



St. Catherine Parish Council members and families sing during liturgy.

Photo by Bob Hurd

## St. Catherine of Siena Parish Council A New Sense of Perspective

By MARGARET KERR

Ithaca — When Msgr. William M. Roche, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena, returned recently from 4-1/2 months abroad at the Institute for Theological Renewal at the American College in Rome, Parish Council members and their families welcomed him with Mass and supper at the home of Kay and Sid Oldberg. Council members prepared the liturgy, with the Holy Year theme of reconciliation, at liturgy chairman Lise Herrmann's home.

Msgr. Roche feels that while he was away the council "got a sense of what it is to operate a parish, and this deeper involvement—they became actors rather than reactors—brought them to a new depth of maturity and sense of their own identity."

At the suggestion of chairman Tony Taras, the council instituted scripture reading at the beginning of each meeting. St. Catherine's had not had a choir for some time, so when Mary Cooke agreed to form and direct one, the council traveled with her to Horseheads to hear St. Mary's

dynamic adult choir and young people's Celbrate Life group. St. Catherine's choir has been a growing source of pride and joyful worship in its first months.

The council, through its Christian education committee—chaired by Bob Hurd, and religious education coordinator Mike Stanley, saw the highest enrollment ever in elementary, junior high, high school and Confirmation classes. There also were five adult and family-oriented programs; some of three-to-six-week duration, some meeting continually.

The finance committee, chaired by Mary Colacurcio, reorganized itself, planned a fair share giving campaign designed by laymen, and organized a new Sunday bulletin with advertisements. Through the Human Development Committee, chaired by Kay Oldberg, St. Catherine's participated in an ecumenical Latin American Relations seminar which brought a Chilean refugee, Rev. Joel Gajardo, to Ithaca.

St. Catherine's has had a unique liturgy program for almost a year: every week the liturgy committee, chaired by Lise Herrmann, works with a different family to prepare the Sunday liturgy. Groups of parishioners spontaneously sponsored breakfasts after Masses, and the parish's first New Year's Eve party.

In order to be more responsive to the parish the council elected to be available to hear ideas and talk with parishioners after each of the Masses. They also initiated an open session for parishioners at each of the council meetings.

Msgr. Roche saw the council becoming an instrument of parish life as never before, and expressed deep gratitude for its support of his time in Rome "to be aware of the main trends of theology in the Church today."

Serving with the above mentioned Parish Council members are George Cocks, Dick Faben, Bob Parmelee, Sam Slack, Harold Sweet and Marc White.

## Anzelone to Run St. Anthony Day Celebration

Charles Anzelone has been named chairman of the 63rd annual St. Anthony Day celebration, scheduled for Saturday, June 14.

The celebration will open with religious ceremonies at Holy Cross Church, 4492 Lake Ave., at 11 a.m. The annual parade will begin at 6:45 p.m. at Charlotte High School and proceed to Ontario Beach Park.

A fireworks display at Ontario Beach Park at 9:45 p.m. will conclude festivities. Rain date is Sunday, June 15.

Clubs, organizations and marching units interested in participating in the parade should contact Lou Christopher, parade marshal, at 865-2126.

Other officers are Richard Conley, Peter DeMatteo, vice chairmen; Nick Montulli, treasurer; Joseph Tribotte, publicity; and Scott Vittore, recording secretary.

## All-Night Vigil Set April 4

An all-night vigil sponsored by the Blue Army will be held at Holy Rosary Church, 414 Lexington Ave., April 4-5, beginning with a 9 p.m. Mass in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Father Carl Longenback will officiate, assisted by Msgr. John Duffy, Fathers Robert F. McNamara, Francis Blighton, Robert Meng, and Deacon Steven Kraus.



Lisa Giglio and her painting.

## Takes Top Prize

Hornell — Lisa Giglio, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Giglio, Jr. recently won first place in the watercolor division of the 1975 area scholastic art competition.

The contest was co-sponsored by the New York State Art Teachers' Association and the Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Co. in Rochester where the art was on display. The Hornell High School Senior took top honors among 100 entries in the watercolor division. Miss Giglio is now eligible for judging on a national basis, in competition for a Hallmark Card Inc. award and national art scholarship money.

Among others, her painting is

## Project 'Poder' To Begin

The Roberto Cruz Building will soon house Project Poder, a joint program created by the CYO and the Puerto Rican Youth Development and Recreation Center. Poder is a Spanish word meaning power. The project, bilingual and bicultural, will serve needs of the Spanish youth community in Rochester.

Roberto Cruz was the victim in a shooting case last fall. He is paralyzed from the waist down and is confined to a wheelchair. He is 17 years old.

The youths involved in the project decided themselves to name the restored building after Cruz.

More than 35 youths donated more than 500 man hours restoring the former Washington Playground facilities for the project.

The project has been funded by the Monroe County Youth Board and the Community Chest as an extension project.

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