

ELMIRA NEWS

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Right to Life Expands Program

Elmira—The Elmira Right to Life Committee has announced three new projects in a drive to counteract pro-abortion forces.

Miss JoAnn McNamara and Mrs. Joanne Lucarelli said the projects are neighborhood rosaries, local block contacts and the formation of a telephone life line for persons involved with problem pregnancies.

Mrs. Lucarelli said the neighborhood rosaries are being called for "to pray for the victims of the Abortion-on-Demand law.

"In New York State, the law is called the National Abortion Bill. A total of 215,453 helpless

innocent babies were slaughtered in just one year in this state.

"The anti-life groups are attempting to spread this program throughout all the United States with unlimited killing of the unborn."

They said the need for additional workers to implement the three projects is great, and called upon all persons interested in the Right to Life concept to telephone them for additional details.

Miss McNamara may be reached at 607-734-7685, while Mrs. Lucarelli may be contacted at 607-734-7209.



Dr. Bernard F. Gross, chairman of the St. John Fisher College education department, will be among six college teachers to receive awards at the National Science Teachers Association convention in New York April 7-11. His paper describing a genetics course "to increase scientific literacy among non-science majors," earned an honorable mention in a nationwide competition. He was the only New York winner. A liberal arts graduate of St. Bernard's Seminary, Dr. Gross holds M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in science teaching from Syracuse University. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gross of Glasser Street, Rochester.

Special Music To Highlight Easter Mass

Corning — A special High Mass will be held at St. Mary's at 10 a.m. Easter Sunday. The music will begin at 9:30, with a chorale and organ prelude.

The Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah will be presented with a Trumpet Trio. Trumpeters are Scott Bempkins, Dave Kennedy and Chris MacAvoy.

Mrs. Joseph Clancy will play a Handel organ voluntary.

The Mass will end with the hymn Christ Is Risen, with the Trumpet Trio.

The music will be under the direction of Joseph J. Lesso.

ITHACA NEWS

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Religion Center Director Named

Ithaca — The Rev. John Lee Smith has been appointed executive director of the Centre for Religion, Ethics and Social Policy, an affiliate of Cornell University. He has been acting executive director of the center since its inception seven months ago.

The center is chartered by the state as an independent educational institution to investigate the relationship between religious beliefs and moral convictions on the one hand and social policy issues on the other.

Mr. Smith came to Cornell in 1963 as an associate director for studies for the now defunct Cornell United Religious Work (CURW). He had been a profes-

sor of philosophy and religion at Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas, from 1961 to 1963 and an assistant at Yale University Divinity School, 1960-61.

Discussing his aims as director of the center, Mr. Smith said, "We are interested in developing new patterns of life, of work, of service, of thought, and developing the appropriate community and institutional arrangements to support them."

He said he would encourage the development of "programs and policies that make it more possible for people to control their own lives. My judgment is that people have precious little control over their lives; their lives are dominated by institutions."

Ithaca Area Notes

Penn Yan Sports Night April 6 at St. Michael's Parish offers a roast beef dinner and talks by Pete Gogolak, Tommy Niland, Don Fogarty, and Tommy Meyers. For tickets, Jim Ashe, 536-8862, Ken Johnson, 536-6204 or Mike Mahar at the R&M.

Ithaca Volunteers are needed to staff "Bib & Tucker," a clothing store for the underprivileged that will open April 11 in the Clinton Hotel under the auspices of ACT and other community agencies. Pat Schwan, 257-0800, and Kay Oldburg, 272-2470, are taking calls.

Ithaca Spring cleaners are asked to remember the St. Catherine of Siena Women's Council rummage sale scheduled for April.

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Bittner Receives Layman Award

John G. Bittner, former Rochester postmaster, was awarded the Monroe County Catholic War Veterans Outstanding Catholic Layman award in a presentation ceremony Sunday, March 19, 1972 at St. Andrews Church on Portland Avenue. Over 200 guests and members of 12 different organizations attended.

Congressman Frank Horton recalled days when he and Bittner served in Rochester City Council. Msgr. Richard Quinn, pastor of our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish congratulated him on his years of service to organizations of the Catholic Church.

The Honorary Plaque of Recognition was presented by County Commander of the Cath-

olic War Veterans, Trevor-Durant.

Other guests included State Supreme Court Judge Joseph Fritsch, Urban Kress, city councilman; Joseph Cimino, Rochester District Commander of the Knights of St. John; Udeil Kelly, executive director of the Masonic Service Bureau, Nicholas Santoro, county legislator.

VOCATION DAY

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Roman Catholics around the world will observe Sunday, April 23, as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It was announced here by the U.S. Catholic Conference's Division for Youth Activities.

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Regardless of the differences among us, regardless of our search and struggles for meaningful ways of knowing and living our faith, regardless of our human frailties and mistakes; we Christians have meaning because He lives!

Because He lives in the Church, we are truly a community of brothers and sisters; we have the assurance of His Word; the communion in His Body and Blood; the promise of His guidance; and the peace that only He can give.

Because He lives in each one of us, we each have a mission to witness to that life in whatever life-style and life-situation we are found; whatever talents and responsibilities we have; whatever demands are made on our love. We have a special contribution to make to the world in which we live: our family, place of work, neighborhood, our circle of friends, our country and, yes, our world.

Because He lives, we have a message of life, hope, peace and love to offer to the world: the Christian and the non-Christian; the rich and the poor; the old and the young; the oppressed and the oppressor.

Because He lives, we have missionaries in every walk of life serving in whatever way is needed to bring this Good News of Easter to others, especially the poorest and most needful of help.

Because the Mission-Church is poor and the needs so great, and because we believe in the witness and service the missionary offers, we have the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to help support these men and women in their work for Christ. Today, over 135,000 missionaries depend on this Mission-supporting Society to meet their most essential needs. And since its beginning 150 years ago, the Society depends solely on the contributions of individuals to help meet this need.

Because He lives, we turn to you and beg for your sacrifices and prayers. Because He lives—we live—and we share in His mission however we are able. Every gift is important and an expression of your love.

Please celebrate and share this Easter with those who need to know that love by sending a generous gift for the missions today . . . because He lives!

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