

# Horseheads Parish Regionalizes Self

Horseheads — In line with Diocese of Rochester's plans for regionalism St. Mary Our Mother Church here has taken the first step towards regionalism within its own parish.

Both the Nocturnal Adoration Society and the Altar and Rosary Society of the church are currently setting up membership under a nine region system.

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will be the first parish organization to be reorganized.

Captains chosen to serve as leaders of the Nocturnal Adoration Society in the nine areas are: Region 1, John Potchadlo; Region 2, Albert Purino; Region 3, Richard Pirozzolo; Region 4, Donald Stebbins; Re-

gion 5, Thomas Kwasny; Region 6, James Kildea, Sr.; Region 7, Francis Burke; Region 8, Thomas Crowley and Region 9, R. David Turner.

In making the announcement of the new regionalism approach to conducting the affairs the various parish organizations Father Bartholomew J. O'Brien said, "Because the area covered by this parish is so very extensive, it was concluded that greater efficiency could be reached by dividing the territory into sections or regions."

Father O'Brien pointed out that the Nocturnal Adoration Society will conduct its first series of Holy Hours in October under the new system.



## Canadian Pilgrimage

Local parishioners stand in front of St. Ann's Shrine in Quebec, Canada during their recent four-day trip to Cap-de-Madeleine, Quebec and St. Joseph's Shrine Montreal. The group left St. Anthony's Church Aug. 15 and returned Aug. 19. John Bonsignore, a member of St. Anthony's, organized the outing.

# House of Prayer Opens

By DICK BAUMBACH

Corning—St. Mary's Church's convent takes on a new role for the coming year. Instead of only housing sisters teaching in the new consolidated Catholic school system in Corning the convent will be turned into a "House of Prayer."

The Sisters of Mercy have

been granted permission by Father Thomas Brennan, pastor of St. Mary's, to use the convent for the new purpose.

In announcing his decision to the parishioners last week, Father Brennan said, "Three Sisters will be in permanent residence here (at the con-

vent), and will live a kind of contemplative life.

"To this convent will come groups of Sisters from time to time to make retreat, to have some time for quiet prayer and to allow themselves moments for spiritual prayer.

"Occasionally, larger groups of Sisters may avail themselves of the opportunities here for quiet and surcease from the busy pressures of daily life," Father Brennan said.

The pastor also said that the Sisters will assume the expenses for the operation of the "House of Prayer."

## K of C Council Ranks High

Horseheads—The Knights of Columbus, Horseheads Council 6158, recently received two awards of special significance.

The Council was recently acknowledged with a Star Council ranking for its 1970-71 program year. Very few Councils in the U.S. have been awarded the honor of Star Council. In addition, it was pointed out that the Council had also received the same award in 1969.

On the individual side of the honors coin Francis H. Sally was recently appointed District Deputy for the 95th New York District of the Knights of Columbus.

The 95th district comprises Elmira, Corning, Bath and Horseheads councils.

## Elmira Area Notes

Horseheads — The Horseheads Knights of Columbus, Council 6185, will hold its 33rd annual pilgrimage to Auriesville, shrine of the North American martyrs, on Sept. 19. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Francis H. Sally, 348 Marshall St., Horseheads.

Elmira — New members will be accepted into the Ladies of the Immaculate Heart Society of St. Peter and Paul's Church here on Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. After the reception the society will have a meeting in the church hall.

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## Rosary Society

Mrs. Audrey Link (right), past president and founder of the Altar-Rosary Society at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights, receives a gift from the society's president, Mrs. Marilyn Zazzara (left). The presentation was made after the recent affiliation of Mrs. Julia Smart (center), and 13 others as new members.

## Pope Asks for Unity Prayers

Castelgandolfo (RNS) — On the occasion of the opening in England of the third meeting of the Permanent Joint Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission, Pope Paul VI expressed his heartfelt hope that the discussions would lead to "that unity and truth for which Christ prayed."

At his customary Wednesday audience, the Pope said:

"Our thoughts turn in a special way to the meeting in England of the joint commission set up between the Catholic Church and the Anglican Church. The purpose of this commission is to pursue serious dialogue which — founded on

the Gospel and ancient common traditions — may lead to that unity and truth for which Christ prayed."

The discussions, the pontiff said, "are the object of our fervent prayer today and in this prayer we are united with our dear brother in Christ, the Archbishop (Michael Ramsey).

"We implore the Holy Spirit to give guidance and assistance to the dialogue and the reflection of the group.

"Dear sons and daughters gathered here with us today and spread throughout the world, we ask you to join us in asking our Father to bring about perfect unity in Christ."

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## Van Effen Parish Schedules Sale

Van Effen — A rummage sale for the benefit of the St. Pius X building fund will be held in the parish hall Sept. 9-11. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 9 until noon on Saturday.

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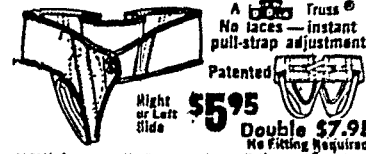
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