

# CEDAR...a Six-Month Review

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — Reflecting on the Cayuga Department, Auburn Region (CEDAR), initiated six months ago, the co-ordinators, Miss Barbara Schmucker and Sister Ellen Ward, feel a major accomplishment has been the opening up of avenues of thought for people in addition to direct programs offered for the training of religious education CCD teachers.

In six months, CEDAR has made its presence and availability of services known to the 14 churches and 11 missions participating, through personal visits speaking from the pulpit, and open invitation to use services, both direct and consultative, and the library resources.

The resource library at CEDAR offices, St. Aloysius School Building, 162 Van Anden St., has a \$2,000 a year budget from an endowment fund dispersed by this office for films, film strips, literature, etc.

Miss Schmucker and Sister Ellen feel they have just begun to scratch the surface, but think they have pointed up areas of service. They feel the biggest drawback is the lack of staff time to respond to the in-

creasing desire for additional programs and individual assistance as teachers become aware of the advantages of the program.

In addition to Fall formal training programs and individual consultation with pastors and teachers, they have seen an increased awareness by teachers of the role of a parish religious education coordinator who can put professional skills to work in teaching both method and lesson content. Both these elements go hand in hand in the development of the CCD teacher.

Programs being initiated in January include:

Teacher training sessions for the Auburn City parishes participating in the interparish high school program, including sessions on three consecutive Mondays, Jan. 10, 17 and 24 at the CEDAR Center, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.  
Auburn Middle School teach-

ers three week training sessions initiated Jan. 5, continues Jan. 12 and 19.

In January, the coordinators will begin to offer assistance to parishes in sacramental preparation, helping to implement and adapt the diocesan guidelines to local parish needs.

In February, they will conduct an eight week training session for new teachers. It also will be open to those interested in review.

Another valuable program was the lesson planning conferences held every month for teachers in grades 1 — 6, helping them to understand the material and suggesting ways to present it through creative activities.

## Port Byron Women Give Church \$1,000

Port Byron — The check for \$1,000 that St. John's Altar and Rosary Society gave Father Robert Kress for the building fund was the only thing that could have topped the visit from Santa Claus at the 10th annual Christmas party.

The Misses Marie and Theresa Van Detto of Port Byron host the event each year in their home, a former hotel on the Erie Canal known as "Erie House." A musical program followed the check presentation made by the society president, Mrs. Harold Keenley, and vice president, Mrs. Frank Daiesio, Jr.

## Auburn Area Notes

Auburn — Middle School Catechist, Teacher Training Session, Wednesday, Jan. 12, CEDAR Center, 162 Van Anden St., 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Auburn — Lesson Planning Session to work on January and February lessons, open, Thursday, Jan. 13, Grades 5 & 6, 7:30 p.m., CEDAR Center.

Auburn — Pre-Cana Conference, 2nd session, Sunday, January 16, at St. Aloysius Church, 162 Van Anden St.

Auburn — Second Session designed to assist teacher of children who will receive First Penance and First Eucharist this year, CEDAR office, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m.

Auburn — Teacher Training Session, Auburn High School catechists, Monday, Jan. 17, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. CEDAR office, 162 Van Anden St.

# Our Parish COUNCIL

by Bernard Lyons

What would you do if you were one of a few people who were the only Catholics left to rebuild the Church from scratch?

It's an intriguing question. And it was used recently in a parish counsel workshop as a role-playing device to get discussion on the Church.

Shortly after Vatican Council Three opened in Rome, a series of rapid events brought about World War III.

The nuclear powers used atomic weapons against each other, and many major cities were completely destroyed, including Rome. All of the hierarchy, including the Pope, were killed.

After the radiation clouds had disappeared, you discover that you and a few other Catholics are all that are left of the Church.

There are, of course, many other people, of other religions and no religion, living, too.

What would you do to rebuild the Church?

One of the ways you might approach the problem is to list items of importance to the Church in the past, and rank them in the order of their importance.

In this way you are establishing goals and priorities.

Ready? Here are 15 concerns of the Church in the past.

Place number one in front of the most important item, number two along side the second most important, and so on, through 15, which should be the least important.

- A. Ten Commandments; B. Immaculate Conception; C. Sunday Mass Obligation; D. Papal Infallibility; E. Creed; F. Scripture; G. Law of Love; H. Freedom of Conscience; I. Celibate Priesthood; J. Beatitudes; K. Indissolubility of Marriage; L. No Birth Control or Family Planning; M. No Abortion; N. Canon Law; O. Sacraments.

Of course, there are no wrong or right answers to this quiz. There would be good, better and best answers. And there would be answers that, with their reasons and explanation, would approach the Incarnation and Gospel message most clearly.

Another interesting speculation would grow from listing other corners from the Church's tradition that should be considered.

This little "game" would make an interesting "dialog" sermon: "We in this church this morning are the only Catholics left on earth. The ushers are now passing out a list of concerns of the Church."

Bring this diocesan paper to your next Christian Family Movement, Legion of Mary, or discussion group meeting and ask participants to consider the questions.

You may wish to write to the editor, giving your ratings of the corners for the Church, and then your reasons why you choose the most important (No. 1) and the least important (No. 15).



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## Geneva Knights Celebrate 75th

Geneva — Celebration was in order for the Geneva K. of C. recently as Council #272 marked its Diamond Jubilee Year.

Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty concelebrated high Mass at St. Francis DeSales Church, with chaplain Father Gennaro Ventura and Father Robert Miller.

Following Mass, Bishop McCafferty greeted the Knights and their families at the council house. It was reported a homecoming of sorts for him since his late father was a Grand Knight of the Geneva Council.

A banquet, open to members and their guests, was held at the American Legion Home on Lochland Road. Bishop McCafferty was the featured speaker, and talked on the "Right to Life" controversy. Frank Giardino presented the past Grand Knight's ring to Robert Scherer, the Council's immediate past Grand Knight.

Chairman Jack Hart Sr. served as toastmaster and was assisted by John Gleason, general chairman for the jubilee year; Jack Hart Jr.; Thomas P. O'Brien; Thomas Gallagher Sr.; Joseph LaVoie and James Myles.

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## Garrick Ohlsson To Perform Here

Garrick Ohlsson, first American prize winner at the Chopin International Competition in Warsaw, will play Chopin's second piano concerto Thursday night, Jan. 13, with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. David Zinman will be guest conductor for the concert, which begins at 8:15 in the newly refurbished Eastman Theatre.

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