

AUBURN Area

Bazaar to Defray Costs Of Religious Education

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Auburn — Mobilization of support for a bazaar to defray expenses of the newly-adopted Auburn area Office of Religious Education has been undertaken under the chairmanship of Father Edward A. Shamon, pastor of St. Aloysius here.

The religious education program will cost \$26,000 and is to be funded locally. The decision to coordinate religious education and to hire personnel was taken May 28 through a consensus of area pastors at the suggestion of the Diocesan Office of Religious Education.

The first of two professional religious educators, Miss Barbara Schmucker, assumed the position of co-ordinator on July 1. Offices are in the St. Aloysius school building on VanAnden Street.

"The original proposal to fund this program called for parish assessments proportionate to parish membership," said Father Shamon. "With parishes so burdened now with financial obligations, especially in light of the shortage of teaching sisters and lay teachers' salaries, it is understandable pastors would be uneasy about introducing another financial demand upon their people. But proceeds from the bazaar will shift the burden of financial support for the Religious Education Office from parish assessments."

Father Shamon proposed the bazaar as he felt it would be unfortunate if the concept of the educational office were abandoned just because of costs involved.

He feels that the bazaar will provide an experience for parishes to work across parish lines on a common fund raising project to support a program which will eventually benefit not only school age children, but adults as well.

The area to be served by the office includes parishes in Cayuga County, plus Wolcott and Clyde in Wayne County.

The bazaar dates have been set for Aug. 26, 27, 28, and 29.

Father Shamon announced



FATHER SHAMON

the Auburn Plaza would be the bazaar site. The Auburn Plaza Association, composed of men of different faiths, found the idea of the developing of a Christian formation program, with its impact on area youth, a most interesting concept.

The usual bazaar type activities, amusements, rides, food specialties, will be featured along with nightly barbecues. Manpower and support will be provided through the coordinated efforts of the parishes, fraternal organizations, as well as individuals and interested community groups.

Parish bulletins will soon announce the coordinators in individual parishes.

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation." (Mk. 16:10) "These words of Our Blessed Lord, indeed, contain a mandate to educate," reflected Father Shamon. "Among the church's manifold roles from the beginning with Peter, to Pope Paul VI, the role of teacher has ever been most prominent. The modes of education may change; in fact, Supreme Court decisions and school closings will precipitate the change, but the Church will never abdicate her mandated role and always teach the philosophy of Christ."

Union Springs Sets Strawberry Social

Union Springs — Frontenac Park is the site for a Strawberry Social, July 23 starting at 6:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Societies of St. Patrick's and St. Michael's Churches. A take-out service is available.

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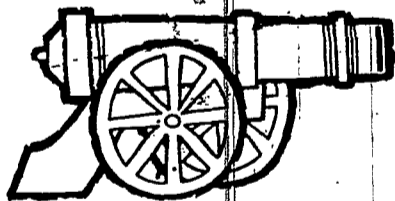
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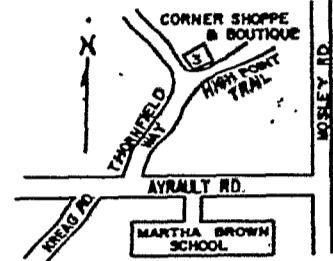
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Genoa — The 60th anniversary of ST. HILARY'S church will be celebrated Saturday, July 24 with a jubilee Mass at 8 p.m.

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