

Enthusiasm Seen Key to Liturgy

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — "We proclaim the word of God. We just don't read it. Liturgy has to be a living thing." With these words, keynote speaker, Father L. John Hedges, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Rochester, laid the theme for the recent liturgy workshop in Auburn, sponsored by the Seneca Cayuga Regional Worship Committee.

"Church to me is people and community," Father Hedges explained. "We have a lot of organization but what unites us is the worship of God, Jesus Christ." Father Hedges believes it is necessary to bring vital enthusiasm into the liturgy and as a normal, sensible, living community to pray together that way. With everyone more sensitive to the dynamics of liturgy today, he has found people respond when effort is put into the liturgy.

A workshop for lectors carried out the practical nature of the program when Father William Graf, Homiletics and Pastoral Theology professor at St. Bernard's Seminary, combined tips on delivery and awareness of acoustics with audiovisual playback of each participant doing an actual reading.

Prof. Joseph Kelly, St. Bernard's Scripture professor dealt with the theology of proclaiming the scripture.

The enthusiasm for the liturgical reform approved by Vatican II which allows expanding potential of Scripture and the introduction of a variety of eucharistic prayers was apparent in the laity's participation in the workshop.

Representatives from the parish worship committee from St. Charles Borromeo shared their experiences starting a worship committee and techniques of creating feelings of community in a large parish. The committee prepares liturgy for particular occasions and is able to respond to various groups within the parish.

Their formula for success was to start with a core group of those connected with the liturgy, lectors, music groups, etc., and as the spirit developed, responses evolved from the parish community.

"How to prepare a thematic liturgy" was demonstrated by St. Mary's of Auburn Worship Committee, under Father James Enright. Stress was on the need to be aware of the audience when preparing the liturgy.

Capital Fund Campaign Announced for DeSales

Geneva—De Sales High School will embark on a massive fund raising campaign to guarantee the existence of the school for many years to come, the pastors of St. Francis and St. Stephen's announced from their pulpits Sunday.

The newly elected board of trustees had the help of professional fund raisers in studying the feasibility of a community-wide campaign. Fathers Gennaro Ventura and Richard Tormey told their parishioners.

They said it had been well known for several years in the community that a financial crisis was building up through a steady increase in operational deficits coupled with an increasing urgency for building renovation and new equipment.

The trustees believe that a capital fund raising campaign is the only solution, the priests told their parishioners, who have

The parish communications workshop with Father Robert Smith, pastor of St. Januarius Church, Naples, broached the subject of how to help people experience change without being threatened by it. Music as one avenue of communication was highlighted, and the use of music to foster unity and encourage contemplation of God was illustrated with musical excerpts.

The sessions concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist.

been the financial mainstay of the 60-year-old school.

The drive will culminate April 1, when workers will call at the homes of all parishioners. Meanwhile, the commercial-industrial segment of Geneva will be canvassed and intensive efforts will be made to reach DeSales alumni here and elsewhere.

In a broad survey conducted among parents of grade school pupils, parents associated with the school and students, majorities favored money raising for an improved curriculum and expanded extra-curricular program, new athletic and laboratory facilities and more extensive counseling service.

Daniel P. Quigley, chairman of the DeSales board, appointed Daniel J. Eades general chairman of the development program.

Purchasing Agent Status

Hornell — Sister Mary Alphonsus, purchasing agent for St. James Mercy Hospital, has been certified by the American Purchasing Society as a qualified purchasing professional. Sister Mary Alphonsus received her bachelor of arts degree from Nazareth College in Rochester

and has also attended the New York State Teacher's College and St. Bonaventure University. She was a teacher in secondary schools for 19 years and belongs to several professional organizations as well as being a member of the Board of Directors of St. James Hospital.



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Auburn Area Notes

Auburn — A meeting for the parents of students in the Auburn Inter-parish High School Religion Education Program is scheduled Monday, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. at CEDAR, St. Aloysius School Annex, 162 Van Anden St.

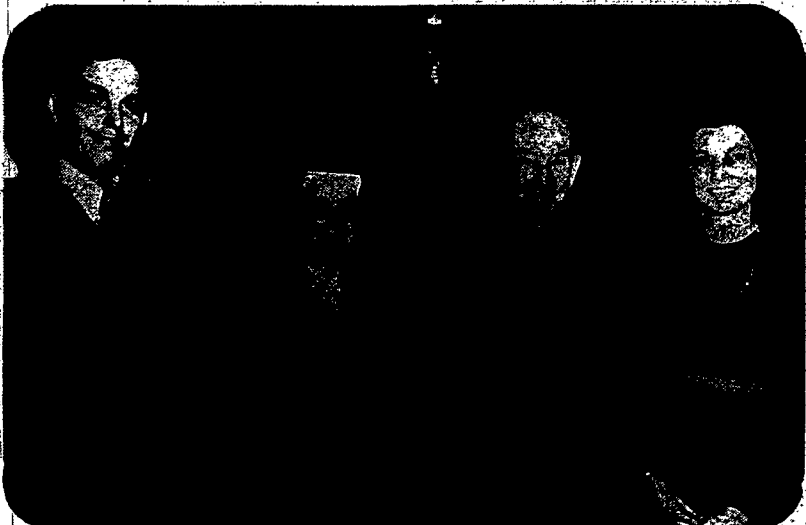
National Club, Feb. 17 at 9 p.m. with the Schnickelfritz Band, sponsored by the Color Corps of the Auburn Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus. Proceeds will be used for the Benefit-Charity Fund.

Auburn — A meeting for the parents of students in the Auburn Inter-parish middle school program will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. at CEDAR headquarters. There will be dialogue with parents concerning the program and plans for the next year.

Auburn — The Ecumenical Service originally scheduled for St. Peter's Episcopal Church has been postponed.

Auburn A Valentine Dance will be held at the Ukrainian

Auburn — Pre-cana conference has been scheduled for March 4 and 8 from 7:15 to 11 p.m. at St. Aloysius School Annex, 162 Van Anden St. Reservations may be made by calling Cedar at 253-8494.



\$49,000 Smiles

At the recent annual meeting of the chairmen of the Seton Branches of St. Mary's Hospital, a check for more than \$49,000 was presented to William Riordan, hospital administrator. The sum is an all-time record for Seton fund-raisers, and beats the 1971 total by \$10,000. Beaming their pleasure at the meeting are Ryan (left); Sister Margaret Tully, associate administrator of St. Mary's; Bishop James E. Kearney, moderator; and Mrs. John Ryan, chairman of the Seton branches.

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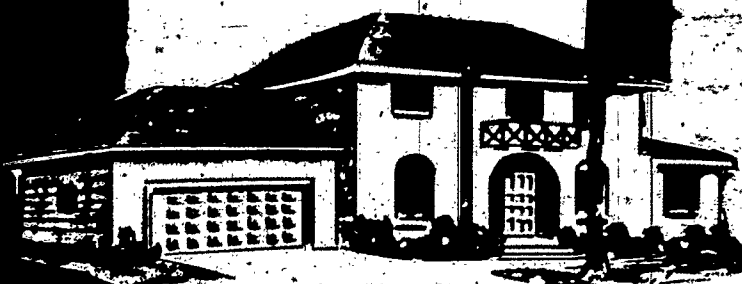
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