

# Chrism Mass Program Being Finalized

More than 50 prelates, sisters, clerics and laymen will be major participants in Tuesday evening's Mass of Chrism and blessing of the holy oils at St. Mary's in Canandaigua.

The rites, which are expected to draw participants and observers from every corner of the diocese, will be marked by several unusual innovations designed to symbolize the development of the regional character of diocesan administration and the ministerial role of the layman in the contemporary church.

Traditionally held in the Cathedral on Holy Thursday, the ceremonies this year will not only take place in Canandaigua, but will be held Tuesday, April 17, beginning at 8 p.m.

Also this year, 12 men from St. Bernard's Seminary will be initiated into the clerical state, in rites never before seen by the general public.

The major function of the rituals is to prepare several holy oils to be used a various times through out the year. Among the oils are chrism, a mixture of perfume and oil, which is used to anoint those receiving confirmation; oil of catechumens, which is used in the baptism rites; oil of the sick, which is used in administering the sacrament of the sick.

It is expected by organizers of the evening's ceremonies that banners will be hung in the church to identify groups from every region.

Those participating in the ceremonies are: Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, Bishop John E. McCafferty, Msgr. Donald J. Mulcahy, executive secretary of the Pastoral Council Formation Committee; Father

Daniel F. Holland, director of the Time of Renewal; Father Henry F. Adamski, regional coordinator for Schuyler and Chemung Counties; Father Frederick W. Bush, coordinator for the Northeast Region; Father Eugene C. Emo, regional coordinator for Livingston and Steuben Counties; Father Leon G. Hart, substituting for Father Thomas M. Reddington, coordinator of the Northwest Region; Father John S. Hayes, regional coordinator of Cayuga and Seneca Counties; Father Douglas C. Hoffman, coordinator of the North Region; Father Elmer J. McDonald, coordinator of the Southeast Region; Father Albert V. Ryan, regional coordinator of Tompkins and Tioga counties, and Father Robert G. Smith, regional coordinator of Ontario, Yates and Wayne Counties.

Deacons for the Mass will be: Dennis Shaw, William Spilly, Gerald Wahl, James Hewes, Francis Blighton, Robert Kennedy, James Callan, William Leone, Louis Sirianni, Robert Gaudio.

Serving the Mass are Joseph Fanelli, Thomas Capriotti, Charles Manning and Theodore Koester. George Walker, of the diocesan liturgy committee, will serve as commentator for the ceremonies and Mrs. Joan Doebelin, the liturgy coordinator for the Yates, Ontario, Wayne region, will read the first scriptural lesson.

Those receiving the rites of initiation are: John DeSocio, John Firpo, John Forni, John Jehlen, Matthew Kawiak, Joseph McCaffrey, Kevin McKenna, James Sayers, Stephen Ward, John Yockel, Richard Brown, Peter Helfrich.

Masters of Ceremonies for the evening are Father Michael F. Conboy and Dennis Williams.

Those working on details for the ceremonies include these members of the liturgy committee: Sister Virginia Hogan SSJ,

George Walker, Sister Diane Dennie SSJ, Msgr. William Shannon, Sister Margaret Mary Mattle RSM, Sister Margaret

Deegan RSM, and Father William C. Charbonneau, pastor of St. Mary's.

# Sister Judith Wins Re-election As Mercy Superior-General

Sister Judith Heberle was re-elected superior general of the Sisters of Mercy, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan announced last Saturday.

Elected for a four-year term, Sister Judith keeps the office she has held since 1970 when she moved up from assistant superior general to fill the vacancy left when her predecessor, Sister Mary Bride Clair resigned because of poor health.

Sister Judith, 44, also is secretary-treasurer of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Region II, which includes all the superior generals of New York State; liaison between that group and the bishops of the state, and secretary of the National Federation of Sisters of Mercy.

She holds a business degree from Nazareth College, an MA in guidance from the University of Rochester, and formerly headed

## CEDAR to Continue

Auburn — The CEDAR Center, serving Cayuga County parishes, will continue operations as support and written guarantees of funding from a majority of parishes in the area were revealed at a board meeting last week.

The program will continue with one full time coordinator and a part time secretary in addition to the resource center.

Mercy High School's business department as well as managing the school office and counseling business department students.

Sister Judith will be assisted by an elected four-member council, a central administration and several boards and committees.

## SCHOOL BUSING

The 369 Sisters of Mercy throughout the diocese voted last Wednesday. More than 200 members of the congregation attended Saturday's ballot-counting and prayer service conducted by Bishop Hogan in the Blossom Road Motherhouse Chapel.

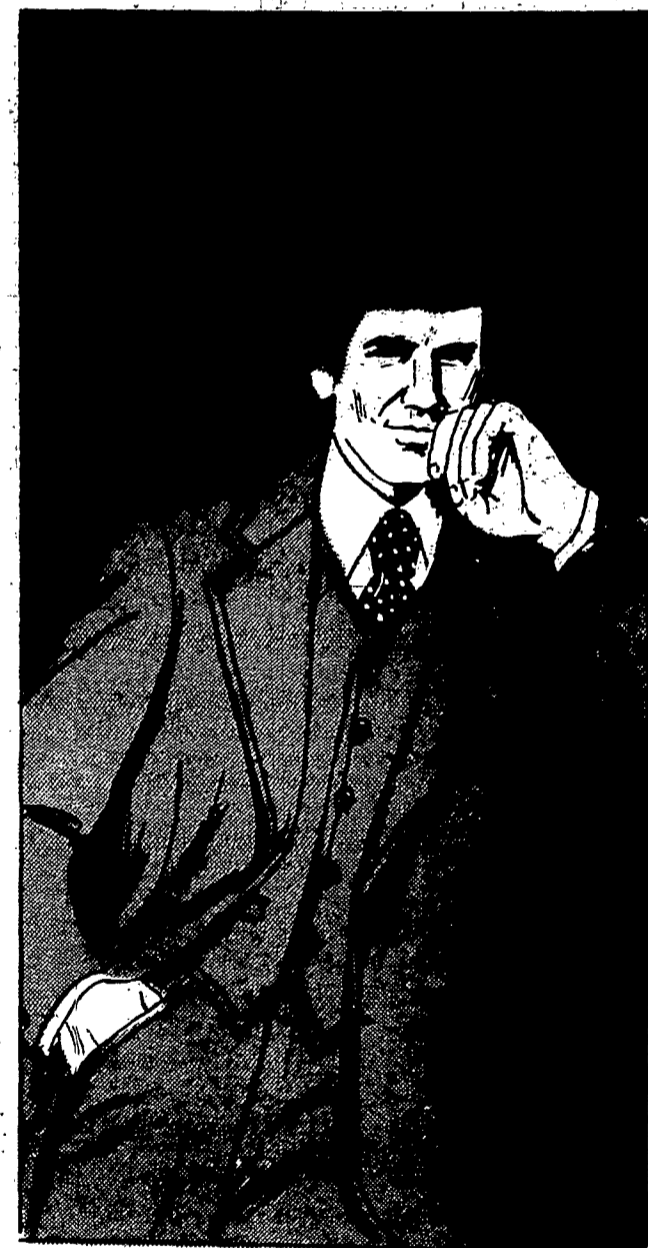
Auburn — April 16 is the deadline for busing requests for parochial school children. Forms available at each parish school should be forwarded to Director of Transportation, Education House, 130 South St., Auburn.

## ESSAY CONTEST

Other Sisters assembled at Notre Dame Convent in Elmira, or St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, where they were notified of the results.

Hornell — Top winners in the County Fireman's Association essay contest include two St. Ann's School children, Rose Marie Colimaio and Lisa Lackey, both seventh graders.

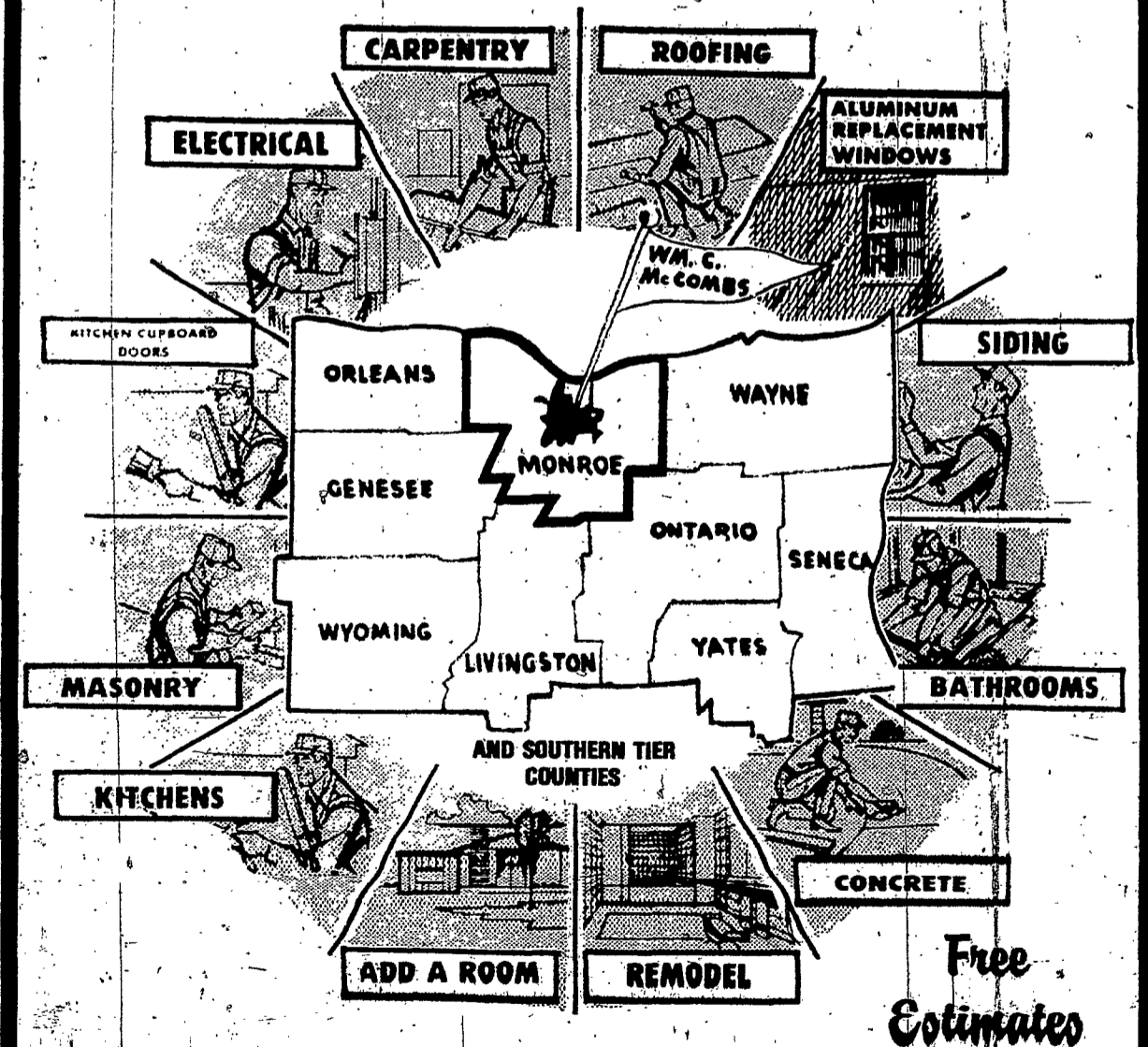
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