

regional news reports

Elmira

Holy Spirit Liturgy

Elmira — A Mass of the Holy Spirit, a traditional liturgy asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for students, will be celebrated tomorrow evening at Notre Dame's Brewer Stadium beginning at 7:30 p.m. The main celebrant will be Bishop John McCafferty, with Priests from Elmira, Horseheads, Waverly and Corning as co-celebrants. Also participating in the liturgy will be students from the various schools in the Elmira-Corning-Valley area, who will act as Lectors and Acolytes.

The Mass recalls the appearance of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, imparting to them the gift of Tongues. Traditionally, this Mass is celebrated at the beginning of each school year in all Catholic Schools. For the first time, however, all Catholic students in the area, regardless of the school they attend, and their parents, are being invited to participate in the celebration.

Bishop McCafferty, formerly resident vicar to the Southern Tier, will be returning to the area and will give a homily on The Value of Education.

Sponsored by a number of school organizations, it is hoped that attendance at this Celebration will be great enough to justify this as an annual event.

A number of hymns have been selected and the lyrics will be distributed to all those attending. The singing will be led by the Celebrate Life Singers under the direction of Raymond Defendorf.

SOCIETY MEETS

Elmira — Mrs. George Bragg, president of the Immaculate Heart Society of St. Peter and Paul's announces that the first fall meeting will be Monday, Sept. 9. There will be benediction in the church at 7:30 p.m. for all ladies of the parish and their guests. The regular meeting will follow in the school hall.

Father Edward Foy, pastor and moderator, will present a program, The World and the Church, and Christ, Priest and Victim from the tapes of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's A Retreat for the Clergy of the Diocese of Gary, Ind.

Five Enter Basilians

In ceremonies Saturday, Aug. 24, five young men were admitted to St. Basil's Novitiate at 402 Augustine Street. They were presented with a copy of the Sacred Scriptures and The Basilian Way of Life, by Father Howard Keon, CSB, master of novices.

During the concelebrated Mass, Msgr. James J. Hanrahan, CSB, Superior General of the Basilian Fathers, described the challenge of the life that lay before these men. Their model was to be Jesus Christ, as found in Scripture, but their life would have to be lived in Faith, Hope and Love, which would require daily prayer and reflection.

Those received into the novitiate were Ronald Borg and David Weise, both from Detroit, Mich. and graduates of the

Auburn

TRAINING PROGRAM

Weedsport — Sister Michael Lappetito speaking before the Weedsport Parish Council, Aug. 21, outlined a program available through the Diocesan Office of Religious Education geared to helping parish education committees function more effectively. The six-session training course was put together in response to parish education committees questions regarding their function and direction in the parish community.

There is a recognition today that the educational mission of the Church involves the whole spectrum of education from the cradle to the grave, she said. As Christian growth is not separated from life, but responds to it everyday, the educational process must be viewed in its totality.

Cultivating a sense of community out of the parish committee is built into the process which includes foundation in the theology of the mission of the Church. The courses focuses on development of basic organizational skills, assessment of parish needs and priority setting based on low profile research to determine actual parish needs.

The training session is adapted to each parish setting. A specific project is undertaken at the end of the training program.

In parishes requesting the training program through the Office of Religious Education, a homily is given on the educational mission of the Church and recruitment is explained.

Emphasis is on the parish education committee as communicator to the parish. The committee is not the doer, she said, but is committed to the responsibility of seeing work gets done.

Sister Michael indicated consultants are also available from her office to offer objective expertise with specific problems.

Hornell

RELIGION CLASS REGISTRATION

Hornell — Registration for religion classes for grades 7-12 at St. Ann's will take place Monday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the school, followed by a short orientation class for all students. Confirmation classes will also register and begin on Sept. 9.

University of Windsor, Teddy Valencia, from the Philippines, a graduate of the University of Santo Tomas; Paul Rennick, from Toronto, a graduate of St. Michael's College, Toronto; Alvin Sinasac, from Amherstburg, Ontario, a graduate of the University of Windsor.

The novitiate is a one-year religious experience, concentrating on the development of a community life and work in the apostolate of the Basilian Fathers.

Following their novitiate year, all will begin their theological studies or teach in one of the Basilian Fathers schools, Aquinas Institute and St. John Fisher College are only two of the institutions administered by the Basilians. They also work in many other high schools, colleges and parishes in the United States, Canada and Mexico.



Cemetery Mass

Following a three-decade-old custom, more than 200 people recently gathered at St. Catherine of Siena Cemetery, Addison, to celebrate a Mass for the repose of the souls of those buried there.

The Mass, one of the regular Sunday Masses, brings people not

Since all sacraments require proper preparation, candidates for Confirmation, in the Fall of 1975, will be required to have attended religion classes for one year previous to the reception of the Sacrament.

WOMEN'S RETREATS

Wayland — Father James Baker, pastor of St. Joseph's, asks the ladies of the parish who plan to attend either of the women's retreats at Notre Dame Retreat House please make reservations now by contacting Mary Smith. Scheduled dates are Sept. 13, 14 and 15 or Oct. 18, 19 and 20.

BEHAVIOR LABORATORY

Naples — Laboratory in Self-Empowerment, a five-day residential laboratory designed with the impact of experiential learning in effective personal and interpersonal communication and human relations will be held Sept. 15-20 at Watson Homestead. The focus is on self-empowerment and realizing individual potential for growth, with an emphasis on the participants' own immediate behavior.

St. Januarius parishioners taking advantage of this opportunity will learn how their personal actions and expressions are seen by others, how groups function, how decisions are

only from St. Catherine's, but also from parishes in nearby Corning, Painted Post and Campbell.

"Actually, according to the history of the parish as written at the time of its centennial, the Catholics of the area had a cemetery even before they had their first church which was built

made how resources are used or blocked; how groups compete or collaborate according to Father Robert Smith, pastor. The lab will be under the direction of Dr. K. Arnold Nakajima, a national consultant for laboratory training in human relations and organizational development.

PARISH ELECTIONS

Naples — The parish election at St. Januarius recently showed that Earl Cornish received the most votes with 32 for parish auditor, John Neel received the most votes with 23 for parish trustee, Les Landino with 43 votes and Barbara Riesenberger with 38 votes, had the most votes for two councilmen-at-large.

MISSIONER TRANSFERRED

Dansville — Father Bede Engle, CP, a former member of St. Mary's Parish, Dansville, N.Y., has been transferred from Marbel, South Cotabato, P.I., to St. Francis Xavier Mission, Malapatan, South Cotabato. His new assignment will include working toward the foundation of a new parish in Malapatan, which is in the southern part of the Philippine island of Mindanao.

Father Bede was ordained a priest in 1960 at St. Michael's Monastery, Union City, N.J., and has been a missionary in the

about 1854 or 1855," observed Msgr. John F. Duffy, pastor of the parish. During the pastorate of Father William Darcy four acres of additional land were purchased, and it is in this section of the cemetery that the annual Mass is offered on a Sunday in August.

Philippines since 1969. He is the son of Mrs. Leo W. Engle, 21 Park Ave., and the late Leo W. Engle.

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