

regional news reports

Hornell

POSTER CONTEST

Hornell — Respect Life was the theme for the Lenten Poster Contest conducted in St. Ann's Parish.

Judging of the more than 70 entrants' efforts took place in the assembly hall of the school April 6.

First prize in the Primary Group, was awarded to Janette

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Marie Lang, grade two, second prize to John Sheedy, grade one and third prize to John Purtell, grade one.

In the Intermediate Group, Martha Koehler was awarded first prize. She is in the fourth grade. Second prize went to Sandy Roof, grade three, and third place to Peter Wall, grade five.

In the Junior High category, first prize was awarded Chris Prete, grade six; second prize to Tina Perkins, grade 7 and third prize to William Davis, grade seven.

On the High School level, Joan Christensen took top honors. Each prize winner was awarded a Pro-Life Bracelet and each first prize winner was also awarded a family night for supper, bowling, movies or night out with Mitch Miller, who will be appearing in Hornell, soon.

Judges were Ruth Griswold, associated with the art department of Canisteo Central School; Mary O'Connor, retired North Hornell school teacher; and Donald Moretti, student at Hornell High School. The judges based their decisions upon neatness, fidelity to the Christian theme, originality and work that indicated composition by the child himself.

Co-chairmen for the event were Cindy Green and Sonia Recktenwald.

ROSARY NEWS

Wayland — The Rosary Society of St. Joseph's will hold its meeting tonight, April 17 beginning with a tureen supper at 6:30.

Auburn

DINNER DANCE

Auburn — The Annual Spring Dance sponsored by Holy Family parish will be held April 20, with dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing from 9-1. Tickets, at \$5 per person, are available from Michael Evangelista, John Malandrucolo or Dom Padula.

CDA MEMBERS

Penn Yan — Catholic Daughters Court #1173 of St. Michael's Parish recently held a joint reception of new members with the Geneva Chapter at St. Stephen's Church in Geneva. Three new St. Michaels' members were inducted according to Mary Scott, regent.

The new members are Agnes DeMaras, Mary Jane Curtis, and Margaret Mitchell. The meeting was presided over by Michael LaGault, district deputy and was attended by 15 members of the Penn Yan court.

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ON THE RIGHT SIDE

Father Paul J. Cuddy

Religious Protestants by tradition have loved the psalms. Their Sunday schools have given their children awards for memorizing many psalms, especially "The Lord is My Shepherd" (Ps. 22/23). Their greatest reward has been the treasuring up in their memories religious literary jewels. This is a thought worth considering by Catholic religion teachers. How we priest envy Bishop Kearney and Archbishop Sheen for the vast passages of Scripture and poetry which they have in memory, and which they use so felicitously.

Catholics' familiarity with the psalms is a recent experience. It comes mostly from the Responsorial psalms; but I do not think they have much meaning to the worshipers yet. Father John Guy used to say that the priest's Breviary should be revised, and about a third of the psalms eliminated, especially the "cursing psalms." Once I asked a scholar to explain those "cursing psalms," especially that verse where a blessing is pronounced on anyone who will snatch up a Babylonian baby and beat its brains against the pavement. (Ps. 136/137). The reply was an annoyed: "A lot of Scripture is wrapped up in mystery."

During the Courier-Journal Tour to Ireland last October I picked up from the book rack of the Franciscan church in Killarney, a paper-back, Reflections on the Psalms. The author was the Anglican Oxford scholar, C.S. Lewis. From the same rack I got a small green prayer book, Prayers of an Irish Mother, a collection of prayers from the heart. C.S. Lewis gives the psalms a contemporary appreciation, and even untangles that Babylonian baby brain-battering verse with some lucidity. But of special interest to me was a paraphrase of The Lord is My Shepherd in the green prayer book. It is our own ex-

perience, and so filled with utter trust in God. Here is part of it.

"He hath set me in a place of pasture."

In Pastures Green?

Not always. Sometimes He Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me In weary ways, where heavy shadows be: Out of the sunshine warm and soft and bright, Out of the sunshine into the darkest night. I oft would faint with sorrow and affright; Only for this — I know He holds my hand. So whether in a green or desert land, I trust Him, though I do not understand

And by Still Waters?

No. Not always so. Ofttimes the heavy tempests round me blow, And o'er my soul the waves and billows go. But when the storm beats loudest and I cry, Aloud for help, the Master standeth by. And whispers to my soul: "Lo! It is I!" So where'er He leadeth I can safely go. And in the blest hereafter I shall know Why in His wisdom He hath led me so.

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