

regional news reports

Elmira

CELEBRATE LIFE

Horseheads — Celebrate Life, a folk singing group from St. Mary Our Mother Church has recorded its fourth album. The latest album is entitled "Celebrate Life, In Concert."

Raymond Defendorf, the group's musical director, said "We've always felt that we were more a concert group than a recording group. It's difficult to produce the enthusiasm and spontaneity on an album recorded in a studio. That's why we picked our annual concert as the event we would record for the album."

The audience was allowed to select songs for the group to perform so that "We were sure which songs the audience would most like to hear on the album." Vera Pitel, co-director of the group said, "This is especially important to us since much of our operating revenue comes from the sale of albums at our shows," she added.

Celebrate Life was formed four years ago as a youth project at the church. The group sings at weekly Mass. It also has sung before more than 400 different groups throughout the state. The current Celebrate Life roster includes 40 high school students and young adults.

FAMILY MATERNITY

Elmira — A new program dealing with maternity has been started at St. Joseph's Hospital. The project includes instruction in the Lamaze method of child-bearing, as well as allowing both parents to participate in the birth of their child.

Mrs. Betty Cerey and Mrs. Doris Holleran, both registered nurses, received special instructions during a three-day seminar at Mansfield State College in Pennsylvania to qualify for teaching the program.

The method is called psychoprophylaxis. It prepares a woman physically and emotionally to give birth with a minimum of

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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discomfort, while fully conscious and able to participate in the actual delivery.

NEW PATHOLOGIST

Elmira — Dr. Claude Neptune, M.D., has been named associate pathologist at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center here. A Haitian native, Dr. Neptune earned his medical degree in Haiti.

He interned at Mercy Douglass Hospital in Philadelphia and served his residency requirement in pathology at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital where his special interest was renal pathology.

Dr. Neptune has also been a pathologist in U.S. Army hospitals in Fort Polk, La. and Fort Dix, N.J.

FUND DRIVE

Apalachin — The Parish Council of St. Margaret Mary Church here recently decided to raise \$62,000 in a fund drive to help pay for a new two-story building for the parish.

However, before the fund drive gets under way parishioners will be asked their opinions on the project. If the majority of the parishioners favor the proposal the project will get started.

Plans call for the building to be under construction next summer if 50 per cent of the cost of constructing the structure is on hand. If the 50 per cent is not on deposit the project will be held off until the summer of 1975.

CIM SERIES

Elmira — The topic of mysticism drew more than 110 persons to the first of this year's lecture series sponsored by the Christian Institute of Man at Park Church.

The series which is probing the varieties of mystical experience is held each Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. Among the speakers are Dr. Huston Smith, an acknowledged authority on comparative religion, Dr. J. Bruce Long of Cornell University, and Father Sebastian Falcone, OFM Cap., of St. Bernard's Seminary.

ST. PIUS SIGNS

Van Etten — St. Pius X Church council members have erected 12 signs on various highways advertising the church in this mission area.

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Van Etten — The Human Development committee with Theresa Mak, chairman, hosts the Pre-Schoolers "Social" on Saturdays in our hall.

LIFE-LINE BENEFIT

Elmira — The Women's Club of St. Patrick's parish will mark Respect Life Month Nov. 28 with a card party to raise money for Pro-Life-Line. Although the work of this anti-abortion organization is performed for the most part by unpaid volunteers, there are such expenses as office rent, telephone and advertising bills. Mrs. Anthony DeBasio, president of the Women's Club, is general chairman for the card party.

Homell

PARTY

Wayland — St. Joseph's Thanksgiving adult party and dance will be held Nov. 24 from 9 to 1 in the school auditorium with music by Ray Hedges and the Orchestra. A free buffet will be

served during the event. Tickets are available in the rear of the church, at Bukowski's Pharmacy and Rauber's Agway.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Hammondsport, Prattsburg — Used but usable clothing for the Thanksgiving Clothing Drive may be taken today and tomorrow to St. Gabriel's church hall or to St. Patrick's church hall. Lightweight clothing is in the greatest demand. Also needed are infants' and children's clothing, men's work clothes, blankets, yard goods, remnants and sewing materials.

LABELS WANTED

Dansville — St. Mary's School children are participating in the Labels for Education program sponsored by Campbell Soup Company. Their goal for obtaining audio-visual aid equipment is 5,000 labels from all kinds of Campbell soups. Chairman of the project is Miss Christian Sauerbier, sixth grade teacher. The contest ends in the middle of December.

K OF C LADIES

Dansville — The K of C Auxiliary recently installed their newly elected officers with installing officer, Florence Beckwith, presiding. New officers are Mrs. Charles McLarfie, president; Mrs. Lloyd Mahoney, first vice-president; Mrs. Andrew Forsythe, second vice-president; Mrs. Thomas Faulds, secretary; Mrs. Kay Burke, treasurer. It was decided to accept the invitation of the Knights to combine the two organizations for their Christmas Party on Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. Chairman for the December meeting will be Kay Burke.

HOSPITAL GROUP

Homell — New officers for the MacDonald Guild's "Mod Mammals Unit" 1973-74 season are: Mrs. Sandra Cornell, president; Mrs. Terry Paddock, vice-president; Mrs. Vickie Adams, secretary; Mrs. Darlene Walrath, treasurer; Mrs. Beth Mayo and Mrs. Charlene Gayes, historians.

Auburn

NEW SERIES

Auburn — "At the high school level, religious instruction is a struggle of values," commented Robert Hoffman, religious education coordinator at St. Alphonsus parish.

"In the past we could tell a student, 'This is what you must believe,' but to strike a note with today's youth the approach must foster comprehensive understanding and acceptance by integrating the beliefs into personality development."

Hoffman, along with Miss Carol Bertel, religious education coordinator from Holy Family, and Sister Ellen Ward of CEDAR, has Serendipity Series. The series, a mini-course in personal relationships, focuses on a Christ encounter and how scripture hits everyone.

An evaluation by teachers and students in cooperation with the religious education coordinators will decide future directions of this interparish program.

"Religious instruction with younger children can be activity centered, and they need the adult in the classroom. But high school is the time when religious education can become a hassle and parents aren't equipped to handle the static," explained Hoffman.

The Serendipity series stresses involvement of leaders as part of

the group in an informal setting and, through sharing with the students, tries to break down communications barriers.

Hoffman pointed out an important step helping a community act and reflect on its experiences.

Hoffman said that while some educational psychologists feel the Serendipity-like approach is the way to learn, it is a willingness to be innovative that is crucial in defining and meeting the needs of today's youth.

The need is to examine how religion affects one's own life. He feels evaluation after this series will provide a way to determine the needs of the students.

75 CONFIRMED

Ovid — Bishop Joseph L. Hogan recently administered the sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Cross Church to 75 persons from the towns of Ovid and Interlaken.

Proxy sponsors for the class were Francis Laper and Mrs. Kay Murphy. More than 300 people attended.

The theme of the confirmation was Recognition of the Senior Citizen and the Handicapped.

Bishop Hogan and Father Michael Conboy, his secretary, accompanied by eight other priests, were escorted into the church by the Knights of Columbus color guard of Geneva.

In his message to the class, Bishop Hogan stressed the importance of concern for others in our society.

Following the ceremonies, a reception was held in Columbus Hall here.

BAZAAR

Port Byron — The annual Christmas Bazaar will be held in St. John's church hall Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ithaca

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT ITHACA COLLEGE

BY JOY CHALONE

Ithaca — A recent talk with Father Philip Lioi, chaplain at Ithaca College, reveals a busy Catholic community on campus this year.

A strong parish council is functioning. It is composed of undergraduates, and representatives from faculty and administration, and the chaplain. Things get done through "contact persons" this year. Jane Shelly and Kirk Walters.

"The spirit speaks in many ways," Father Lioi said. "A few Sundays ago the council asked for, actually insisted, that we take a survey at the weekend Masses. The questions ran the gamut from 'How do you like the way Mass is celebrated?' to 'What should the Catholic community be doing off campus?'"

Asked if there were any discussion groups going on, Father Lioi explained that "students are too involved and too busy keeping up with their school courses."

Students are mostly either music or physical education majors, or in the Physical Therapy or TV-Communications departments.

The Community Communicator is the weekend bulletin. Bulletins are also exchanged with other campus ministries.

Probe — an ecumenically sponsored radio program, is well received. The Catholics and the United Christian Fellowship (UCF) produce it.

A few weeks ago, Father William Aliprando, finishing his doctorate in communications at Cornell, was interviewed. He is in charge of religious programming on radio and TV for the entire 'down under' area — Australia and Oceania.

Father Lioi related his preparation and participation in another recent probe program "The script, entitled 'Reaction to Fear — All about Devils' treated the contemporary idea of devils. It is just like old time radio, complete with background music," he said. Other topics treated on Probe include abortion, gay liberation and prison ministries. Probe can be picked up in the immediate Ithaca area on station WICB, 91.7 FM, on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

THE TIDINGS

Ithaca — "The Tidings" is a monthly parish newspaper produced by and for St. Catherine of Siena parishioners. Its new editor is Loretta Wilmarth of 190 Pleasant Grove Rd., B5. A four-page folder, it carries news items and features such as parish Council Happenings, committee reports and parishioner reactions. "Equal Time" column by the pastor Msgr. William Roche, will have a new dimension in the next issue, called "Your Questions." The Youth Column this month features a poll of the parish youth on "Would You Like to be a Priest or Nun in Today's World?"

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Ithaca — St. Catherine of Siena parish has a "Good Neighbor Committee." Volunteers babysit, share a meal, provide transportation, visit the ill and elderly, or help in any emergency. Co-chairmen are Jean Babcock, 257-2857 and Tanny MacIntyre, 272-8951. Any volunteers?

Canandaigua

LECTOR'S WORKSHOP

Canandaigua — Sister Joseph Kennedy of Nazareth College recently conducted a workshop for all lectors of the parish.

ROSARY ALTAR

Canandaigua — The Rosary Altar Society of St. Mary recently held their meeting. Mass was offered first and Sister Mary Albert, parish assistant, spoke of her role in the parish and community. Women of the society have been busy for several weeks readying their wares for the annual Christmas Bazaar. The bazaar will be held this year on Dec. 3 at the Canandaigua Sheraton Inn. It will follow a buffet supper and Christmas party for the priests and sisters of the parish.

HOME-SCHOOL

Canandaigua — Sister Cyril from the Diocesan Education Office spoke recently at a meeting of the St. Mary's Home School Association. Her topic was the Role of Catholic Schools in Providing an Experience of Christian Community. St. Mary's School has taken as its theme this year the development of this community, particularly in the area of service to others. The school has already engaged in several projects giving service within the school, church, and community.