

# Pre-Cana Scheduled In Elmira

Elmira—The newly redesigned Pre-Cana conference for engaged couples will be started in the Southern Tier beginning Feb. 28 and will run for four weeks.

The conferences will be held at Elmira Free Academy Feb. 28 and March 6, 13, 20 at 8 p.m.

Pre-Cana conferences are a series of talks by priests, married couples and physicians to prepare an engaged couple for married life.

All couples in the Southern Tier who are intending marriage in the near future should attend the conferences.

Men under 21 and women under 18 who are contemplating marriage must attend the conferences since they are mandatory under new marriage guidelines established in the diocese.

Upon completion of the conferences certificates will be presented.

No pre-registration is needed to attend the conferences.

## Mrs. Hersch Named to Board

Elmira — Mrs. James H. Hersch, a member of the board of directors of the Catholic Family Service here, has been named to the Elmira Advisory Board of Marine Midland Bank-Southern.

Mrs. Hersch is a native of Binghamton and was graduated from Binghamton Central High School and Smith College with a bachelor of arts degree.

Mrs. Hersch is also a member of the board of directors of Arnot Art Museum Association, the Community Chest and the Jewish Community Center.

She is a past president of Elmira Child and Family Service and the Chemung County League of Women Voters. Mrs. Hersch is also a member of the planning committee of the New York-New Jersey Regional Council, Family Service Association of America.

## Sr. Campion Named

Horseheads—Sister Campion of St. Mary Our Mother Church here has been appointed chairman of religious education for the Chemung County Catholic School Board. The appointment is effective immediately.

## Grants Aid Research

New York (RNS) — The Ford and Rockefeller Foundations have announced 22 research awards totalling \$625,152 in a competition designed to encourage the systematic study of population policies.

The aim of the competition is to broaden understanding of the variables affecting population growth. For example, national policies on education, land tenure, and taxation may have more influence on the growth and distribution of population than birth control programs.

Award winners in the current competition represent 11 countries. Among topics chosen by them are: the acceptance of family planning in rural Nigeria; the impact on fertility and mortality of female employment in Italy; the interrelation between population, education and manpower supply in Thailand, and the part played by political parties and social scientists in the formulation of population policy in Chile.

# College Religion Course To Be Delayed Till Fall

Elmira — The chairman of the subcommittee on adult religious education for the Catholic Formation Board has announced a change in plans pertaining to college religious education courses.

Mrs. Eileen Slagis said, "It was prematurely announced that courses in religious education would start in January at Elmira College.

"We have decided that further study is needed before a finalized program will be presented for public participation."

Mrs. Slagis said her committee is hoping to meet with representatives of St. John Fisher, St. Bernard's and Nazareth colleges at the end of January to complete plans for adult religious education courses in the Southern Tier in the fall.

Mrs. Slagis said her committee is looking for statements of interest from lay persons and members of religious orders to help the group make a final determination on courses and when the program should begin.

Mrs. Slagis explained the goal of the subcommittee saying, "We are trying to respond to a need for adult religious education courses in this area."

"We are also attempting to show that the Church is not only interested in elementary and high school religious education courses, but programs aimed at the adult to better help him to understand more about this church."

## Patrice Munsel Set At Notre Dame

Elmira — The third annual musical benefit for Notre Dame High School will be held Thursday, Feb. 3, at Notre Dame Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. Featured will be Patrice Munsel.

Miss Munsel's most recent work has been in concerts and musical comedies. She played the lead in such hits as "Sound

of Music", "Hello Dolly", "My Fair Lady", and "Mame".

A matinee for school children and senior citizens will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 3 at Notre Dame.

Proceeds of the benefit are used to help meet the annual deficit at the school.

## 'Mini' Sessions Set on Liturgy

Corning — A series of five "mini" sessions dealing with the church's new liturgy will be conducted at 8 tonight (Jan. 19) at St. Patrick's School Hall here by regional parish liturgy committee members.

The sessions will be 15 to 20 minutes long and will be on implementing Lenten themes; the effective use of folk music and congregational participation; the need for liturgical

committee members to become totally involved plus the necessity of their self-education in the church's liturgy; the use of radio in religious services and ways to keep parish members up to date on the understandings of liturgical committees and a demonstration of a service of Thanksgiving.


The sessions are open to all. The church's school hall is on Demarest Parkway in Corning.



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Yes, missionaries may seem to be strange people, but then, all Christians must seem to be strange to those who have never experienced Christ and His Love in their lives!

If the missionary or Christian life seems strange, it's only because God and His ways are strange. He became a man, not as a powerful, kingly ruler, but as the Suffering-Servant; Christ taught a message of love for the least of people, even our own enemies; He taught that the Kingdom of Heaven belonged to the poor in spirit; He died and rose again; He told a small group of poor fishermen to go out and tell His Good News to the whole world; and strangest of all, He lives today in each of us, so that through our lives—our love—and our service to others, HE IS PRESENT and ACTIVE in our world today!

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