

regional news reports

Canandaigua

FASHION SHOW

Palmyra—The Daughters of St. Anne are planning a Fashion Show to be held May 3 at the church hall. Fashions for "Sun 'n Fun" will be featured by the Mary Ann Shop, Manchester. The time is 8 p.m. and refreshments will be served. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or from any committee chairman. Chairmen for the event are: Mrs. Floyd Potter, general chairman; Mrs. Robert Goodness, tickets; Mrs. John Trokosky, decorations; Mrs. Josephine Colacino and Mrs. John DePaw, refreshments.

NEW MEMBERS

East Bloomfield—Daughters of the Court of Isabella recently received new members into their society at St. Bridget's parish hall. Father—Elmer McNamara presided.

Members also recently attended a day of recollection at Notre Dame Retreat House. Women from the Court of Fitzsimmons; Lima, also attended this service.

SPELLING WINNER

Naples—Mary Ellen Kircher, of St. Januarius Church, has won the 1973 Naples Central School spelling contest and will represent Naples in the State Spelling Contest to be held in May in Syracuse.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Canandaigua—Officers elected at a recent meeting of the newly formed Columbian Squires are: Jim Barnett, Mike Palumbo, Tim Ryan, Joel Lynaugh, Dan Mergenthaleer, David Jones and Nick-LeCrett.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

A chess tournament is being held in the sixth grades of St. Mary's School. The competition has been continuous for three weeks, with matches being played during lunch hours and after school.

Hornell

ALUMNI SOUGHT

Hornell—The Hornell High School Alumni Association is endeavoring to contact several of the graduates of the class of 1948. They are: Barbara Faulkner, Edward Hughes, Andrew Kowalski, Barbara Leickart, Sam

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Meeks, and Robert Goodrich. Anyone knowing their whereabouts, please contact Bob Criswold at 324-3734 or Peg Pease at 324-3353, banquet chairmen.

FOSMS DANCE

Dansville—There will be an FOSMS Adult Dance May 5 from 9:30 to 1:30 a.m. with music by John LaPiana of Hornell.

CONFIRMATION

Canistota—Thirty-one members of St. Joachim's parish families will be confirmed by Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Hickey April 29 at 2 p.m.

Auburn

CEDAR: Cut Back But Alive

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn—CEDAR (Christian Education Department, Auburn Region) will continue to serve 10 Cayuga County parishes and 5 missions in the 1973-74 year as a result of written guarantees received at a recent board meeting when additional pastors were able to renew their commitment to the program.

It was announced earlier that the center would cut back to just its audio visual library due to lack of sufficient funding.

Officials later announced Sister Ellen Ward will remain as full time coordinator.

A change in board structure from one comprised of 5 priests to one including priests and laymen will be in effect May 11.

Other changes in the CEDAR program include return of the inter-parish high school and middle school programs to individual parishes.

The coordinator at CEDAR will continue to develop the audio visual library. CEDAR continues as a resource center for information and assistance or religious education efforts in the county, and will function as a consultant to priests, teachers and others.

Sister Ellen Ward will coordinate teacher training efforts, and continue assistance in the sacramental preparation programs, teacher training and program development. CEDAR will also assist in the development of parish programs when requested and expand efforts in the area of adult education whenever possible.

DSC MEETS

Auburn—The April Diocesan Sisters' Council (DSC) meeting was held recently at St. Mary's School with reports from Auburn area sisters.

Sister Walter Ann, principal at St. Alphonsus, reported on the closing of three Auburn schools, Holy Family, St. Alphonsus and Sacred Heart in June, and the opening of a consolidated school in September of 1973 to be known as Blessed Trinity School. Sister Walter Ann will be principal at Blessed Trinity.

CEDAR Coordinator, Sister Ellen Ward, spoke on the evolution and purpose of her office, which serves 10 parishes and 5 missions in Cayuga County.



SISTERS' REGIONAL PRAYER

An evening of prayer for the Sisters of Cayuga and Seneca Counties was held recently at St. Alphonsus Convent with a Mass and homily by Father John S. Hayes, regional coordinator for Cayuga and Seneca Counties. The sisters had gathered to discuss the Auburn area presentation at meeting of the Diocesan Sisters Council.

Also appearing before the DSC was Sister Mary Sullivan, member of the judicial process committee, of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, who presented a report on the correction law revisions proposed by her committee.

The DSC voted to retain congregational representation on the council with election of representatives in May and officers in June.

Other business included a report on the proposed constitution for the diocesan regional council, presented by Sister Mary Ann Binsac, pastoral formation committee member.

TOWN MEETINGS

Auburn—The first in a series of 4 "Town Meetings" has been scheduled for Sunday evening, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Alphonsus School. These meetings are a follow-up on the questions raised in the series of newspaper ads on Diocese of Rochester, and the purpose of renewal.

Sister Mary Jo Langie Speaks on Role of Nuns

BY JOY CHALONE

Trumansburg—"There is a lot more wisdom in the Church's teaching on celibacy than we realize," Sister Mary Jo Langie RSM pointed out to the more than 100 persons attending a mother-daughter Communion breakfast at St. James the Apostle Parish.

The Sister of Mercy explained the changes in her duties since Vatican II, "Before, I was told what to do, I taught in a school, and that was that." Now she has many responsibilities. "I could never do my work if I were married," she admits.

She is a pastoral associate at the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, Rochester, and since pastor, Father Thomas Reddington's stay in Rome she has had to take over even more duties, one of which is that of regional coordinator.

CDA DINNER

Court FitzSimons #1189 Catholic Daughters of America will celebrate their 41st Anniversary with a dinner at the Country House, 321 Linden Avenue in East Rochester on April 26, 7 p.m. Chairman of the dinner is Mrs. Alice Sheehan.

PRAYER EVENING

Auburn—CEDAR announces Tuesday, May 1, will be the final Evening of Prayer for catechists at Holy Family Convent from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The evening's theme will be on "Mary—Woman For Our Day." Make reservations by calling 253-8494 by noon, May 1.

Elmira

CHALLENGES BOARD

Elmira—The head of the Chemung County Right to Life Committee has demanded that the Chemung County Board of Supervisors provide her with full information on the operation of the county extension service.

Miss Jane Callahan, president of the local Pro-Life group, said she wants information on financing, staffing and salaries of the Chemung County Cooperative Extension Association.

Miss Callahan has charged that the extension service is engaging in information programs

promoting Planned Parenthood which is "a leading advocate of abortion."

She said the presentation of a Planned Parenthood film titled "1985" was one of the ways the service is engaging in Planned Parenthood activities.

The film was shown at an extension agency educational session.

Miss Callahan said the film contained "alarmist propaganda employing the most questionable tactics" in presenting information on the population growth.

Miss Callahan further protested the use of her personal tax money for promoting the pre-abortion and anti-life programs.

The extension agency comes under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It also is responsible to the local county governing body.

The Chemung County Board of Supervisors received Miss Callahan's demands at a recent meeting and referred the matter to its budget committee for further study.

Sister is a modern nun, but she believes in wearing her veil whenever in public. "Just to let people know, I am a servant of God."

Her other duties, in the 1500 family—900 children parish, include home visitations, hospital and nursing home visits, convert work, counseling, distributing Communion, giving homilies, and teaching. "There are all kinds of new creative work coming about for sisters," she said, "working in jail ministry, TV, drug addiction, campus ministry and mornings of recollection."

Sister lives at St. Charles convent, five minutes away from her parish. She has her office in the rectory at Holy Name.

Talking of the vocation shortage, she admits, "this is one reason why the sisters' duties have broadened. We need to make our vocation look more attractive."

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Rosary Guild of Christ the King Church will sponsor a mother and daughter Communion breakfast on Sunday, May 6, following the 9 a.m. Mass. Reservations can be made with co-chairmen Elaine Pacitto or Patricia DiNardo.

She stressed the thoughts of priests and nuns and their increasingly overlapping roles. "I could never take a priest's place. Men are more logical thinkers. They balance us women out. Women have more intuitiveness. We can be there and understand when we are needed."

'Confession' Book Banned in Italy

Lodi [RNS]—A controversial book, *Sex in the Confessional*, based on secret tape recordings of 632 "simulated" confessions to Roman Catholic priests, has been ordered seized throughout Italy on grounds of "obscenity."

Dr. Francesco Novello, public prosecutor of Lodi, which is near Milan, said the book contains "obscene phrases as a documentary pretext, descriptions gravely offensive to morality for their obscenity and auto-erotism."

He also charged the book's authors—Noberto Valentini and Clara Di Meglio—who made the recordings, with offending the state religion (Roman Catholicism).