

Holy Year

Pilgrims Progress

The chapel at the Monastery of Our Lady and St. Joseph was packed with pilgrims July 16, the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

For that one day, the principal feast day of the Discalced Carmelite nuns, the Pittsford chapel was officially a pilgrimage church. Those attending the morning celebration thus had access to the plenary indulgence offered for the advance Holy Year.

Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty pointed out to the worshippers that Mary led the sheltered life of a nun, even though she was "often on the road" in the fulfillment of her duties as a Christian pilgrim.

In the evening of July 16, Father William Hart welcomed more than 300 people from parishes of the Northeast Region,

on pilgrimage to Holy Trinity, Webster. They formed a procession outside and marched into the church, where Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey officiated and preached on the Holy Year.

Meanwhile, the people of St. Patrick's, Owego, scheduled another Holy Year Mass for 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29. The report on their June 30 celebration took note of a 41-mile walk that probably will stand as a record in diocesan pilgrimage annals. Francis Carver, 51, and his son Mark, 22, of St. James, Trumansburg, said they left home shortly after midnight Saturday to arrive for the evening Mass on Sunday, a rainy day. They were among nearly 200 pilgrims who came from the rural parishes and missions of the area and from Ithaca. A group of teenagers and adults from Trumansburg and Ithaca had made the 30-mile on

foot on June 26, another showery day.

Father John A. Morgan, homilist for the June 30 event, was credited with bringing the largest delegation — nearly 100 parishioners from St. James, Waverly. Members of the congregation joined the offertory procession, adding their gifts of food and money for the poor. The occasion marked a milestone for the co-pastors of the Tompkins-Tioga pilgrimage church, Fathers Thomas Watts and Albert Cason came to St. Patrick's one year ago.

When Bishop Joseph L. Hogan designated the Pittsford Carmelite chapel as a one-day pilgrimage church, he extended the privilege also to the Dominican Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary in Elmira. The nuns' day will be Oct. 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.



Father John A. Morgan, Waverly pastor, exchanges the Sign of Peace with two young pilgrims at St. Patrick, Owego.



Pilgrimage Churches

Carmelite Monastery

By Father Robert F. McNamara

Two hilltops in Chemung County have monastic shrines of the Blessed Virgin Mary. One is Mount Saviour Benedictine Monastery near Elmira. The other is the religious house of Discalced Carmelite Friars that crowns Our Lady's Hill near Waverly, and is known as the Monastery of St. John of the Cross. Both of these have been designated as "substitute" Holy Year pilgrimages for the convenience of those who cannot make their pilgrimage to the mother church of the diocese, Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester.

The Discalced Carmelite Friars are those who follow the Carmelite Rule along the stricter lines advocated by St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Avila. In 1958 the American province of these Carmelites (called Immaculate Heart of Mary Province) was in search of property on which to build a house for the training of novice

members of its community. The search led the friars to Waverly, where two Catholic brothers (whose name adorns the nearby nationally famous "O'Brien's Restaurant") offered to donate a large mountain-top tract of land to the cause. Having accepted this gift from the brothers Edwin and William O'Brien, the friars purchased much adjacent acreage from them.

Ground was broken on the summit on June 1, 1960. Plans for the new monastery were drawn by Wagner & Sullivan, architects of Williamsport, Pa., and a budget of \$750,000 was assigned. The Carmelites moved in when the work was not quite finished, and Mass was first celebrated there on Nov. 28, 1961, by the Father Provincial, Very Rev. Christopher Latimer. On Sept. 8, 1962, Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester, who had welcomed the Carmelites to his diocese in 1958, blessed the completed monastic structure.

The chapel is in one of the wings of the monastery. In 1967-

1968 it was remodeled according to the norms of Vatican II, with a free-standing altar of fieldstone constructed by the friars.

The Novitiate on Waverly Hill, at an elevation of 1700 feet above sea level, and facing out upon one of the loveliest valleys of New York State, has become an increasingly popular center for private and group retreats. Sisters from many dioceses, seminarians, the Cursillo, and private individuals have found in its silence, its natural beauty, and its opportunity to participate in the community life of the friars, a devotional atmosphere that is rare in the noisy, secularized world of today.

Those who come as Holy Year pilgrims to Our Lady's Hill will discover this atmosphere ideally suited to the spirit of renewal and reconciliation that should characterize their pilgrimage. If this is their first visit to Our Lady's Hill, I am sure that they will want to come back again and again, Holy Year or no Holy Year!

CONCORDAT DISCUSSED

Madrid [RNS] — Spanish Foreign Minister Pedro Cortina Mauri returned here after a week-long series of talks with Vatican officials in Rome on revision of Spain's 1953 Concordat with the Holy See.

Cortina Mauri told newsmen at Brajas Airport that his discussions with Archbishop Agostino-Casaroli, Pope Paul's top foreign affairs aide, and other Vatican officials, had "accomplished a good deal," but that negotiations were not yet finished.

St. Ann's Is Site Of Two Pilgrimages

Hornell — St. Ann's Church is the gathering point for two Holy Year pilgrimages this weekend.

Bishop John E. McCafferty will be the principal concelebrant of a Mass which will close a pilgrimage on Friday, July 26, the Feast of St. Ann. The Mass is slated for 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, July 28, a regional pilgrimage will be held, closing with a 3 p.m. Mass, at St. Ann's. Father Robert MacNamara, pastor, will be the principal concelebrant.

St. Ann's is the officially designated Pilgrimage Shrine in the area.

Pilgrimage Churches

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester. Symbolizing the authority of the Bishop of Rochester, this is the chief Holy Year pilgrimage church. Catholics in each diocesan region are being urged to send at least a token pilgrimage to the Cathedral.

Alternate Pilgrimage churches. These have been designated by the Bishop as substitutes for the Cathedral:

Monroe County regions: **St. Thomas the Apostle, Irondequoit. St. Michael, Rochester. Holy Trinity, Webster. St. Louis, Pittsford. St. Pius X, Chili.**

Yates-Ontario Region: **St. Francis de Sales, Geneva.**

Seneca-Cayuga Region: **St. Alphonsus, Auburn.**

Tompkins-Tioga Region: **Immaculate Conception, Ithaca. St. Patrick, Owego.**

Chemung-Schuyler Region: **Ss. Peter and Paul, Elmira. Mount Saviour Monastery, near Elmira. Monastery of St. John of the Cross, Waverly Hill.**

Steuben-Livingston Region: **St. Columba, Caledonia. St. Mary, Corning. St. Ann, Hornell.**

Official Days of Pilgrimage

All Sundays and holy days of obligation (at hours apart from regular scheduled services).

The feast day of the church or monastery.

Other feast days: **July 26** (Ss. Joachim and Anne). **Aug. 6** (Transfiguration). **Aug. 15** (Assumption). **Aug. 20** (St. Bernard). **Sept. 9** (St. Peter Claver). **Oct. 7** (Our Lady of the Rosary). **Oct. 19** (Ss. Isaac Jogues and Companions). **Oct. 25** (Feast of the dedication of Sacred Heart Cathedral). **Oct. 28** (Ss. Simon and Jude). **Nov. 13** (St. Frances Cabrini). **Dec. 12** (Our Lady of Guadalupe).

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