

Hospital Program Draws 100 Clergy

Nearly 100 area clergymen attended a one-day program at St. Mary's Hospital recently and discussed the clergy's role in the care of cancer patients.

The program, which included a panel discussion led by Father James Schwartz, chaplain at Rochester General Hospital, featured a discussion of recent developments in cancer care by Dr. James Arseneau, assistant professor of medicine in oncology — University of Rochester, and head of the medical oncology unit, division of oncology, Rochester General Hospital.

Welcoming remarks were given by Sister DeChantal, administrator of St. Mary's Hospital and Father John Rosse, director of Pastoral Services at St. Mary's. Seminar moderator was Mrs. Barbara Humphrey, RN, oncology nurse specialist, Rochester General Hospital.

Members of the panel were Rabbi Judea B. Miller, Temple B'rith Kodesh; Mrs. Mary Ann Jennejohn, cancer patient; Marlene Pike, RN, mental health coordinator, St. Mary's Hospital; W. Bradford Patterson, MD, associate director of University of Rochester, Cancer Center; Barbara Humphrey, RN, oncology nurse specialist, Rochester General Hospital; and Rev. Thomas Mugavero, Messiah Lutheran Church.

Considerable discussion between panel members and the audience dealt with the relationship between the physician and the clergyman. It

was generally felt that more open communication between the two would be beneficial to the cancer patient.

It also was felt by physicians, clergy, nurses and other health related personnel that the clergy most definitely should be considered as part of the health care team. The physician and nurse can administer or prescribe the medication to heal the body, but it takes a skilled clergyman to give a patient love and compassion as well as the understanding that is so very critical to a patient's recovery.

Sponsors were The American Cancer Society, Pastoral Services Department of St. Mary's Hospital, Monroe County Department of Health and New York State Department of Health Cancer Control Bureau.

Bank Boosts Poison Control

In observance of Poison Control Week, Security Trust Company is distributing labels to identify household substances which could poison children. The labels picture a brightly colored policeman known as Officer Ugg, and the Lifeline 24-hour emergency number, 275-5151.

Sheets of labels are available free of charge at all 36 of the bank's offices. With the labels is a pamphlet containing advice on what to do in the event of accidental poisoning.

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Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

How it happened In 1972 Tony Costello, managing editor of the *Courier-Journal* phoned and said: "The CJ is having a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Will you act as pilgrimage conductor?" I did not know what a P.C. was, but have learned by experience that he is a kind of baggage master and a factotum to keep a group coordinated, healthy, together and happy. The second H. L. pilgrimage was March 3 to 12, and we have just returned from the holy places.

Who went? From Webster: Joseph DeVoldre and his wife Johanna, 56 years married, and like a couple of newlyweds; and at the last minute Mrs. Clara Netzman and her friend Mrs. Clara Hill signed up. From Auburn: the much traveled Leo Flanagan and his school-teacher wife, Dorothy Redman; and their nurse-niece Helen; and Mrs. Violet W. Fitzgerald who was a student at Holy Family School, a few years behind me. From Owego: Genevieve Heffron, chairman of St. Patrick's Liturgical committee, who fell asleep during the only homily given at Mass in Jerusalem! From Washington: Ellen Ganey, an Auburnian by roots, and alumnae secretary of Trinity College for many years. From St. Petersburg: Mrs. Rhea McCormick Gartland, with roots in Rochester, who with her husband seems to be related by blood and friendship to dozens of clergy and religious. From Homell: pharmacist Gus Dunn and wife Catherine, and their young son, W. Augustine, better known as Bill, who is a professional actor. From Rochester: Walter Bull, a Kodak retiree, and his wife Florence; Ms. Gertrude A. Taylor,

who has been retired from Kodak for two years, and has become a great traveler. And finally Mrs. George Bryant, a sister of the late Father Hugh Bisky, a sister of the late Father Hugh Bisky, and her daughter, Mrs. Dolores Dennis, who is the mother of eight, and the secretary of the Diocesan Educational Office. It was a varied and a devout group of people who combined piety with cheerfulness to absorb the maximum in grace and graciousness.

How were the accommodations? Well, it was a bit soul-disturbing to be so well bedded and lodged while on a religious pilgrimage. But no one complained about the comfortable lodging and the interesting foods which were mostly native foods: Jewish in Tel Aviv and Tiberias; Greek in Athens; Arabic in Jerusalem. At Tiberias, which is on the border of the Sea of Galilee we had a kosher breakfast: hard boiled eggs, sardines, yogurt, fruit juice, coffee without milk and bread without butter, kosher regulations. It isn't my idea of the ideal American breakfast, but most of us wanted to experience the native foods. In Jerusalem we had Arabic meals, excepting the continental breakfast, which means a bug bun, coffee, orange juice and butter if you ask for it. In Athens the food was native, beginning with a noon lunch of a Greek caviar paste, meat balls with Greek sauce, roast pork and a luscious pastry for dessert. All drinks in Europe and in the East, excepting at breakfast, are extra. In Israel coffee or tea was 75c for a pot of two cups; in Greece it was 85c. However all the meals were included in the Tour Package. We all ate together. This has both financial and social advantages and quickly unified our group.

What was the highlight of the pilgrimage? That varies with individuals. For Mrs. Fitzgerald it probably was the one night she spent in an interesting St. Joseph's Hospital in Jerusalem, run by some grand nuns. For young Bill Dunn it might have been meeting by plan a girl in Jerusalem whom he had known in the States and who has moved to Israel. For Mrs. Bull it was the sepulcher of Our Savior. For me it was Mass at the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. But this we can discuss next week.

TV Series to Focus On Criminal Justice

"Justice for All," a four-part television series on the criminal justice system, will be presented on Channel 21 during April.

Interested persons are urged to form groups to view the shows together and discuss them. Guide books for discussion leaders are available from the Judicial Process

Commission, 101 Plymouth Ave. South, Rochester, 14608. A session for discussion leaders is scheduled for Monday, April 19 at Channel 21, 280 State St., Rochester.

The first show, April 6, is "Crime, criminals and the system." On April 13, "Fear, crime and the community" will be shown. "Justice and the criminal courts" follows on

April 20, and "The role of the community," April 27. The Tuesday showings will be at 8 p.m.; each show will be repeated on the following Saturday, at 6 p.m.

The diocesan Office of Human Development suggests that parish Human Development committees participate in the program.

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