

regional news reports

Elmira

CHEMUNG SCHUYLER EDUCATION TEAM

Elmira — The new Chemung-Schuyler Regional Education Team has selected several projects and goals and named sub-committees to deal with them.

A communications team will be headed by Mrs. Patricia Defendorf. An in-service team, led by Mrs. Ellen Cannon, is planning a Learning Day for religion teachers.

Sister Julia Clare will head the adult education team, which

plans to gather and distribute information concerning Catholic and ecumenical learning opportunities for teachers and other adults.

A youth activities team under the direction of Leonard Dozelski is planning a youth rally. This team will also support a religious education program started and administered by Sister Clair Francis for junior high school students. Sister Clair is principal of the junior high school which is part of the Chemung County Catholic School System.

Dozelski will also head the audio-visual team, assisting Sister Claire Frawley, director of the Southern Tier Audio-Visual Library.

Sister Katherine Gibbons will lead a special education team, working with youngsters in need of specialized religious education.

Father Thomas Corbett will head the parent education team.

Also being worked on is a program leading to certification for religion teachers. That task is under the direction of an ecumenical advisory group which is working with Dr. F.X. Brady of Elmira College and Sister Jean Rodman.

Donald Stamp and Sister Clair Francis are serving as liaison to the regional education team from the Chemung County Catholic School Board and the regional junior high school religious education program.

The Parish Council also held elections recently. The results of those are: Darlene Jones, president; Caleb Hall, vice president; Barrie Fleegele, secretary. Also, Martin Lootens, human development; Zoe Boyer, workshop; Don Maley, communications; Barrie Fleegele, education; Caleb Hall, social activities; Darlene Jones, finance and maintenance.

FESTIVAL DUE

Canandaigua — St. Mary's Festival promises this year to be the biggest ever. Men and women have been working for months now, although the festival isn't scheduled until July 12 and 13. The theme of the festival will be "The Land of Oz." Many new booths have been added, among them a garage sale booth and a variety booth. The variety booth will feature homemade and handcraft items. All proceeds of this year's festival will go towards rebuilding the school.

Auburn

OUTING

Weedsport — Twenty-two altar boys from St. Joseph's Church were given an outing to Roseland Park in Canandaigua June 24. Drivers were Flora and George Hayes, Ronnie Humphrey and Lillian Wieczorek. The "appreciation day" began with 9:30 Mass.

FAIR EXCHANGE

Weedsport — Father Elmer Heindl of St. Joseph's and Father Robert Kress of St. Michael's, Montezuma, are testing the invigorating effects of variety on themselves and their parishioners. During the summer, they are exchanging parishes on the last weekend of the month, hearing confessions and preaching, in addition to celebrating Mass.

WORD FOR SUNDAY

Father Albert Shanley

Sunday's Readings: (R1) Is. 66: 10-14. (R2) Gal. 6: 14-18. (R3) Lk. 10: 1-12, 17-20.

Later on this year, there is going to be another Synod in Rome, a meeting of the bishops of the world. The last one in 1971 discussed the priesthood and world justice. The theme of this coming one is Evangelization. For most Catholics, that is a strange word. It makes one think of Billy Graham. Simply, however, evangelization is the activity whereby the Church proclaims the Gospel so that faith may be aroused, may unfold and may grow.

Sunday's Gospel is about evangelization. The one thing the Gospel shows is that evangelization is not exclusively the work of the apostles. The 72 disciples Jesus picked were not apostles. They were laymen. They had not left everything to follow Him. They probably had to fit their discipleship into their everyday work.

Yet Jesus relied on them. He was under pressure. His earthly life was rapidly drawing to a close. Men had to be summoned to enter the reign of God before the opportunity slipped away forever. So Jesus enlisted the help of these friends.

He sent them two by two. Two are more effective than one. Each can support the other. They were to take no money, no master charge cards, nothing! **Their needs were to drive them to need those whom they were evangelizing, and thus build a bridge for themselves to their hearts.** You can well imagine the trepidation with which these laymen set out.

Yet when they returned, they were jubilant. "Master," they said, "even the devils are subject to us in your name." In ecstatic vision, Jesus replied, "I watched Satan fall from the sky like lightning." Their preaching, He was telling them, marked the beginning of the end for Satan. His fall would be lightning fast. Hence the joy permeating the First Reading and the Responsorial Refrain: "Let the earth cry out to God with joy."

Whenever Jesus enters, the power of evil is broken. This dark, pervasive power that enshrouds the whole world like a smog and eats each person like a cancer can be dissipated and remedied whenever people welcome Jesus. That is why evangelization is so crucial, why the Gospel must be spread.

How this can better be done in the modern world will be the theme of the Bishops' Synod in Rome.

We must pray for them, because theirs will be the herculean task of reconciling many

many polarized concepts. Some hold evangelization is the transmission of objective truths; others, that it means bearing witness through Christian living. Some hold that the Church promotes the human by evangelizing; others maintain that the Church evangelizes by promoting the human. One group believes that evangelization cannot be carried out without the institutional Church; another holds that the institutional Church conceals rather than reveals the Gospel. Some aver that evangelization should wait till the Church renews herself; others say that renewal and evangelization should go on hand in hand. And so on and on.

It might be well if we examined our own consciences regarding evangelization.

Am I aware that my responsibility to make way for Christ extends not only to those who do not believe, but also to my fellow Christians and those fallen away from the faith?

Am I working in and with parish councils to foster real community within the parish and outside it?

Do I think what the Church thinks about Catholic schools and universities?

What do I do for pupils attending non-Catholic schools?

Am I developing a critical sense regarding the content and output of the mass media?

What am I doing to bring the influence of the Church on the means of social communication?

The Gospel is meant for all men — for Christ died for all! The Church, therefore, must constantly evangelize, so that those who do not believe may come to faith and those who do believe may grow in faith.

AWARDS GIVEN

Honell — The special awards at the recent graduation held at St. Ann's went to the following: The award for the highest average among the girls, donated by the Catholic Daughters of America, was won by Rosemarie Colomaio. The highest average among the boys has been maintained by Thomas Kinsman. Chosen by her classmates as most deserving of the citizenship medal is Mary Hope Mazzella.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Elmira — The Ladies of Charity of Elmira and Chemung County have elected Mrs. Cyril Grosvener president. Other new officers are Mrs. John Watts, vice president; Mrs. Norman Hoesy, secretary, and Mrs. James Manning, treasurer.

PARISH FORUM

Horseheads — Seven members of St. Mary Our Mother Church were elected recently to the 16-member Parish Forum.

Elected as an at-large member was Theodore Kozlowski. Elected to specific regions which make up the forum were Mrs. Barbara Tighe, Mrs. Ann Kahler, Roger Joy, Norman Fagan, George Everett and Mrs. Rita Burke.

Canandaigua

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Victor — Volunteers are being sought at St. Patrick's for two upcoming projects. The first, the parish festival, will be held July 12 and 13. Articles for the auction to be held at the festival are also needed.

The second project requiring volunteer help is a religious census which is planned for September by the Victor Clergy Council.

ELECTIONS HELD

Marion — Two separate elections were held recently at St. Gregory's. The Rosary Altar Society elected the following officers: Arlene Deleel, president; Grace Donavon, vice president; Rita Spencer, secretary; Marie Depape, treasurer.

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