



Father Streb [right] and John Wilson



caught in action practicing



one of their judo techniques.

Photos by Susan McKinney

A Touch of Judo Keeps Father on His Toes

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Elmira Heights—Father Thomas Streb says Mass, writes sermons, visits the sick and does the thousand and one things every parish priest does, plus one more. He takes judo lessons.

At six feet two inches, 235 pounds, it's not, as he explains it, for protection.

"I'm interested in it mainly as a sport," he said. "I thought it would be a challenge. It is."

Father Streb, a native

Rochesterian, was assigned to St. Charles Borromeo here after his ordination a year ago. His interest in all sports helped him to get acquainted with the Elmira area, which he says he "thoroughly enjoys."

"I've always been interested in athletics," he explained, "and since the area is so new to me I joined the YMCA."

It was through the Y that he found out about judo classes. In addition to the judo sessions which usually meet every Monday night for an hour at the downtown building, Father Streb also belongs to the Y's Health

Club and spends his lunch hours working out.

He knew nothing about judo when he started classes around the first of the year and was eager to learn. He started out in a beginner's class which ran for eight weeks, received his judo outfit, and then advanced on to the intermediate stage, which will also run for eight weeks.

There are about 10 students in Father Streb's class and they work on their techniques in pairs. Their instructress is Leta Mueller, a petite five-foot-two-inch-redhead who's been teaching judo for about eight years.

Since he's begun classes, he's really gotten into the spirit of the sport but admits that "it's not as easy as it looks."

He emphasized that the most important part of judo is learning to fall. And he also noted that when you start classes you're warned that it can be dangerous if used on someone who doesn't know the techniques and that it should not be used outside of class.

"You learn how to fall backwards, on your side and forward," said Father, "and there's no yelling and screaming like in karate."

"A typical hour class usually begins with ten minutes of exercises and calisthenics," he said. "Then we go into falling for another ten minutes and then into the techniques of the sport."

Falling is practiced on mats and if you keep yourself comfortably limp and learn how to fall correctly, you don't get hurt, according to Father Streb.

Will he continue with the sport and go on to bigger and better things? Perhaps.

"I hope to stay with it as long as I can in this area," he added, "because I really enjoy it."

Nursing Home Ministry

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consideration are: a continuation of individual parish responsibility for those in nursing or domiciliary homes within their boundaries, but enriching this through the participation of retired priests, sisters, students, lay people etc.; parish co-operatives where parishes combine programs and people for serving homes; or a chaplain for specialized ministry in this field.

Bishop Hickey told the council that while a chaplain would be ideal, personnel shortages and other problems "wouldn't permit us to go into this option now."

The study suggested that Mass should be held at homes on a regular weekly basis where possible or that Holy Communion be distributed once each week between scheduled Masses.

The study also noted that "special care must be taken to adapt liturgical practice not only to insure full participation but also to insure that the special charism of older persons becomes evident."

Several ways to do this, the task force suggests, is to use as many residents in preparing for, and participating in, the Liturgy as possible, to increase the clarity of audio presentation and to aid in the visual effect.

Bishop Hickey noted that in assembling the task forces, "we tried to get a broad representation, people from every walk of life."

In addition to the Bishop, Mrs. Frances Nardone, activities director at the Hurlbut Nursing Home, Father John Norris, Sister Judith Reger and Sister Margaret Mary Mattle represented the task forces at the meeting. Father John

Priests Council Action

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

On the LaPaz, Bolivia, Mission of San Jose Obrero

Motion: That the PC should praise the Rochester mission team in LaPaz with warm approval for all the work done over these eight years and express official gratitude of the diocese for the apostolic example of their zealous generosity in serving the Bolivian poor.

That the PC should approve the philosophy of asking the Bolivian laity to assume self ministry of their parochial life and of turning the parish back to the people under the supervision of the LaPaz archdiocese.

That the PC should publicly affirm that the self removal of our three priests [Fathers Edward Golden, Daniel Torrey and Peter Declman] from San Jose parish was not desertion nor failure but a concrete step to help the parishioners move to self ministry under competent lay supervision.

Motion: That the PC should advise the Bishop to guarantee that full financial support of the San Jose parish will continue as budgeted for five years, with the privilege of reviewing the work and expenses after one year, evaluating it thoroughly after two years, and continuing it for another three years in a smaller scale if it has proved worthwhile.

Mulligan, a council member, is also listed as a member of the Liturgy Task Force.

Father Norris said he felt it was "of tremendous importance that the recommendation for parish co-operatives be approved," and added that he hoped they would get some kind of formal backing from the council.

In other council business, Father Richard Torrey reported on the current status of the LaPaz mission (see box for motions the council passed on the subject).

Progress reports were given by Father John Mulligan on the pastoral council formation and social action committees, Father Daniel Holland on the continuing education committee and by

John Ritzenthaler, diocesan treasurer, on the 1974-75 budget.

James Noonan, administrative assistant to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, also gave an explanation of the decision-making Process A which is used by the diocese.

TO VISIT U.S.

New York [RNS] — Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios I, spiritual leader of world Orthodoxy, has accepted an invitation to visit the U.S. The specific dates of the trip will be announced in the "near future," according to the Orthodox Observer, a Greek Orthodox publication which disclosed the invitation.



SALVATORE MUSSO



SISTER CYRIL SMELT, SSJ

New Positions For Educators

Two veteran administrators in the Diocesan Department of Education are going back to school this Fall, as principals.

Salvatore Musso, deputy superintendent of schools, will become principal of St. Charles Borromeo, while Sister Cyril Smelt, SSJ, assistant superintendent of instruction, assumes the leadership of St. Pius X.

Sister Cyril, whose service record with general education is among the longest, views her new assignment as "a new experience in community living" adding that "as long as there are children and teachers, I'll be happy." Previously Sister Cyril taught elementary and junior high school students at Immaculate Conception, Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Lourdes in Elmira.

In 1965 Sister Cyril began

working with inner city schools through the Pastoral Center. As assistant superintendent of instruction she is "a troubleshooter" for 75 school principals through whom she monitors school programs and problems.

As deputy superintendent of schools for eight years, Musso's responsibilities have covered every facet of education from liaison with public schools to resources for diocesan principals. Musso was formerly a teacher in the east Irondequoit public school system and coordinator of special assistance programs for the diocese.

While expressing "sadness" over his departure from the Pastoral Center, Musso is "looking forward to working closely with teachers, students and parents. Exciting things are happening and I want to be there."