

New Auburn School Receives Name

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — Blessed Trinity is the new name for the Catholic elementary school to open in September as a result of the merger of St. Alphonsus, Holy Family, and Sacred Heart schools. The name for the school to be located in what is now St. Alphonsus school was selected by the student body of the three schools.

The name was announced at an open house Jan. 4 at which Father Daniel Brent, superintendent of diocesan schools, and Sister Irene Gardner, assistant superintendent for instruction, spoke. Both have been involved in the evolution of plans over the past year.

Father Brent indicated that while the success of the new school will depend on the people's willingness to support it and enroll their children, he was enthusiastic over the potentials in this kind of endeavor. In addition to expected substantial financial savings, he outlined distinct advantages of a large enrollment, including greater potential for teacher cooperation and sharing of ideas, more in-service training, possibilities, and joint planning.

Definite staffing needs cannot be determined until registration is final, but Father Brent indicated an attempt will be made to draw from the three existing school faculties. It was reported there are 28 lay teachers and 13 teaching nuns in the present schools.

Father Brent has been assured by the religious communities that consolidation will not affect appointment of sisters. If anything, the communities have bent over backwards to accommodate the situation. However, other factors do affect availability of sisters which can't be foreseen. Consolidation will certainly put more sisters into contact with the children through grouping and departmentalization.

The priests from the three schools will be involved in the religious education program making classroom celebrations and liturgies more feasible.

Father Brent feels that with the expanded faculty a true feeling of Christian community will be more realistic. He feels the whole visibility of Catholic education will be enhanced.

Father Brent indicated that experiences such as the Elmira school consolidation have illus-

trated that consolidation need not interfere with parish identity as this can be maintained through parish liturgy, CYO activities and sacramental programs.

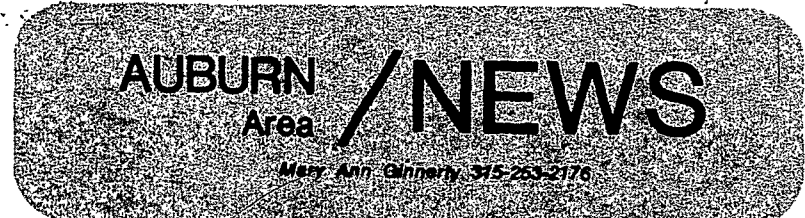
A new stress in Catholic education is the "human development aspect" which takes the theory of Christianity and brings it into the neighborhood through works of mercy.

Sister Irene discussed expanded curriculum possibilities including increased grouping of children according to ability, large group instruction, teacher specialization and modular scheduling.

Combined learning resources will provide greater variety of materials. Sports can be developed more fully and carried back to parish sponsored events.

Sister Irene sees a greater use of personnel and resources from the community, especially in the area of potential career education. A core of volunteer aides could be developed, training offered, and more effectively used.

Msgr. Joseph Sullivan, pastor of Holy Family, felt the action of the three parishes was a patriotic thing as they were preserving



Catholic education which has given boundless good things to the country and will do so in the future.

Father Raymond Wahl, pastor of Sacred Heart, said he hoped the new school would become a model for schools throughout the state.

Father Raymond Wuest, pastor of St. Alphonsus, was pleased with this united effort to assure an educational experience where one can still see a crucifix on the wall and say a prayer throughout the day. He hoped by working together it would bring about a school that can exist for many years to come, one which will grow and increase by the efforts of those interested in having a Catholic education for their children.

Martin E. Fanning, president of the Blessed Trinity school board, introduced Sister Walter Anne O'Malley, who will be the first principal at Blessed Trinity School.

Sister Walter Anne commented on the parishes' courage in taking risks so Catholic education will continue to flourish in the area.

A question and answer session was followed by an open house to inspect the school facilities in the St. Alphonsus building. An open house will be planned for the students in the Sacred Heart and Holy Family schools.

Other points covered included the fact there will be morning

and afternoon kindergarten, a maximum class size of 35 pupils, the appointment of a vice-principal, and the availability of a hot lunch program.

Fr. Flemming Set to Speak

Auburn — The topic, "Our Images of Jesus" will be presented by Father Terence Flemming from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Rochester, at a CEDAR sponsored session for all CCD teachers and interested persons in the community. It will be held at CEDAR offices, St. Aloysius School Annex, Monday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The News At Immaculate

By JOY CHALONE

Ithaca — Immaculate Conception Parish is inaugurating a new program, that of placing the Sunday scripture readings in the bulletin a week ahead of time. It is hoped that this will give parishioners easy reference and a chance to talk about and meditate on the thoughts for the following Sunday Mass.

This is also designed to help the couples of the parish who have made their Marriage Encounter as dialogue, writing and reflection are part of the program and scripture is one of topics to cover. Immaculate Conception has had 12 couples make Marriage Encounter, Father Richard Beligotti, associate pastor, reports.

Also, in this parish, a new way of organizing Offertory proces-

sion will be initiated. Parishioners are invited to sign up on a chart placed in the vestibule of

the church stating the date and Mass time in which they wish to participate.



Ithaca Area Notes

Newfield — Family Mass was held Sunday, Jan. 7 at 3 p.m. in the Methodist Church. The next Mass will be held Sunday, Jan. 21.

Dundee — The women of St. Andrew's Parish are volunteer-

ing at Soldiers' and Sailors' Hospital, Penn Yan, serving from 2-4 p.m. Anyone interested should contact Laura Sullivan. The Sanctuary and Altar workers for January at St. Andrew's are Marie Young and Genevieve Palmer.

Pope Receives Vatican Envoys

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul told some 80 diplomats accredited to the Vatican that nations must "work together to solve the problem of international terrorism" and not allow decisions to be left to a few super powers.

"Nobody has the right to say that... terror is permissible for legitimate reasons or that violent action against innocent people is valid if the cause is right," the pontiff declared.

In appealing for greater participation in world affairs by small and medium-sized powers, he noted that in the United Nations "mankind has finally instituted a... balanced representation of all member states."

"If international understanding were to slow down or become barren, leaving the great and concrete decisions to be taken by two or three powers, that would represent... a setback and a threat," he said.

Speaking of the role of Vatican diplomacy in the international sphere, he said its work is not simply to find solutions to the problems that arise between the state and the local Christian community.

problems that arise between the state and the local Christian community. He said papal diplomacy is also aimed at promoting human initiatives and social works which benefit everyone.

The pontiff told the ambassadors that the Church's role is not political, but he stressed that it is the duty of the Church to "help men search for justice and cultural and social development."

Hospital Retirees Feted

Hornell — Mrs. Anna Rogers, Miss Aileen Baker and Mrs. Louise VanOrman, retiring members of the department of nutrition of St. James Mercy Hospital, were honored recently at an afternoon party held in the hospital cafeteria where staff members gathered to say farewell.

Sister Mary Rene, administrator, presented each with a

gift from the hospital and wished them futures filled with fun, health and happiness. Sister Nancy of the department, was decorated in a holiday motif.

Mrs. Rogers has been employed in the department for eight years, Miss Baker for 17 years and Mrs. VanOrman for 12 years. Plans for the immediate future for all three women include travel.

Hornell Area Notes

Hornell — St. Ignatius Church will host a special liturgy for senior citizens, Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the Mass.

Hornell — Sister Vincenza of

the School Sisters of Notre Dame has been named to the St. Ann's School board. She will live with the sisters of Mercy at the parish convent and will have an office in the school.

Pope Establishes 'Family Committee'

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul has established a special Committee for the Family, an independent Vatican agency composed of clergy and laity to study such problems as divorce, abortion and birth control.

The committee is expected to provide a forum for dialogue and research on family-related problems. Composed of 24 members, many of whom are civil lawyers, he committee will be headed by Cardinal Maurice Roy of Quebec, who is president of the Vati-

can's laity council.

An official of the committee was quick to stress that the new agency would in no way challenge Pope Paul's 1968 encyclical on birth control, Humanae Vitae, which restated the Church's traditional prohibition against artificial contraception.

"The committee has been established by the Holy Father and we shall act within the framework of his teaching," said Vittorio Bachelet, head of Catholic Action in Italy.

Ecumenical Discussion Scheduled

Auburn — An "Ecumenical Evening of Discussion, Fellowship and Prayer" will be held at 8 p.m., Sunday Jan. 21 at the First United Methodist Church at South and Fitch streets as a cooperative effort sponsored by the Better World Movement proponents and the Auburn Interfaith Ministry.

Following a welcome by the Rev. Gerald F. Harris of First United Methodist, the film "Fable" will set the theme revolving — how to break down the walls that separate us one from another and build bridges instead. The evening discussion and prayer services will apply this theme within today's perspective.

Miss Laura Faily is in charge of the coffee hour; Mrs. Conrad Bucien from First United Methodist, the reception; Sister Ellen Kuhl and Michael Evangelista, publicity, and Mrs. Louise Merna and Mrs. James Cuddy, programming.

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