

'Casa Italiana' Drive Kicked Off

Leaders of Rochester's Italian-American community kicked off a \$150,000 drive for funds to build a "Casa Italiana" on the Nazareth College campus. The campaign was launched at a luncheon attended by top drive leaders including Joseph J. LoCurto, chairman and Angelo Costanza, honorary chairman, and Joseph Anzalone, coordinator.

LoCurto said the "Casa" will provide facilities for academic, cultural and social programs planned by Nazareth's Center for Italian Studies which will benefit both the college and the Italian-American community. Construction is expected to begin sometime during the 1976-77 academic year.

The site for the "Casa" was

announced at the drive luncheon. The building will be in the southeast part of the Nazareth campus between the Arts Center and East Avenue, in the general area of the college's two existing foreign language centers, La Maison Francaise and the Casa Hispana.

According to LoCurto, Nazareth was chosen as the site for the "Casa" because of the college's unusually strong foreign language program and its interest in expanding its program of Italian studies. The idea for the new facility was discussed initially when community leaders and Nazareth officials joined in planning last year's "Primavera Italiana," a week-long festival designed to help commemorate the college's 50th anniversary.

The new building will include space for meetings and reception, a reading room, lounge and kitchenette. Planned activities include lectures, seminars, short courses, film festivals and social functions.

LoCurto said the program would be planned by a Center for Italian Studies advisory committee headed by Dr. Virginia Otto, chairman of the Nazareth Foreign Languages Department. Dr. Otto has already formed a group of over 20 area business, professional, and educational leaders to assist her.

Eagles Give Hospital \$250

Elmira — The rehabilitation center at St. Joseph's Hospital was the beneficiary of proceeds derived from Friday night fish fries sponsored by the Elmira Eagles Club Aerie 941.

A \$250 contribution in the name of Eagle trustee William Joslyn was presented to the director of the rehabilitation facility, Dr. William C. Schaefer.

Agency Disclaims 'Pizza Sale'

Dr. Edwin D. Savlov, president of the Monroe County Cancer and Leukemia Association, has announced that a current "pizza sale" is not sponsored by his organization. The sale has caused some controversy, and the association has received many questions about it.

Dr. Savlov points out that the Cancer and Leukemia Association is "a voluntary health agency, funded by the United Community Chest of Greater Rochester and individual contributions. We never conduct fund-raising drives, and are not affiliated with any other cancer or leukemia organization in this community."

Drivers Needed By Red Cross

Volunteer drivers to deliver blood to area hospitals, transport handicapped persons to swimming classes and carry meals to elderly shut-ins are needed by the Red Cross here, according to chapter officials.

"Our programs and services, especially blood, are growing so rapidly that the lack of drivers has become acute," Miss Kay Kinsky, volunteer chairman of transportation services, said. "Housewives, retirees, or anyone able to give one day every week or two would be a real help."

For more information or an interview appointment, the Red Cross can be contacted at 275-9800.

REMEMBRANCE

Dryden — Members of Holy Cross Church showed the true spirit of Christmas when they remembered residents of the Tompkins County Jail and the County Farm while presenting their gifts to the Christ Child. Many families visited the institutions. Christmas boxes were also distributed to needy families in the area. Father Kevin Murphy of the Cornell University Catholic Community concelebrated the Family Christmas Eve Mass.



1976 Class Officers

Newly elected class officers at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School are (left to right) Roman Nowosiadło, Paul Pochunow, Jean Zubrzycki and Sharon Donke.

ON THE RIGHT SIDE

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

To the Postmaster General

Dear Sir:

This letter has three points. The first is to express satisfaction with the service of our local post office. The second is to say that the selection of the Ghirlandaio painting for the 1975 Christmas stamp was a happy selection.

However, the third point is an earnest request to prepare for the Christmas stamp purchases for 1976, so that your clientele will be provided for. On Dec. 16 it was impossible to get any of the religious Madonna and Child Christmas stamps in Webster or in any of the surrounding post offices. And I suppose that was typical of most of the post offices throughout the country. And if you do not make provisions to have more printed for this coming Christmas, I suppose the same thing will happen again.

At this moment I am beginning a campaign to encourage people to use the religious stamps exclusively for their 1976 mailing. You can well imagine the deluge of requests which you will get when religious periodicals just publish a small legend, a couple months before Christmas, reading: "Keep Christ in the Christmas stamps." As far as I know, no periodical has done this, although some of the church bulletins have, with splendid results.

To Father Aedan McGrath, National Director of the Legion of Mary

Monday night, Dec. 29, I stopped at Ray Loyer's home in Penfield. You remember him from the retreat. And he is now the president of the Monroe Comitium. He is from St. Joseph's parish in Penfield. Ray had two tapes of your four retreat conferences given at the

Rochester Cenacle. He said, "I want to get them duplicated so others can hear the message." "Let me take them. I can get them duplicated professionally and in a hurry. Why delay?" The first didn't come out so well, but the other three are good. They give the Legionaries that insistence on door-to-door apostolate which the Witnesses and Mormons do so effectively, and the use of the Mariae Legionis monthly and the stress on prayer and the great consciousness of the Eucharistic Presence. The taped conferences will revitalize many of the praesidia. Of course your giving a plug for the Sheen tapes warmed my heart. One of the lady retreatants wrote for a set afterward and is highly pleased. Father Newcomb's parishioners at St. Cecilia's, Frank and Pat Shaughnessy, keep extra sets on hand for new clients.

Now an additional project which you might want to develop around the country. Our Rochester diocese has many Vietnamese families settling here. Last week Bishop Hogan arranged for a pre-Christmas Mass, sermon, confessions and get-together at Sacred Heart Cathedral for the Viets. A Vietnamese priest from Buffalo came to conduct the services, and zealous people from many parishes transported the new-people to the Cathedral. They had Mass in their own language. They sang Vietnamese hymns, had confessions afterward. Some one taped the whole affair. Well, not the confessions. But everything else.

Ray Loyer was involved in this, so I asked him: "Can you get me the tape recording the Vietnamese service?" He said: "Yes." Since you roam the States in your good Legion work, you may be able to spread the idea among other dioceses and Legionaries, to help the Vietnamese, and to help the Bishops who are responsible for them.

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W. DOUGLAS HOOVER

W. Douglas Hoover has joined the Nazareth College staff as the new comptroller. Dr. Alice L. Foley, college president, has announced. He succeeds the late James R. Chatterton, who served the college in that capacity for ten years.

Before coming to Nazareth, Hoover served as the director of student financial aid at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Prior to his position at RIT, he was the associate director of financial aid at the State University College at Brockport.

He holds a Bachelor of Science

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degree in economics from the State University at Brockport and a master's degree in business administration from RIT.

Hoover resides in Fairport with his wife Margaret and their two children.

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