



Praise Him!

Students from the school and the CCD program at Mother of Sorrows Parish hold gifts of the earth in gesture of praise at a recent Mass which combined the themes of Christ's kingship and Thanksgiving. The fifth and sixth graders participated in the offertory rites.

St. Rita, West Webster — Annual turkey shoot Dec. 14, 6 p.m. at the Barn. Free parking, refreshments.

St. Cecilia, Elmira — Christmas bazaar, bake sale, after 5:30 p.m. Mass Dec. 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 16.

Holy Family — Rosary Society Christmas dinner, 6:30 this evening; entertainment by Sun musical group; mission collection in lieu of grab-bag.

Holy Name — Our Lady's Guild Christmas meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7:45 p.m. in chapel, 8:15 in recreation hall; Fred Leederman of Star Markets speaker, Mrs. Leederman, Mrs. E.T. Byam hostesses.

St. Patrick, Victor — Rosary Society tureen supper 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, for all women of parish; gifts to be brought for exchange and for cheer baskets.

Good Shepherd — Craft show and sale today until 5 p.m., school gym, 3265 E. Henrietta Rd.

St. John of Rochester, Fairport — Christmas Sing-along, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, school cafeteria.

Padre Pio Prayer Group — First Saturday Mass each month, 8 a.m. Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Catholic Daughters — Court Our Lady of the Cenacle, Christmas party, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, St. Phillip Neri school hall; Mrs. Frances DiSalvo and Mrs. Doris Doebriek hostesses. Gifts to be packed for nursing home residents and others.

Northwest Area Senior Residents — Monthly get-together, 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, St. Peter and Paul school hall; friends welcome.

Southwest Golden Age Group — Christmas party, 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 34 Monica St.; special program, dancing, buffet.

Holy Angels Guild — Christmas party 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16; Valle's Steak House, Vi Avalon in charge; entertainment by Rosetones, directed by Rose Pilato, accompanied by Connie Cerame.

Cool Talent Exchange — Writers' workshop, 9 a.m.-5:50 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Unitarian Church, 220 S. Winton.

St. Agnes High School — Vocal ensembles in Christmas concert 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18. Saturday, Dec. 14, play cancelled.

Aquinas — Band concert 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15.

Rochester Philharmonic — Christmas Sing-along, conducted by Mitch Miller, 8:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14, 15, Dome Arena, E. Henrietta Rd. at Calkins; same program in Auburn tonight, Newark tomorrow. Reservations: Philharmonic box office, 454-7091; Dome box office, 334-1672.

New York Consort of Viols — Featuring Jan DeGaetani, mezzo soprano, and Philip West, oboist, both of Eastman faculty, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Kilbourn Hall.

Renaisance Music — Eastman Brass Quintet, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Christ Church Cathedral, East Avenue at Broadway.

Baroque Music — Hochstein Chamber of Musicians, consisting of faculty and friends of the music school, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, 12 Hoeltzer St.

The Gospel According to St. Matthew — Pasolini film, last in White Ox series at Rochester Museum, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.

Ossie Davis — Actor, writer, director, civil rights activist, in one-man show, tonight, Xerox Square auditorium; \$3, benefit Attica Brothers Legal Defense Fund.

Marcel Marceau — Celebrated mime, in Shanks, his film debut, this evening at 7, Coronet Theater, 555 Thurston Rd. Rochester premiere, to benefit WXXI.

Holiday Folk Festivities — Songs, dances, food, displays deriving from the many cultures represented in the area population, 1-5 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 15, 22, Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum; special events on all floors of the museum.

GeVa Theater — Lunchtime performance, 12:15-12:50 p.m., Review Revue, through Friday, Dec. 13; 8 p.m. curtain, Thursday, Dec. 12, MacBett; Friday and Saturday, Rosencranz and Guildenstern.

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N.Y. Priests Reject 'Optional Celibacy' by 1 Vote

Yonkers, N.Y. [RNS] — A resolution to consider and study optional celibacy for the clergy was defeated by one vote at a meeting of the Assembly of Priests of the New York archdiocese at St. Joseph's Seminary here.

It was one of 50 resolutions voted on by 500 members of the assembly that includes all archdiocesan priests.

Endorsed were resolutions that urged facing up to the problem of alcoholism among priests; a study of the implication of the ordination of women; removal of restrictions on marriage by former priests; voluntary fasting; overcoming sexual discrimination of women both in the church and society; and forgoing salary increases.

Restrictions on marriage by former priests were covered in the following endorsed resolution:

"In no situation should the Church, in pursuing its mission, ever consciously injure the dignity of any person. Therefore, in light of indignities visited on former priests, lawfully dispensed from celibacy, be it resolved that when permission to marry has been lawfully granted to a former priest, in ordinary circumstances, no other restrictions be placed upon the conferring of the Sacrament of Matrimony than

those restrictions applicable to other baptized and confirmed Christians."

Defeated were resolutions urging removal of restrictions on the participation of former priests in the active life of the Church and work to eliminate immigration restrictions.

Endorsed resolutions will be passed on to the archdiocesan Senate of Priests which discusses them and then makes recom-

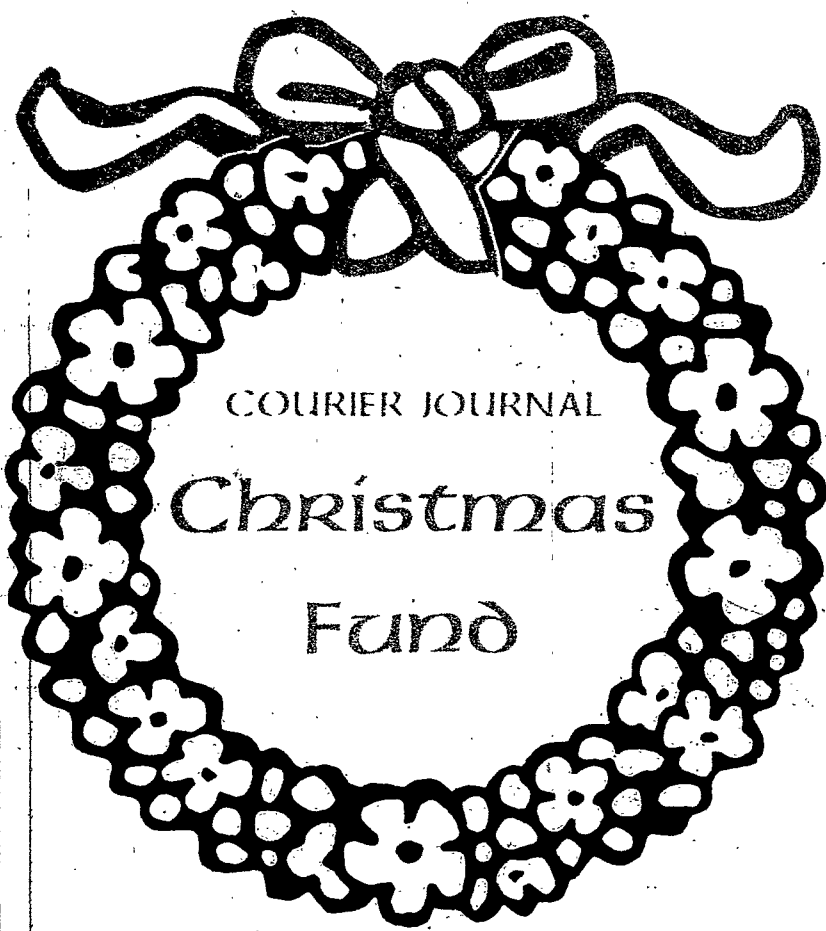
mendation to local church officials.

The question of optional celibacy was the most divisive. When the vote was counted, 161 priests voted for it and 162 opposed it. The resolution, submitted by the Yorkville Catholic Clergy Conference, asked "that the Senate recommend an openness to consideration and study of optional celibacy as the possible future element in the Church."

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