

Holy Name Parish Party

Holy Name's 1972 confirmation class climaxed its charity fund-raising with a big outdoor celebration one cold Sunday in June. Shown at the festival are Sister Mary Jo Langie, pastoral assistant, and Don O'Brien. The class engaged in several moneymaking activities to help buy a station wagon for Father Tim Weider's work among the rural poor. Serving the cause at the June 11 fete were three musical groups, The Rising, Taboo and Beale Street Bandwagon.

Bishop Hogan

'Hornell Is Truly Blessed'

Hornell — Bishop Joseph L. Hogan surveyed the flood damage in the Hornell area last week. He explained plans for flood relief to city efficials at a meeting held at St. Ann's rectory, including Hornell's Mayor Mazzella.

Commenting on his tour of the flood area, Bishop Hogan said in a homily delivered at a Mass he celebrated at St. Ann's:

"Hornell is truly blessed. No verbal description can bring home to you the misery you have been spared. Your hearts would go out to the old people whose only security, their homes, has been swept away.

"In moments of crisis, the best and the worst of humanity emerge. I was much inspired by the great spirit of gratitude among the people. They were so grateful to the priests and sisters who came from Rochester to work with the Red Cross and other agencies.

"Tragedy helps us to realize that we are truly members of one family. That feeling of closeness was emphasized by the group of people, young and old, who collected in a single day, 20 tons of food and clothing in Monroe County and shipped it to the Southern Tier.

"We do not know why the hand of God has touched us, but we do know that blessings will come from this. A stronger sense of unity certainly now exists in this diocese," Bishop Hogan concluded.

Father Robert MacNamara, pastor of St. Ann's, expressed the gratitude of the parishioners to Bishop Hogan for his "paternal concern".

The Flood's Other Message

By CHARLES RANDISI

Corning — "The sad thing about the people who lost everything." Father Timothy Weider said. "is that they are the ones who spent 30 years of their lives buying their own homes, only to see their work disappear. The beautiful thing people realized in this disaster is that they have each other."

Father Weider is in charge of the Office of Human Development's (OHD) flood relief services at St. Mary's School in Corning. He says his job as co-

Pope Greets Envoy

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI, receiving Algeria's first Ambassador to the Vatican, Raoul Mustafa Oudjadji, said that Algerian Catholics wish to live in peace and friendship with their Muslim compatriots, "thus contributing to the development of Algeria and promoting the well being of all people."

Last March, when the Vatican announced that it had established full diplomatic ties with the Republic of Algeria, it was announded that Archbishop Sante Portalupi had been named Pro-Nuncio to Algeria. (Archbishop Portalupi is the Vatican's Apostolic Delegate 3 to North Africa.)

MORMON PAGEANT

The world-famous production of the Hill Cumorah Pageant, a spectacular re-telling of the beliefs of the Church of Latter Day Saints, will be staged July 24-29 at Hill Cumorah, outside of Palmyra. The pageant begins at 9 p.m.

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ordinator is to "stay abreast of our needs and resources and to be a catalyst in the situation. As coordinator, I have to make sure that the great numbers of volunteers we have are channeled into areas of need."

The role of OHD in Corning is to provide volunteers for cleanup work. "We are responding to people's immediate needs," Father Weider said. "We must help the community regenerate itself. We are not trying to do anything spectacular, but we Want to make our presence certain."

OHD and the Corning United Fund are sponsoring a new project called the Corning Area Survey Center which will survey the needs of the people in the community.

"It will be a street by street, house by house operation," Father Weider said. "It will be primarily a visitation program, We will be going around as a group of warm human beings who can say, 'I care.' While we are there, we will assess the needs. Eventually, we will send in skilled people, such as carpenters and plumbers."

Father Weider thanked the volunteers for their "tremendous" response. "We have been getting 150 volunteers a day, both locally and from out of town."

Father Weider also expressed his thanks to Father Thomas Brennan, pastor of St. Mary's, for making his school available as the "real focal point" of the relief services in Corning.

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Priestly Celibacy Termed Sign of 'Radical Love'

St. Paul, Minn. (RNS) — Priestly celibacy is an example of a priest's "radical love for God" and is essential to the life of a priest, Archbishop Coadjutor Leo C. Byrne of St. Paul-Minneapolis said here.

Speaking at a Mass attended by Serra International delegates, the archbishop described celibacy as "a living, understandable sign of the coming kingdom and of the value of working to make it come."

Archbishop Byrne, one of five U. S. delegates to the World Synod of Bishops last Fall in Rome, said the celibacy issue had been given a thorough airing at the Synod and was discussed "with great openness and honesty."

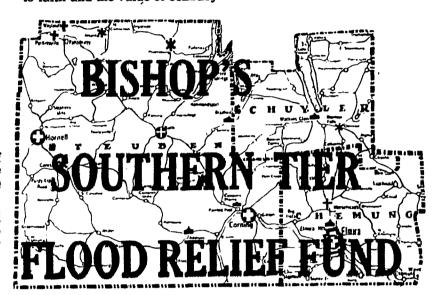
He attributed the Synod's
"almost unanimous consensus"
to two factors: "a commitment
to faith and the value of celibacy

as a sign of the Church in the

Celibacy, as part of the commitment to the priesthood, is a "faith commitment" to something beyond life on earth, the archbishop said. "Our life in time is but one facet of the larger picture which includes Christ's second coming."

Archbishop Byrne said a priest brings home directly to people the work and ideals of the Gospel. "A priest is not a reflection of what Christ was, but he actually makes present locally the priestly life and work that is Christ's."

The archbishop said both the Synod of Bishops and the Second Vatican Council have reaffirmed that "when a priest is ordained, he is radically changed. He is lifted up to share in the very works that constitute and consecrate Christ's priestly action."





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