

St. Joseph's Hospital Celebrates Life



Elmira — Somehow it seems ironic. The weekend marked the completion of repair and renovation of St. Joseph's Hospital. Repair — from the fury of Agnes, that devastating storm of 1972 which had worked untold damage in this Southern Tier city.

And while hospital personnel were preparing for the celebration, they were also preparing for another onslaught from the elements, this time, storm Eloise.

Nevertheless by Sunday, Sept.

28, all was settled and festive for a triple celebration: the 67th anniversary of the facility, the dedication of the hospital's life supporting units and the restoration of flood damaged areas of the hospital. They wrapped it all up in two words:

Celebrate Life!

More than 1,000 people participated in the festivities including the notables, above, who are cutting the celebration's special cake.

They are (from the left) Judge Daniel J. Donahoe, chairman of the hospital's board; Sister Martha Gersbach, administrator; Father Richard Armstrong, MM, director of the Christophers; and Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty.



Josef Stein of Congregation B'nai Israel leads the group in praying Psalm 145 during the ecumenical dedication ceremonies. Seated behind him are (from

the left) Judge Donahoe, Sister Martha Gersbach, Bishop McCafferty and Father Cyril Gi of Pastor