

# Deadline Oct. 31 For Loans from SBA

Elmira — J. Wilson Harrison, the district director of the Small Business Administration, stated today that many persons who suffered flood damage, as a result of Tropical Storm Agnes, still have not filed for an SBA Disaster Loan.

"The cutoff date for applying for an SBA Disaster Loan is Oct. 31. After that date, no new applications will be accepted. We feel that there are still many individuals, especially in the Finger Lakes area, who were adversely affected by the flooding,

and urge them to file an application before it is too late."

Harrison also commented on the processing of the disaster loans. "To date, over 14,500 disaster loans have been approved in the Upstate New York Area for more than 85 million dollars. I am pleased that we have been able to process such a vast number of loans in such a short time, but we shall not be satisfied until every approved loan applicant has received his disaster loan. I realize that each loan applicant is interested primarily in his own loan, and want to assure each applicant that his loan is being processed as quickly as possible. Our sole reason for granting disaster loans is to ensure the health, welfare and security of each and every disaster victim."

The SBA disaster loans may be used to replace personal property, restore and repair structural damage, and, if the structural damage amounts to more than 30 percent of what a house was worth before the disaster, the applicant may refinance any existing mortgage.

Business Disaster Loans may be used to repair or replace buildings, fixtures, machinery, equipment, and inventory.

The first \$5000 of every disaster loan, or any part thereof, is forgiven, and does not have to be repaid. All money borrowed above the \$5000 must be repaid at 1 per cent interest rate per year with up to 30 years for repayment.

"There is only one way that you can find out if you are eligible for a SBA Disaster Loan," Harrison concluded, "and that is by visiting one of our SBA District Offices."

## ROSARY GUILD

St. Pius X Rosary Guild will meet in the parish center for a living rosary Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. Following the rosary, Mrs. Judy De Vaney will demonstrate decoupage.

## Better World Group Plans Programs For Year of Renewal

Auburn — The first fall gathering of participants in last Spring's Auburn Area Better World retreat was held Sept. 15 to examine the future direction of community involvement.

In the planning stages are various celebrations and programs to deepen members' spirituality with the emphasis of the Year of Renewal.

Following an explanation of the Kingdom of God by Father

John Hayes, Aurora, the regional coordinator for the Year of Renewal, the Mass was celebrated by Father John Mulligan, St. Mary's, Father Edward Palombos, St. Alphonsus, and Father Hayes.

While this gathering receives impetus from Better World retreatants, wider community participation is invited.

## Auburn Area Notes

Auburn — Workshops for CCD teachers based on the Come to the Father Series will be held Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at CEDAR.

Auburn — The first meeting of St. Mary's Home School Association will be a harvest supper, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28 at the school.

Seneca Falls — The third session in the School of Religion with the theme Creative Christians in the 20th Century will be held Sunday, Oct. 1, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's School.

Auburn — Knights of Columbus Testimonial Dinner to honor Edward Murphy, Council Steward for the past 25 years, will be held at the Council Home, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m.

## FACULTY WORKSHOP

Dr. Richard L. Rinehart of Rochester Institute of Technology will conduct a planning workshop for the faculty and staff of St. Agnes High School all day Friday, Sept. 29. Dr. Rinehart, former president of Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba, Mich., is director of the RIT Center for Community College Faculty Development.

# Theologian Speaks at Cornell

By JOY CHALONE

Ithaca — Cornell University, had a distinguished visitor last weekend, Father Gregory Baum, associate professor of theology and religious studies at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto.

He spoke on Pluralism and Religion at the Sage Chapel Convocation. He also held an evening rap session in Anabel Taylor Hall. Questions, comments and answers bounded back and forth for two and a half hours. An animated session it was, with Father Baum, often referred to as Gregory, emphasizing his comments with amusing gestures and an engaging accent.

He is a native of Berlin, Germany, received his B.A. in mathematics and physics from McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario and his M.A. in mathematics from Ohio State University.

He is a convert, being of Jewish origin, and his early family life viewpoint was in his words "agnostic" in many respects.

He joined the Augustinian Order in 1947 and was ordained a priest in 1954 in Fribourg, Switzerland. He received his doctorate of theology from the University of Fribourg in 1956. Sister Mary Lee Bishop of Cornell introduced him and the session progressed something like this:

What is the mission of the Church today?

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A. Vatican II came out with three different viewpoints, documents on the spirit of preaching in foreign lands, the new more liberal attitude of the Church towards other religions and the duty of Catholicism to communicate with them, and the duty of the Church to identify with all humanity, take on the burden of the world, making it our critique of life with dialogue and solidarity being the goal, but no conversions intended.

What is your feeling on Pope Paul's recent stand on the role of women in the Church?

A. It is unfortunate that the center of the Church is located in a patriarchal country. Italy, where there is so much sexual class structure. We in Canada are particularly unhappy, as our bishops, after a lengthy study, particularly asked for more women roles in the church. But, then, formal leadership is possibly not so strong as it used to be.

Do you see any theological limits the Church might have in political order?

A. The Church formerly played a great role in politics. But in Western countries it is quite inconceivable that the Church will move very far to the left, as their source of money would be cut off.

What is pluralism with the Church?

A. It is the appreciation of

particularities, spiritual traditions. Christians in the East and West have each their own, yet no one tries to overcome the other. In regard to moral pluralism, for example, the idea of birth control, in Latin countries where woman is inferior, would only tend to make them more subservient. Whereas in countries where the sexes are equal, we do not need so many sexual rules. However, the situation ethics people do not generate categories where we can create norms.

Given this leeway, in the uncertainties, how can the Church have any substance, any controlling?

A. Maybe it is good we struggle with this. Christians think they must work in uniting Christians across continents. Yet if all of us wrestle in our own circle, we can contribute to unifying. We are at a pivotal point in Christian history. Churches are joining with other churches. Only in the 20th century have we seen this human solidarity. The idea of today being to follow Jesus is to follow people.

Would you comment on the agnostic, the one, who in his life lives just as good or better than a good Christian, and yet has no motivation towards Christ?

A. Many people feel uncomfortable in the organized Church. They can't breathe, and this is an increasing phenomenon. These people want to share, love and trust, and they do. And that's what counts. The kingdom was not regarded as individualistic,

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## Bath Knights Honor Two

Bath — Arthur Moran of Bath and James Angus of Prattsburg were recently cited as "Knights of the Year" by Precious Blood Council, Knights of Columbus, in its club rooms in Bath.

Shirley Baxter, past grand knight, made the presentations to Moran, a knight for about 10 years and a past grand knight, and to Angus, a member since 1966 and now recording secretary. The plaques presented to the knights cite them for ex-

emplary service to the Church, community, council, and to youth for the fiscal year of 1971-72.

Conducting the event was Matt Yaninas, grand knight. More than 60 members and ladies attended. Yaninas presented each of the women with a corsage. Dancing and buffet luncheon followed the ceremony.

Yaninas also announced the council recently presented a \$1,000 check to the State of Flood Relief Fund designated for the Southern Tier.

## Books Presented Bath Children

Bath — "There are many kinds of books — comic books, coloring ones you use with crayons, pocketbooks with money in them — but the religion book is the most important in your life because it tells us what is in the book written by God Himself, the Holy Bible," Father John P. O'Malley told the primary students at St. Mary's School in a special service to present the

books Tuesday morning, September 12th.

Third grader Andrew Lyle carried the Bible into the sanctuary and the third graders sang a hymn accompanied by Miss Katherine Fox, teacher, on the guitar.

Father O'Malley announced that plans are being made for the children to sing at a Mass on the First Friday of each month at 10 a.m. to which parents and friends will be welcome. The young people will also bring the gifts to the altar.

## DE SALES AWARD

Hornell — Miss Michele Fagnan of Hornell is the 1972 recipient of the DeSales Nursing Scholarship awarded annually by the Women's Board of St. James Mercy Hospital.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Fagnan of 13 Armory Place is a freshman in St. James mercy Hospital School of Nursing and an alumna of Hornell Senior High School. The award, established by the Board in 1956 assists students by paying full tuition for three years at the school of nursing.

but comes gradually, the kingdom coming. We have looked at Christianity as a very self thing. What happens to me-me! People in the 11th and 12th century were asking this. But for thousands of years the Church has not said what will happen after death.

What makes someone distinctly Catholic today?

A. If he puts money in the collection! Seriously though the Catholic tradition is different from other traditions, Anglican and Protestant. Catholics have a greater sense of social substance of life. Marxism exists only in Catholic countries. Catholicism is we oriented. Protestantism is I. Catholics say there is power in symbols. For example, we maintain Jesus' body on the cross, but the Protestants have taken the body off and have only the plain cross. This is curious to me. Why did they do that? Catholics were Freudians before Freud existed.

Back to pluralism, I am afraid of unities that make people equal. I love my non-Catholic friends. Good heavens I disagree many times with the Pope and bishops but nonetheless I prefer to stay within Catholicism. The only danger is non-conversational pluralism. That doesn't seem so much a threat today.

Don't you feel the Church is endangering itself in taking a stand on capitalism versus socialism?

A. Most Christian societies favor capitalism but many countries are part one, part the other.

Do you see the confession format changing more?

A. Yes, it has changed enormously, statistically. Fewer people practice traditional confession now. Personally, I am against traditional confession. It is 11th century vintage and inadequate today. Basically, all we need today is to find someone to talk to about what bugs us and only once in a while go to confession. There are some people, however, who dump everywhere. We burden those who can't handle it. So, we must choose wisely.

What is your argument with the new left?

A. They say everything is black or white, good or bad. I can't accept that. Everything is made up of combinations.

At the close of the session Father Baum wanted to emphasize the changes in the Church since Vatican II in regard to customs, practices, feelings toward other religions and peoples and the social and political aspects of the Church.

## BSA RETREAT

Penn Yan — The Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Finger Lakes Boy Scout Council will sponsor a Catholic Scout Retreat, Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, at Camp Babcock-Hovey.

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