

Bishop Hogan Celebrates Birthday in Ithaca

By JOY CHALONE

Ithaca — Bishop Joseph L. Hogan spent the weekend of his 57th birthday on the Cornell campus, rapping with students on controversial issues of the day and celebrating Mass for the university's Catholic community.

He came on the invitation of his former students, now chaplains at the university, Fathers David Callan and Kevin Murphy and Sister Mary Lee Bishop. All three had been members of his classes in ecclesiology and fundamental dogma at St. Bernard's Seminary.

The bishop said three Masses and preached at each on Christian hope. No one knew

until after he arrived that March 11 was his birthday, but his hosts rallied with a cake and sang 'Happy Birthday' to him at Mass.

The Saturday night rap session was packed with current issues: amnesty, abortion, politics, women in the church, the year of renewal.

Speaking of amnesty, he brought up the parable of The Prodigal Son. Referring to conscientious objectors, he said, "there are good ones and bad ones," and "who is to know who the sincere ones are and who are 'cop outs.' Yes, it is a touchy subject — but now we are given the chance for healing. Let's get together and not waste our energies setting up courts."

He spoke on the 'Year of Renewal,' saying it will not be over in 365 days. It is an ongoing growth in the church, with programs being developed more fully, a concentration on parish council programs, and also a push from central administration through liturgy and human development. On abortion, he said "We have got to provide more opportunity for viable alternatives to abortion. It is one thing to condemn, another to provide an answer." On women's role in the church, he observed that "women have qualities men can never possess."

"I encourage all that can happen for the women's cause, as lecturers, acolytes, etc. I like these things to happen and hope it will continue. Of course, there are a lot of anti-feminists in the hierarchy, so we have this to contend with."

He described the Courier-Journal as "our chief organ of unity."

"We cannot bypass the strength of the printed word," he said.

Asked how it feels to be a bishop, he quoted St. Augustine's phrase, "my fellow bishops," meaning that the church belongs to all of us. He told of his search for the attributes a bishop should have. All he could find written down was, "A bishop must practice love."

"I know I should inspire, and believe I should be a man who knows his limitations," he continued. "God knows how I got the job! I try to reflect optimism, and I believe we have it now."

He talked about the generation gap within the church: "For so long people played a passive role — and why not. In church, we

talked in an unintelligible language (unless you knew Latin), and we even turned our backs on the congregation. All this is over now. Of course you find the opposite now, too — the pusher who wants to take over and change everything. We must find the middle. With cooperation from all, we'll get it. I'm looking for all the help I can get."

He mentioned the 'Jesus people' and the 'gift of tongues,' saying he didn't fully understand. "This is the age of the Holy Spirit," he said. "I hate to see people go astray, but they are all trying."

Padre Pio Director Slated at Cathedral

Vera Calandra of Norristown, Pa., national director of the Cause for Padre Pio, will speak at Sacred Heart Cathedral Rectory Hall, Friday, March 30, at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Calandra will present an hour slide show on the life of Padre Pio, followed by a lecture and veneration service.

Padre Pio was born in the Italian farming community of Pietrelcina in 1887. He was tutored privately until, at the age of 15, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars.

Though of ill health, he completed his studies and was ordained in 1910. In his 58 years as a priest, many miracles have reportedly occurred through his intercession, and he himself was a stigmatic.

The preliminaries for the cause of his beatification and canonization were taken up in 1969, a year after his death.

All are invited to Mrs. Calandra's presentation.

Keeping Tabs

The Altar and Rosary Society of Mother of Sorrows will sponsor a fashion show, with professional models, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, in the church hall.

St. Pius X Rosary Guild will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, in the parish center to hear a talk on interior decoration by Mrs. Muriel Banasik.

The Southwest Golden Age Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 30, in the Panel Room at 34 Monica St. All senior citizens are invited for social activities and refreshments.

There will be a special Mass for those interested in the Pentecostal experience in St. Charles Borromeo Church, Dewey Avenue and Maiden Lane, at 7:30 tomorrow evening, March 29.

"Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" has been arranged for Sunday, April 1, at St. Andrew's School, 901 Portland. The parish Mothers' Club will serve pancakes after the 8:30 and 9:45 a.m. Masses, at \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children.

St. Theodore's Rosary and Altar Society will have the annual evening of recollection tonight, March 28, at 7:30. Father Charles Bennett, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, will be the guest moderator.

Aquinas Institute students, their parents and friends will be in the cast of Fiddler on the Roof for two performances at the school, April 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets, \$2 for adults and \$1.75 for students, may be reserved through the school, 254-2020.

The St. Margaret Mary Men's Club will hold its annual family communion breakfast on Sunday, April 1, following the 8 a.m. Mass. State Assemblyman Raymond J. Lill will be the guest speaker. Tickets, at \$1.25, are available through Joe D'Arienzo, 544-1745, or Jack Kennelly, 544-5332.

The Marian League of St. Jude's Church will sponsor a fashion show at 8 p.m. Monday, April 2, in the parish center, 4100 Lyell. For reservations, Carol Vasile, 247-3134, or Carroll Chiarelli, 426-2446.

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CUF Schedules John Eppstein

The local chapter of Catholics United for the Faith (CUF) will present a guest lecturer, John Eppstein, a noted author and speaker, Thursday, April 5, 8 p.m., at Mercy High School Auditorium.

Eppstein, a convert to Catholicism and a native of England, will speak on his latest book, Has the Church Gone Mad? The book was praised by the New York Times as a work of fervor, style and skill.

Topics Eppstein will cover include conscience and papal authority, ecumenism, the new morality, and abortion.

Eppstein is a graduate of Oxford University, and holds the Pontifical Institute of Science Medal from Pope Pius XI.

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