

regional news reports

Hornell

DANCE

Hornell — The Muskrat Ramblers will play for a dance party Saturday, Dec. 1 in the assembly hall of St. Ann's. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Daniels are in charge of arrangements.

REUNION PLANNED

Hornell — During the Christmas vacation, St. Ann's high schoolers are planning a dinner-Mass-reunion for the college age alumni of the parish. Please notify the rectory of names and addresses of young adults so that invitations may be sent.

COUNCIL ELECTION

Hornell — St. Ann's Parish Council recently elected three



THE CHURCH 1973
Fr. Andrew Greeley

Ladislaus Boros, the distinguished Jesuit theologian, recently listed 10 reasons why there was no cause for despair over the present condition of Catholicism. The reasons are all excellent, although one might wonder whether those who are so eager to see the end of everything will take them very seriously or even listen to them at all.

One of Father Boros' points struck me as being a bit peculiar. "It is astonishing how many young people engage in soul-searching about their motivation in reaching important decisions in life."

I don't deny that young people engage in such soul-searching. Anyone who has dealt with them for five minutes knows that they do. What puzzles me is that Father Boros would find it astonishing.

I suppose that it may seem astonishing if one had taken seriously all the nonsense about the death of God and the irrelevance of religion that was being handed out a few years ago. Some priests and Religious still take this stuff seriously despite the fact that those writers who first propagated it have gone on to other things.

One woman theologian, for example, is now busy rejecting the doctrine of the crucifixion as being "male chauvinist," while a few years ago she was telling us that young people found the New Testament "irrelevant." After awhile you begin to wonder whether it is theology that such commentators are engaging in or just the ancient and honorable art of being outrageous.

I do not believe in canonizing the young — of whatever generation. I find the youth worship of some college faculty to be repulsive. And when such youth worship reaches the extremes of Margaret Mead's book, *Culture and Commitment*, I feel like suggesting that the distinguished lady return to the South Pacific and stay there. At the least she should do some field work in America before she pontificates about it.

Young people are not much better than their parents — and not much worse either. Their style is rather different; they may have some virtues their parents lack (perhaps greater honesty — or maybe only greater bluntness). They may also have some vices that their parents didn't have

new members; Jack Cregan, Jim Donavon and Tomi Gibson.

SAINTS MARCH

Bath — The "Saints came marching in" on the feast of All Saints at St. Mary's with the children of St. Mary's Academy processioning in the costume of their patron or favorite saint during a special 10 a.m. Mass. The children were also the lectors, bearers of the gifts at the offertory and sang hymns and served the Mass. The program was under the direction of Sister Patricia, teacher of all the religion courses in the academy.

MASS BROADCAST

Bath — The 10 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each month is presented over radio station WGHT for the benefit of the sick and shut-ins of St. Mary's parish.

(more irresponsibility, perhaps, or maybe only greater casualness). But on the whole the striking phenomenon is not the generation gap but the continuity between generations.

However, one thing is different. The religious question is much more an open one today than it was in the past. Not all young people are religiously concerned, of course, and the concern of many is shallow. Still most young people go through a period of explicit, self-conscious religious questing of the sort their parents never experienced. And for many this quest is a profound and important part of growing up.

I don't know why anyone should be astonished. There has been great confusion in the last decade. The struggle for economic achievement cannot be as meaningful for a generation that never knew a depression. It would be astonishing if young people were not searching for values and principles around which to organize their lives. Perhaps too many theologians and religious leaders think that the radical or counter-culture young, about whom they read in the news magazines, are typical. Therefore, the quiet, diligent, thoughtful young person who shows up in church every Sunday (or at least once in a while) is a remnant of a past that is rapidly receding.

The real problem for most young people is that their religious leaders are too busy being relevant to be religious. Hip language, "revolutionary" politics, counterculture clothes, pot smoking, "advanced" sexual ideas — all of these may or may not be appropriate for the clergy who are working with the young. But they ought not to be confused with religion, which has to do with the meaning of the cosmos and of human life. If the young find some of their clergy irrelevant the reason is not that the clerics are talking about religion — about God, Life, Death, Meaning, Purpose, Good, Evil, Love — too much, but that they are not talking about it nearly enough.

One asks for bread and gets stones; one asks for faith and gets the most recent fashionable jargon. It would be enough to make a young person want to start his own church.

If enough young people do, I could suggest a name for their new religion: they might call it Christianity.

BAZAAR HELD

Hornell — Both lobbies of St. James Mercy Hospital were the setting Friday, Nov. 9, for the annual Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the Women's Board in cooperation with Kieran Guild and Mac Donald Guild.

THANKSGIVING PARTY

Wayland — A Thanksgiving adult party and dance is being planned for St. Joseph's with tickets now on sale. Music will be by Ray Hedges Orchestra. A free buffet will be provided. More details may be obtained by contacting Father James Baker.

ROSARY

Canisteo — Each Sunday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. recitation of the Rosary is held at St. Joachim's.

FOLK MASS

Addison — The Folk Mass Group of St. Catherine's will sing at a special Mass at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 28. This Mass will mark the opening of the November meeting of the Parish Council. Father Douglas C. Hoffman, director of pastoral ministry will attend to offer the Mass with Monsignor Duffy and, after the Mass, to meet with the Council. These meetings are open to all members of the parish and a large attendance is hoped for.

CONFIRMATION

Hornell — Ninety-nine candidates for Confirmation were administered the sacrament by Bishop Joseph Hogan Monday Oct. 29 in St. Ignatius Loyola Church.

RELIGIOUS ED.

Dansville — Religious Education classes for St. Mary's grades 9, 10 and 11 are held on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. in St. Mary's School and classes for seniors are held Sunday nights from 8:30 to 9:30 in parishioners' homes.

SUNDAY STUDY

Canisteo — A Sunday evening study is conducted at St. Joachim's regularly. The time, 6:30 p.m.

Ithaca

EVENSONG

Ithaca — This Friday, Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Anabel Taylor Hall, Cornell University Catholic Community will have an 'Evensong' service.

A formal vespers service, it includes a procession with incense, a collect, three hymns and prayers alternating a gospel reading, canticle and summation. The music is traditional with Gregorian, and modern chants. There will be no Eucharist. Services at Cornell ordinarily include Folk guitar music, so this service is different and appealing for those who miss these old things that have been omitted in today's Masses. The service lasts about 30 minutes.

THANKSGIVING

Ithaca — Cornell University students will join at Anabel Taylor Hall, at the Nov. 17 and 18 Masses for a special Thanksgiving Liturgy. The Saturday evening, 5:15 Mass will be held in the chapel. The Sunday morning 9:30

and 11, and Sunday evening 5 Masses will be in the auditorium.

TITHING

Ithaca — A practice started several years ago at Cornell University Catholic community, and recently revived by the present chaplain Father David Callan is Tithing Sunday. Once a month, 20 percent of the Sunday collection is sent to those in need. Last month's collection went to the destitute, troubled African nations, a good way to recognize the needs of others, other than in our own community.

PARISH COUNCIL

Ithaca — Tonight, Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. in St. Catherine of Siena parish center there will be a parish council meeting. Guests will be Father John Hedges, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Rochester and his pastoral assistant, Sister Patricia Norton, RSM.

FAMILY SUPPER

Ithaca — A Parish Family Supper will be held Sunday, Nov. 18 in the Parish Center at St. Catherine of Siena.

SCHOOL BOARD

Penn Yan — Tonight, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a school board meeting in the school library of St. Michael's.

BSA STARTED

Penn Yan — A Boy Scout troop and cub pack are being formed at St. Michael's. Any interested adult who can help, please contact Richard Knieser at 536-8766. Interested boys can join by attending scout meetings on Monday evenings at 7:30 in St. Michael's School.

USED CLOTHING

Ithaca — A reminder to those doing their Fall housecleaning: discarded clothing can be taken to the Bib 'n Tucker, in the Clinton House on Cayuga Street or saved for the annual Bishops' Clothing Drive.

STORY HOUR

Penn Yan — St. Michael's will resume the pre-school story hour soon. Volunteers to help with this project may contact Sister Judith, principal, at 536-3794 or 536-6112.

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ROSARY, ALTAR

Newark — The Rosary Altar Society of St. Michael's will hold a meeting today. The meeting will start with the recitation of the rosary and benediction in the church. The business meeting will follow in the church hall. Refreshments will be served. Mrs. Jean Cass will show a movie on Mother Teresa of India.

FASHION SHOW

Newark — The eighth grade class of St. Michael's is sponsoring a fashion show on Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Refreshments will be served. Tickets will be available at the door.

FALL FESTIVAL

Naples — The fall festival will be held at St. Januarius Nov. 16. Tickets are limited. There will be dancing to Syl Novelli's orchestra and plenty of refreshments. Buffet dinner will be served at 11

p.m. Anyone wishing to donate food items such as salads, wine, or tables or pitchers should call Janet Schwartz at 374-2147. Proceeds of this dinner dance will go towards the purchase of kitchen equipment.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Palmyra — Although many of us have just begun to think about Christmas, the Daughters of St. Anne have been busy for months preparing for their annual Christmas Bazaar. This will be the second year for the bazaar, which was such a success last year. Sponsored by the Daughters, all members of the parish and community are encouraged to participate. There will be all kinds of crafts and homemade items available from knitted mittens to Raggedy Ann Dolls. There will be homemade baked goods and a White Elephant Booth. Crewel work and Christmas items can be purchased along with some old fashioned jars of jelly or preserves.

The bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 2 after all the Masses. General Chairman is Mickey Kaempffe and if you have any items you'd like to donate, it's not too late to call her at 597-6307.

This page is intended to capsule news from throughout the diocese. It will not, however, contain all the news from our area correspondents and other stories will be found throughout the paper. Our correspondents now have deadlines of Wednesday. Anyone wishing news in the Courier-Journal should keep the deadline in mind.

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Music, Conklin & Rorick,
Elmira Christian Supply and at
door.