



Photo by Laurence E. Keefe

Cursillo Mass Bishop Joseph L. Hogan concelebrated the monthly Mass for 'cursillistas,' those who have completed a cursillo retreat, last Saturday at Holy Rosary church. Blessing the host at the concelebrated Mass are other

diocesan priests who have made a cursillo, from left, Fathers David Gramkee, Thomas Bales, Raymond Booth, Bishop Hogan, and Fathers Michael Conboy, Thomas Wheeland, John Matuso, and Thomas Erdl.

Health Seen Mission of Church

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Why do all churches have a ministry to the sick and dead, and no health ministry? Naomi Chamberlain, assistant professor of preventive medicine and community health at Strong Memorial Hospital, asked this question of divinity students and lay people during a lecture last week.

Speaking on "The Role of the Black Church in Community Health," Mrs. Chamberlain told of Reach Out and Touch, a project sponsored by the University of Rochester's department of preventive medicine, which joins with churches to present a health liturgy.

Mrs. Chamberlain thinks the church is a perfect place for the much needed community health education.

"Using churches to spread a health message is logical. The attendance is voluntary, there is a leadership the people have chosen and I think health is

a mission of the church," she said.

The idea of Reach Out and Touch is not to call up a minister or priest to present a program on health, Mrs. Chamberlain explained, but to ask the church "to become involved with us in full partnership."

The program is designed around biblical quotes having to do with health. The entire liturgy is rewritten to be solely about health, using original choreography, and songs, "drawing from the basic tenets that go into a black church: family, dance, music that are part of our proud and artistic culture," the health specialist continued.

Using her own definition of a black church — "one financially supported by blacks; works in best interests of blacks; and looks for and reinforces the heritage of black people, which includes extended family and joy in religious celebration" — she feels that black churches can be the single most powerful

strength behind a community's mental, physical and spiritual health.

Changes in CCD At St. Felix

By PAT BOLAND

Clifton Springs — Every parish is always looking for ways to improve its CCD program, and St. Felix Parish is no exception. After much thought and preparation, there have been several changes made this year.

One is the end of the release-time program. Holding a child's attention at 2:30 p.m., while most of his friends are down at the ice cream store, is not easy, says Father John Roach, pastor. Classes are now being held at a variety of times, but always when the children are fresh, and when classes would least interfere with outside activities. Some are held at 8 a.m. before the regular sessions begin, others at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday. For high schoolers, evening classes are being held in the homes of parishioners.

To further prepare volunteer teachers for their job, Msgr. John Duffy, former superintendent of schools for the diocese, was recently invited to speak at St. Felix. Teachers from St. Francis in Phelps and St. Dominic's in Shortsville also attended.

Msgr. Duffy emphasized the need of prayer and the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist and Penance, as the best preparation for teaching. He spoke of the place of faith in everyday life. He also drew from his own experiences to give some technical advice on teaching and teacher — pupil relationships.

CDA MEETING

Reception of new members will be featured at a regular meeting of Court Our Lady of the Cenacle, Catholic Daughters of America, Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. at St. Philip Neri School hall.

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The Legion of Mary of the Diocese of Rochester will sponsor the Mass, and they invite all people, regardless of religious affiliation, to take part in this service. It is suggested that those attending bring a blanket or a camp stool to sit on. Refreshments will be available after Mass.

This is the third year that a public Mass for Peace has been made available by the Legion of Mary.