Bishop Hogan to Lead Talks on Synod Topics

Elmira — Sixty-five participants from around the diocese will gather at Watson Homestead this weekend (Oct.15-16) to hear Bishop Joseph L. Hogan discuss the topics being faced by the international Synod in Rome. Watson Homestead is at Coopers Plains, just north of Painted Post.

Attendance was limited to 65 people — all places were taken several weeks ago — to permit a small enough group to provide a realistic dialogue with Bishop Hogan, according to general chairman Richard Wardell of Corning.

World peace and justice; the priestly ministry — are the two synodal subjects. Bishop Hogan will deal with each separately, with one talk scheduled at 8 p.m. Friday and the other at 9 a.m. Saturday. Participants will reflect on the bishop's talks in small discussion groups, then rejoin him for a general question and dialogue session.

The conference hopes to be helpful in two directions, Wardell noted:

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• To help the participants grasp the concrete issues faced py the synod and have some insight on the possible programs the Synod may propose.

• To give the bishop an idea of how a cross-section of his people feel about the synodal topics.

This weekend is the sixth semifinal conference sponsored by the Christian Formation Board in the Southern Tier. Each March and each October since 1969, the group has provided a "Watson Weekend" for Catholics in this area.

Conference participants will be exposed to some fresh ideas in worship when they gather for the Eucharistic celebration on Saturday morning. Raymond Defendorf, leader of the "Celebrate Life" group, will utilize contemporary readings with Scripture, as well as some multimedia techniques to highlight the Mass celebrated by Bishop Hogan.

Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker movement, has been signed up to lead a conference on "Prayer" for next spring's Watson Weekend, Wardell revealed.

Columbiettes Meet In Horseheads

Horseheads — The Columiettes of the Horseheads Knights of Columbus hosted a recent meeting of the North Central Chapter at St. Mary Our Mother parish. Delegates came from North Syracuse, Minoa and Watertown.

The local unit, organized in May, 1970, is the only Columbiette group in the Rochester Diocese. Ivis M. Sally, its president, was installed as a three-year trustee of the chapter.

RUMMAGE SALE

Elmira — The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Cecelia's Church here will hold a two-day rummage sale at the church on Oct. 22 and 23. Hours for the event are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. the first day and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second day.

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Recite the Rosary, Father Morgan Urges

Waverly — Father John A. Morgan, pastor of St. James Church, recently urged members of the Rosary Altar Society to say the rosary three times a week during October, the month of the rosary.

Father Morgan made the comment during installation ceremonies for new officers of the society. Mrs. Mary Charlotte Donnelly was inducted as president of the group.

Other high officers in the organization are: Mrs. Martha Stewart, vice president; Mrs. Margaret Barrett, secretary and Mrs. Cathy Mullen, treasurer.

Father Morgan said the group was organized to praise and honor the Virgin Mary and to recite the rosary several times each week.

The pastor noted that over the years the organization has expanded its activities into such projects as caring for the altar and sanctuary, and hosting fund raising activities.

Father Morgan also encouraged the society members to read two publications, "The Wanderer" and "The Death Camp Found Him Real," both available in paperback.

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