

St. Catherine Parish Works on 'Renewal'

by JOY CHALONE

Ithaca — Merle LaLonde, 412 Winthrop Drive, is the new president of St. Catherine of Siena Parish Council.

A senior research associate at Cornell University for the Center for Radio-Physics and Space Research, he has for the past 12 years been doing basic Engineering and research associated with the large radio-telescope in Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

Other officers and members for the coming year are Faust Rossi, vice president; Barbara George VanSant, president of religious education program; Carl Kreol, auditor; Jack Burns, John Hardesty, Colly Fox.

They have committed themselves to weekly meetings, working for a "spiritual renewal" of the council and its functions. This has been initiated by Msgr. William M. Roche, in three phases. Phase I is nearly complete, consisting of six meetings; the first discussed the new church structure, the second the new mission of the church, the third communications, the fourth a synopsis of the first three topics and how they relate to 'a modern parish'. At the fifth each individual council member will invite a group of parishioners to his home to discuss the meetings.

The sixth meeting, the council will meet together for formulation of programs. These meetings have been taking place, once a week during the summer

so that, according to LaLonde, by September the council should be ready to undertake its mission appropriately.

Pre-Cana

Pre-Cana Conferences will be held in Ithaca at Immaculate Conception School at 8 p.m. on the following dates: Aug. 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4, 11, 18.

The conferences will be held in Room 108 at the Buffalo Street entrance. For pre-registration, call (607) 273-6121. No fee will be charged.

Ithaca Area Notes

Ithaca — A parish party was held at Immaculate Conception New Parish Hall recently to thank Father Oliver Stokes and welcome Father Richard Belligotti. The two priests have exchanged places, Father Stokes going to St. Margaret Mary's in Apalachin, Father Belligotti coming to I.C.

Watkins Glen and Odessa — Mrs. Naomi Roberts and Mr. Joseph Scaptura, lay trustees for St. Mary's of the Lake and St. Benedict's are arranging a welcome reception for Father Robert Donovan. It will take place after the Masses in the 'Center' on July 29 and 30. Volunteer forms were given out and are being filled out for those who can help in the Elmira-Corning flood disaster.

Ithaca — Focus Club is a new venture for Immaculate Conception Parish. Moderated by Father David Mura, the group, open to anyone beyond high school, meets one evening a week. The small group consists of from three to eight couples, mostly young adults, at present. Topics have been abortion, penance, parochial vs. public schools, heaven, hell, purgatory. Father Mura calls it "our theology night club".

Summer Program At Trumansburg

Trumansburg — St. James the Apostle Church just finished a very successful summer religious education program, according to Father Albert Ryan. Eighty-five children participated in grades one through six.

Three very apt nuns formulated and taught the program. Sister Mary Stephen, Sister Regina Agnes and Sister Regina Ann, all from Philadelphia. They are Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

They were assisted by five high school girls from the parish, Mary McClallen, Ruth Radenberg, Kathleen Kenney, Elizabeth Lawrence and Linda Martin.

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