

Eastside Ministry 'A Good Concept' Bishop Tells 450

By DICK BAUMBACH

Elmira — Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Bishop of Rochester, told more than 450 persons at a Mass of renewal last Thursday that he came to the Southern Tier to "be in a prayerful and reflective atmosphere as we look at the needs of the church."

"I have chosen, instead of an open forum, which would mean nothing and be counter-productive, a forum of prayer," the bishop said as he spoke during his homily at Notre Dame High School.

The bishop said, "When I speak of leadership I am talking about all of you because we have a common responsibility in helping the Church. That responsibility is not just mine but everyone's."

The bishop strongly stressed the "important role of Father Michael Reagan and Sister Mary Walter as my regional coordinators in this area. They are my personal representatives in this area. If things are to be organized I want them to be my resource people."

"I cannot emphasize enough that they are my personal representatives and that they receive assistance from my three regional representatives in this area. Your

regional representatives are (Mrs.) Hilda Stebbins, (Mrs.) Irene Navatta and Tom Costello."

The bishop also centered his attention on an Eastside Ministry proposal. "It is a good concept."

The Eastside Ministry proposal calls for the eventual consolidation of Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Cecilia and St. John the Baptist churches.

"If coordination does not take place these places will die. But I have no master plan. These proposals must be worked out."

"There may even be Northside, Westside and Southside ministries. I do not know this right now and that could be in the future," the bishop said.

Bishop Hogan made no reference to the controversy surrounding the transfer of Father James Callan. The controversy resulted in Southern Tier Catholics calling on the bishop to discuss the issue. However since the initial transfer many of those opposed to the transfer have discussed the overall renewal of the Church in the Southern Tier.

"We have gone through days which might be called moments of crisis, but they shouldn't be moments of fear. They should be



Father Reagan, Bishop Hogan and Father Francis R. Davis celebrate Mass at the recent meeting in Elmira.

looked upon as moments of blessings," the bishop said.

Bishop Hogan also announced during the Mass, which was celebrated by 21 area priests, that "the great celebration of unity, also known as the Christ Mass, will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul's here on the Tuesday of Holy Week."

"People come from all over the

diocese to this Mass of unity and the bishop said in commenting that I've always found something unique and special in this Mass," he would be the main celebrant at the service.

Church Sets Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a monthly event at Blessed Sacrament Church, will open at noon tomorrow, Thursday, March 4.

According to Ms. Wilma Higgs, promoter of the devotion nearly one hundred people gather each month for the devotion, and the number is growing.

The adoration has been singled out as a fitting preparation for the Eucharistic Congress to be held this year in Philadelphia, Aug. 1-8.

The event continues through the first Thursday afternoon of each month and closes with Mass and benediction at 5 p.m.

AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

If there was ever conclusive evidence that an actor depends heavily on the talents of both the scriptwriter and the director to make the most of his own art, then ABC's new cops and robbers entry may be it.

"Bert D'Angelo/Superstar," which made a recent debut in the 10 p.m. slot Saturdays across from Carol Burnett, should be a winner primarily because of the very solid talent of Paul Sorvino, an actor who has proven himself again and again.

But the premiere episode from the title on down was more silly than solid. "Superstar" is a nickname that D'Angelo has earned because of his success in nailing his culprits as a San Francisco detective. Whoever picked that one out of the hat has been watching too many Saturday morning comics. This is the Saturday night stay-at-home crowd that's watching, remember. All the cowboys turned on by that kind of flummery are in the movie houses being turned on by explicit dialogue and illicit sex, not home in front of the tube.

To make matters worse, the plot in the initial entry was contrived when Bert's former partner from New York turns killer, doing in his wife in New York and then a streetwalker in Frisco whom he has posing as his wife.

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It is up to D'Angelo to sort out truth from relayed fiction and adding to the mess is a drug pusher who witnesses the second murder and after an attempted shakedown becomes the third victim of the killer cop.

Because of the overwriting and overdirecting, Sorvino in moments that were supposed to develop his character is more embarrassing than anything else.

Whether he is greeting his long lost friend over the phone in operatic exuberance, hugging him in a bearish squeeze at a restaurant, or kissing the drug pusher's girlfriend who finally helps him solve the crime, D'Angelo/Sorvino/Superstar was more apt to make the viewer cringe than clap.

Obviously, this one series it would have been kinder to ignore but I've seen Sorvino in too many fine dramas, particularly one a year or so ago he did with Maureen Stapleton, to let it go by the boards.

Incidentally, this is the second time TV has done Sorvino in. His last series, created by Alan Alda, had him as a blue collar father trading bad quips with a wife and three kids in suburbia. Too bad he can't exercise a little more control in his starring vehicles.

Speaking of ABC and its cop series, someone should blow the whistle on "The Rookies" and "S.W.A.T." Those two have become progressively more violent with each succeeding season.

Business In The Diocese

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