

Charities Head Names Three

Elmira — Father Joseph F. D'Aurizio, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, recently announced three appointments to the Board of Governors of the Catholic Family Service here.

Named were Vernando Bon-signore, an attorney and director of Chemung County Neighborhood Legal Services, Edward Considine, an engineer with the Elmira Water Board, and Cornelius J. Milliken, personnel administrator for Thatcher Glass Manufacturing Co.

Father D'Aurizio, in making the appointments, also announced that Catholic Family Service recently added two new

categories to its overall social services program.

The Catholic Family Service is now more involved with senior citizens by the creation of the New Horizon House, a recreational center, opened Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for all senior citizens in Chemung County.

The second project called "Marriage Maturity" is an extended version of the Pre-Cana Conferences. The program offers four conferences to engaged couples regardless of religious affiliation. Response has been so great that the project is conducted at one of Elmira's high schools.

News Management Subject Of Horseheads Series

By DICK BAUMBACH

Horseheads — The Second Sunday Series sponsored by St. Mary Our Mother Church here became an excellent forum of debate concerning local controversies when it offered a program dealing with the possible restriction of information and ideas which might be beneficial to society.

The Second Sunday project generally deals in topics related to religious questions. At the most recent program a no holds barred session was conducted as members of the Horseheads Central School District and two high school newspaper editors exchanged comments on what right individuals have to place restrictions on information.

The forum was attended by more than 150 persons. The program centered around two current controversies in the school district.

One item of contention deals with the firing of an adviser to The Hegelian by the school board because of several articles which appeared late last year in the high school publication.

The second controversy concerns a battle waged by the same adviser, J. Michael Horigan, to conduct a Critical Issues in America course. The course deals with viewpoints of America which are not generally accepted. The course is now being offered.

During the Second Sunday series Miss Jennifer Brown, former editor of The Hegelian and now editor of The Gadfly, a high school newspaper not acknowledged by the school board, defended The Gadfly's publication of sexual information in a recent issue.

Miss Brown said there is a lack of sex education at Horseheads High School and that she

and other members of The Gadfly's staff believed local high school students should be given the information.

Michael Howland, present editor of The Hegelian, said such information should not be placed in a high school publication.

All those at the Second Sunday Series agreed that certain limitations should be placed on published material. Gary A. Yogy, a member of the school board, said that if certain information were harmful to the public limitations should be made.

He cited cases which under law call for the withholding of information. Yogy said school boards, police departments and the government are sometimes required to restrict information from being published.

Ben W. Lynch, another school board member, speaking about Horigan's course, said the classroom should present a balanced presentation of ideas and should not be one sided.

The turnout for the program was the largest ever for the Second Sunday Series.

The topic for next month's program, which will be held April 9, has not been announced, but apparently the project has made headway in opening doors to all segments of society without regard for religious affiliations.

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Elmira Area Notes

Elmira — A "Sharing Supper" will be held tonight at St. Peter and Paul's Church in an effort to raise funds for the refugees in East Pakistan. The supper will consist of soup and bread. Money, which would ordinarily be used to purchase other supper foods, will be donated to the refugee fund. The supper will be held in the church hall. The public is invited.

Southport — Students at Notre Dame High School will present "My Fair Lady" on March 24 and 25 at 8:15 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets for the play are priced at \$2.

Elmira Heights — A Day of Recollection will be held for all women of the Southern Tier at St. Charles Borromeo Church on Palm Sunday, March 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Charles Borromeo Church. Father Ernest Unverdorben, OCD, of the Carmelite Monastery in Waverly will be the retreat master. The program will start with registration at 1:30 p.m. at the church. Refreshments will be served in the church hall following the three-hour retreat.

Chemung County — A retreat for women from all parishes in The Southern Tier will be held at the Villa of Our Lady of the Poconos from May 19 through May 21. Women interested in attending the three-day retreat, which starts at supper on the 19th and ends with lunch on the 21st, should contact Miss Mary FitzGerald at 607-734-7439 or Mrs. Carl Gismondi at 607-739-8276.

Elmira — The Elmira Ladies of Charity will sponsor its annual Day of Recollection on March 26, Palm Sunday, in the Little Flower Chapel of St. Joseph's Hospital from 1 until 5 p.m. Father Joseph F. D'Aurizio, former spiritual adviser of the organization and now diocesan director of Catholic Charities, will be the retreat master. The program is open to all women of the Southern Tier. Registration will be held in the Reception Room of the Dunn Memorial Nurses Home at the hospital starting at 1 p.m.

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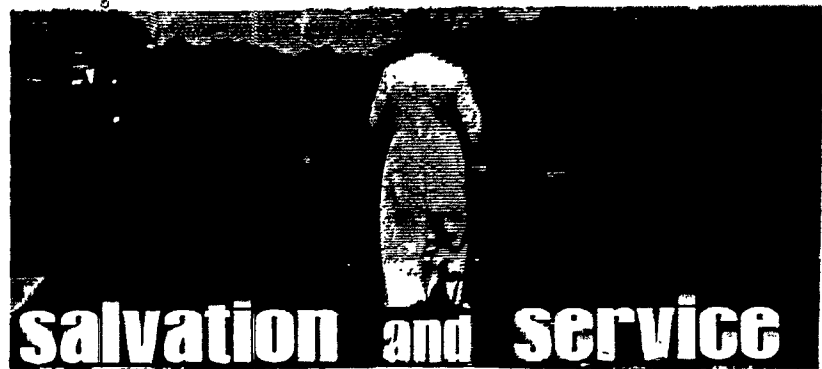
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Fashionable Misses

Five members of the Future Secretaries of America, Chemung County chapter, get ready to pose before a mirror (background) at Notre Dame High School, Elmira, during a fashion show sponsored by the group. All the pretty misses are from area high schools. The local chapter is sponsored by the Glider Chapter of the National Secretaries International. The fashionable young ladies are (left to right) Melinda Howe, Patricia Rathbun, Julie Widmann and Patricia Russell.



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Perhaps one of the most beautiful liturgies we celebrate is the Easter Vigil between Good Friday and Easter Sunday . . . a "waiting" between death and resurrection . . . a "watch" for the day after the night.

This Vigil was of great significance to the early Christians, since it was then the catechumens completed their religious instructions and were baptized that night with new water . . . going from the darkness (sin) into the light (grace).

This Vigil, rich with symbolism and poetry, is also meaningful for us today, since all liturgy is a reflection and celebration of our lives as the People of God. How often we experience in our lives a going from darkness into light . . . from sin to forgiveness . . . from illness to health . . . from ignorance to truth . . . from the small "deaths" and sacrifices of life to the resurrections and blessings! Thus, the Easter Vigil begins in total darkness and silence . . . we wait . . . unable to see other people around us or to communicate with them. But then, Christ, represented by the Paschal Candle, appears in our midst shattering the darkness, and from the Light of Christ our own candles (lives) receive the light of new life and faith.

We now "see" each other in a new light, the light of Christ which lets us see each other as brothers and sisters—to stand together as a community and pray "Our Father" . . . to gather around His table and celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.

Liturgy does not only reflect our own personal lives, but the lives of all men. We are a "catholic" community—a "universal" community that sees all men as our brothers and sisters. If we look at our world today, it is no exaggeration to say that the Third World peoples are a world in vigil . . . waiting for a light to shatter the darkness of their minds and spirits, bringing relief from despair and fear, from poverty, disease and oppression. They wait to experience the brotherhood our Faith proclaims; they wait to hear the Good News of Easter; they wait . . . and watch . . . and suffer.

It is to these that Christ comes today in the person of the missionary, teaching, healing, blessing. And like the Paschal Candle of the Easter Vigil, YOUR SACRIFICE for the missions helps missionaries bring the light of Christ, the Good News of salvation and new life, to a world yet in darkness.

Please . . . take them with you to the Lord's table; remember them when you pray to Our Father, and as you prepare in these final days of Lent to celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ in your life at Easter, share the light of your faith with those who need to know you love them too.

Please send a generous sacrifice for the missions today.

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Parish Issues To Be Aired

Apalachin — Parishioners at St. Margaret Mary Church here will be able to let their parish council know how they feel about different projects under way in the parish.

Members of the St. Margaret Mary Parish Council decided at a recent meeting to send out questionnaires to all parishioners sometime in June to get the reaction of the congregation to the parish's activities.

The questionnaires will be released during the period of election of new parish council members. The exact structure of the questionnaire will be discussed at the group's next meeting.

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