of the Ecumenical Summer Bible School which will begin in August.

Summer School At Corpus Christi

A brief Bible school for children of all faiths will be centered at Corpus Christi parish, 860 East Main, at Prince St.

Children from any neighborhood from kindergarten to sixth grade age may attend June 28 through July 1 or July 6-9. Arts and crafts, singing and snacks are on the program, which will run from 9:15 until 11:30 each morning. The price is one dollar per family for each of the four-day sessions.

Pupils may be registered through 482-5350 or 482-9281, or on opening day. Mrs. Marge Malone has charge.



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