

Liturgy Role Explained

Third article in a series explaining goals of the Year of Renewal in Seneca and Cayuga and introducing personnel involved.

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Auburn — "Liturgy is one of the concerns receiving special emphasis during the Year of Renewal," explained Father Edward Palumbos, associate pastor at St. Alphonsus Church and coordinator for the Liturgical (Worship) Committee for the Auburn Region, comprising Cayuga and Seneca counties.

"Simply defined, liturgy is prayer. With public worship at the core of Christian life, the work of this committee should touch the lives of all members of the Church," commented Father Palumbos.

"It is our goal to make the prayer life of the Christian assembly more understandable and meaningful," he explained. "Our committee intends to do this by first of all educating itself and then helping others to better appreciate the liturgy."

"We plan to sponsor a Parish Liturgy Committee Workshop which will be designed to help individual parishes establish and use creatively the many talents of their own liturgy committee. The workshop will be put on by the Diocesan Workshop Committee early next year. Our regional committee also plans to be of assistance to parish committees in sharing ideas for special celebrations such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our program of self-education will be carried out by regular meetings during the year. At some of these meetings actual celebrations of the liturgy will take place."

While the liturgy committee at large will be composed of every parish worship committee, the core committee will consist of those with expertise such as Sisters and experienced members.

Father Palumbos announced recent appointments to the core committee: Sister Helen of



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the Rural Education Center in King Ferry; Mrs. Charles Schiller of St. Patrick's in Seneca Falls; Mary Jane Cox and Marion Cool of St. Mary's, Auburn; Jack and Madeline O'Connor and Ester Giacalone of Sacred Heart, Auburn. Mrs. Thomas Baker of King Ferry; Mary Rose McCarthy and Robert Palumbos of St. Alphonsus, Auburn; and Claire and Victoria Jenda of Port Byron.

Father Palumbos pointed out that the Vatican II Fathers clearly understood that the Latin liturgy did not respond to the needs of the time and mandated changes.

Father Palumbos explained the liturgy now speaks to the people in their own language and within their own cultural orientation.

"The stress is on God's family eating at the Lord's table as the source of unity for the Christian

family. Liturgy is prayer and the committee will be working towards formulating prayers resulting in more meaningful, more communal celebrations with people more fully understanding and participating," he reflected.

The Mass opening the Year of Renewal in the Auburn Region which was held at St. Mary's in September and the liturgy for the Movement for a Better World prayer session Oct. 13 in which Bishop Joseph L. Hogan participated, are examples of the committee's work.

The core committee is now planning the liturgy for the celebration of the Eucharist at Unity House, Nov. 5 for representatives from each Liturgy committee in the region.

This committee also will be putting on a workshop for the regional committees in mid-Winter. It will also serve as a clearing house for suggestions made by area liturgy committees and provide a channel of communication for failures as well as successes. The committee also will help parishes further their own liturgical awareness by giving them new ideas and will endorse liturgical innovations in an effort to give them greater credibility.

CDA Schedules Smorgasbord

The annual Smorgasbord and Christmas Bazaar of Court Our Lady of the Cenacle, 1139 of Catholic Daughters of America will be held Sunday, Nov. 12.

Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. Reservations may be obtained from Mrs. Charles Combs at 482-3691. Tickets may be picked up at the door. Individuals donate a variety of home-cooked dishes for the smorgasbord. In addition, all items for the bazaar are attractively handmade, and are geared to offer some gift ideas for the holidays. Chairman is Mrs. John Weidner.



Members of the Social Committee and volunteers prepare for annual Fall bazaar at St. Patrick's Church.

Fall Bazaar Scheduled At St. Patrick's in Falls

Seneca Falls — The annual Fall bazaar is scheduled Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 and 11 at St. Patrick's Parish here.

Women have been busy for months sewing, knitting, crocheting, stuffing, pinning and pasting to make a tremendous assortment of handmade gifts and Christmas decorations. Customers will find everything from Christmas wreaths and children's jinglebell wall hangings to beautiful pillows and feather flowers. Homemade baked goods, jams and jellies will be available and the economy-minded will find used patterns and boots.

The bazaar will be held at 113 Fall St., Seneca Falls (formerly Beryl's Fabric Shop) and the hours will be: Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The proceeds will go toward refurbishing the parish kitchen.

Business In the Diocese

William J. Riordan, administrator of St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, has been appointed to the Council on Hospital Organization and Administration of the Catholic Hospital Association (CHA).

Arnie Ciaccio speaks out on State Aid to Non-Public Schools



I believe wholeheartedly that a constitutional method must be found to give aid to non-public schools. The financially distressed parochial and other non-public school systems need help. To permit them to close would be a burden of incomparable proportions for all of the taxpayers. Forms of aid have existed and continue to exist such as, milk-money, bussing and the percapita state aid formulas which, of course, have been aids to public as well as non-public schools for many, many years. Quite clearly some form of aid directly to the parents and/or pupils in the form of a type of GI Bill of Rights or voucher system where the parent or pupil selects the school of his or her choice ought to be developed in this area. If found to be unconstitutional, other efforts should be made until such time as a fair and adequate method of help is given. Tax credits now seem most promising.

I have stated this publicly in printed matter as well as WAXC News when confronted with the question directly by a member of the League of Women Voters.

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