

Leighton Ford Crusade Draws Catholic Support

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Evangelist Leighton Ford, Billy Graham's associate, has received a strong Catholic endorsement here in Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's encouragement to Catholics to attend and participate in the crusade in the Rochester War Memorial, April 28 to May 7.

In a recent letter to pastors, Bishop Hogan wrote, "I have approved of the involvement of our clergy, religious and laity in the crusade which has been endorsed by some of my brother bishops in the United States. It has been their experience that the Catholic community was blessed with a more active and dedicated membership as a result of God's grace working through this program."

"The primary object of the Leighton Ford Crusade," the letter continued, "has been to stir up the uncommitted of our family to a deeper sense of vocation as witnesses of Christ in today's world. It seems to have a salutary effect on our alienated youth. That alone would be enough to merit my approval."

Extensive preparations for the crusade have been under way since September. But planning for the crusade began three years ago when 140 churches of all denominations invited Leighton Ford to conduct a crusade here.



LEIGHTON FORD

In 1955, Leighton Ford, who was born in Toronto, was ordained as an evangelist to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. In the same year, he joined the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, of which he is now vice president.

The Rev. Larry Selig, director for the Rochester Crusade, who moved here last June to organize the effort, described what happens at the crusade rallies, which will begin nightly at 7:30 p.m.

"There will be singing: folk, rock, and a 1,000-voice choir. Dr. Ford will address the gathering, and there will be an opportunity to respond and seek further guidance with the help of locally trained counsellors."

"At the end," Mr. Selig continued, "people are given the opportunity to make some commitment and counsellors are encouraged to contact people by telephone and do follow-up work with them through the churches, either by Bible study groups, or the Cursillo movement in the Catholic Church."

Mr. Selig suggested that the reason there is now such broad ecumenical support is that "Dr. Ford is preaching primarily Jesus Christ; not getting involved in different theology, but the centrality of Christian faith."

Father Daniel Holland, director of religious education, attended planning meetings at the request of Bishop Hogan with Father Walter Cushing, chaplain of St. Agnes High School. Father Holland reported that "it is not at all like tent revival meetings, it is more spiritual. It is really like old Catholic traditional retreats, especially directed to the uncommitted person."

"I find it is right down the pike of what we have done in the past and are trying to do," Father Holland said.



Prospective students and their parents had a chance to tour the St. John Fisher College campus recently, and to learn more about the college through informal meetings with Fisher faculty, staff, and students.

Coronary Care Unit Opened at Hospital

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey gave the invocation, Mayor Stephen May cut the ribbon, and St. Mary's new Coronary Care Unit was officially opened March 28.

Three years of planning and nearly a year of construction has culminated in bringing to Rochester its newest health care asset—a six-bed Coronary Care Unit of the most modern design, equipment, and furnishings.

In the six single-bed, glassed-in cubicles of the unit, the critically ill patient has the privacy and quiet required, with the nurse having total visual contact at all times. Each unit contains bedside monitoring equipment which constantly feeds the electrocardiogram rate of each patient to central monitors in the nursing station.

If the bedside monitor records an abnormal condition an alarm is sounded at the nursing station. When responding to this alarm, an electronic memory factor on the monitor allows the physician to view the patient's EKG for the five seconds prior to the eruption. This serves as an invaluable asset in determining the cause of the abnormal condition. Also incorporated in the Coronary Care Unit are the latest concepts

in patient safety. Serving as medical director of the unit is Dr. Wayne A. Wallace.

The new unit, in conjunction with the Early Detection Coronary Care Area, gives St. Mary's Hospital one of the most unique coronary life support systems in the United States.

S.S. Peter and Paul School to Close

The members of Ss. Peter and Paul Church learned last week that the parish elementary school will not open next September.

Father William B. Davis, SS. CC., pastor, explained that a diminishing enrollment and cost increases forced the parish council, financial committee and school board to come to this decision.

"Our enrollment has been decreasing by 20 to 25 students since 1967," Father Davis said. "In 1967 we had 100 transfers into and out of our school. At that time we opened our enrollment to non-Catholic children to keep up our enrollment. This year 62 out of our total enrollment were non-Catholic; leaving fewer than 100 Catholic children."

Father Davis also reported that an expected shift in religious personnel was a factor in the decision.

"The shift in our personnel would have increased our lay staff which would have pushed our cost per pupil to over \$600, double any place in the county," he said.

Father Daniel Brent, superintendent of schools, who has been in on all the parish meetings and

Father Vasile To Be Ordained

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will be presented by Mr. and Mrs. Vasile.

A reception will be held at the parish hall following the Mass.

Other Masses will be held at St. Mary's Church, Auburn, on Saturday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m., where Father Vasile once taught school, and at St. Ann's, Hornell on Sunday, April 16 at 12:15 p.m., where he spent his deacon intern assignment.

A reception will follow the Sunday Mass at the Knights of Columbus Building, Hornell.

Father Vasile is a graduate of both St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

concur with the decision, said, "We will be working to relocate the students of Ss. Peter and Paul in neighboring Catholic schools."

"And as for the Sisters of Notre Dame that staff the school, nothing

Msgr. Krieg To Administer St. Salome's

The Pastoral Office announced this week that Msgr. Gerard Krieg, presiding judge of the diocesan tribunal, will serve also as temporary administrator of St. Salome's parish during the convalescence of Father Walter E. Fleming.

Father Fleming, pastor of the Sea Breeze parish, recently underwent surgery and is at St. Mary's Hospital.

The appointment of Father Bernard Kuchman to administer St. Pius X, Van Etten, also was announced. Father John A. Morgan, pastor of St. James, Waverly, has been administrator of St. Pius since last October, when the Franciscans of St. Fidelis Friary stopped staffing the parish. Father Kuchman will live at St. James.

Harth to Conduct Eastman Orchestra

Sidney Harth, American violinist and conductor who heads the music department at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, will be guest conductor of the Eastman-Rochester Symphony Orchestra in Kilbourn Hall April 10.

Featured soloists in the concert program will be five candidates for the performer's certificates from the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music.

This 8:15 p.m. concert will be open to the public without charge; however, tickets will be required and are available in the Kilbourn Hall concert office, 26 Gibbs St., daily 9-5

ing has been worked out yet. But there is a lot of work for them and we hope to keep them in the diocese."

Fr. Lintz to Talk On Sacraments

Father Edward Lintz, Ph.D., will give a series of lectures on the Sacraments on the Wednesdays of April 12, 19, and 26, at 7:45 p.m. in St. Augustine's School Hall, 410 Chili Avenue.

Father Lintz, pastor of the Church of the Nativity in Brockport, formerly was a professor of philosophy at Nazareth college.

The series is sponsored by the Southwest Regional Committee of the Catholic Diocese. This area includes the southwest part of the city as well as Gates, Brockport, Chili, Spencerport, Scottsville and Churchville.

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