

Action Programs Developed

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — "I am amazed at what is going on in this community," and "Everything is just fine and you are not going to change anything," were conflicting attitudes encountered by participants in the Human Development training course at St. Mary's, during practical research assignments, which put theory to work and culminated in two action proposals presented to the parish council.

The Human Development Committee at St. Mary's, which is accountable to the parish council, selected the areas of family life education and health care center needs as initial concerns to be explored further.

Susan Connors and Charlene Sawchurch were selected as interim chairmen with the permanent chairman to be elected at a later date.

In addition to 24 hours of formal sessions which began Oct. 4 and concluded Nov. 15, the 16 participants invested several hundred hours exploring generalized topics of concern in the Auburn area to find out what problems there were, and to determine if and how St. Mary's parish could help.

Receiving attention were the needs of the elderly, racism, youth, health, drugs and alcohol, Melone Village, unemployment and housing.

The training course, developed by Father Charles Mulligan, Sister James and Joseph Torma of the Office of Human Development, focused on the spiritual foundation for social action, the process of information gathering, and priority setting through the consensus decision-making process.

Father Mulligan stressed the spiritual foundation for the committees' social action, pointing out the connection between faith and the need for human development committees.

Each research presentation was considered in the light of value to the community, feasibility, how successfully the committee could carry out a particular proposal, and how meaningfully parishioners could be involved.

At the conclusion, participants felt they had become more skilled in interviewing, more confident, and encouraged by having found people honest and open.

GAMES ON RADIO

The Webster at Pittsford and Greece Arcadia at Greece Athena basketball games will be aired over WROC-AM. The Pittsford game is scheduled at 8:40 p.m., Dec. 15, and the Greece Athena game at 8:40 p.m. Dec. 19. Veteran broadcaster Joe Cullinane will call the action.

Family Programs Moving At St. Catherine of Siena

By JOY CHALONE

Ithaca — St. Catherine of Siena Parish is in full swing with its newly organized Family Oriented Religious Education Program.

Recently the Family Liturgy Group prepared a Mass on the theme of "Friendship". It was a folk Mass to which the whole congregation was invited. Before the offertory, readings on "what is a friend," were presented. At the canon everyone was given a lighted candle and all gathered around the altar, renewing their baptismal vows.

The highlight of the Mass was the baptism and confirmation of one of its parishioners by Monsignor William Roche, pastor. This is thought to be the first confirmation administered by a pastor in the diocese.

After Mass three movies were shown, their themes also being friendship—"Crying Red Giant," "Clown" and "00173."

The family groups continue and reports are that they are working out very well. A new group has recently started called "Pro-Life".

St. Catherine's will also have a family program of Advent Wreath making. Each family will bring its own materials for making a wreath and then a large wreath will be made for the church. They also plan to make an Advent wreath for Oak Hill Manor, the area nursing home.

On Dec. 16, St. Catherine's families will decorate their church for Christmas. The children will create the crib scene.

Ithaca Area Notes

Penn Yan — St. Michael's Parish has initiated a "Story Hour" for children in the school library, on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Odessa — Father Lawrence Sansom reports St. Benedict's Chapel housekeepers for December are: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Germen, Mr. and Mrs. John Mc-

Donald, Miss Mary Fitzpatrick, and Mrs. Sharon Kenyon.

Trumansburg — On Dec. 13 the Women's Guild of St. James the Apostle Parish will have their annual adult Christmas Dinner. On Dec. 17, St. James Religious Education Middle School will put on a Christmas Play at the altar of the church.

Shortsville — A Christmas tur-
een supper is planned by the ladies of St. Dominic's. They will present a gift to Father John Woloch, pastor, have a gift exchange, and discuss plans to take plants to the shut-ins of Shortsville.

Bush. The program will be held in the remodeled Presbyterian Church and is open, without charge, to all. It will close with a Community Carol sing.

Victor — The Victor Four Churches are planning a Christmas program. It will be a Vesper Service at 4 p.m., Dec. 17. The program will feature Christmas music and is entitled, "Music Through the Ages." Members of the chorus are from all the Victor churches, and the choir is under the direction of Mrs. Jan

Clifton Springs — On Dec. 15, the Rosary Altar Society will hold its annual Christmas party. The party, which is for members' children, will be held in the church hall. Cookies, punch, and a Christmas play, presented by the sixth grade of the CCD are part of the program. The party will begin at 2 p.m. The Society also plans to send plants to all he area shut-ins for Christmas.

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