

Msgr. Simonetti to Note 40 Years as a Priest

Msgr. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor of Church of the Annunciation in Rochester will celebrate his 40th anniversary to the priesthood Sunday, April 11. He will offer a special Mass of Thanksgiving on that day at 12:15 p.m. Msgr. Arthur E. Ratigan, former pastor of St. Ambrose and now retired, a classmate of Msgr. Simonetti, will give the homily. Knights of St. John will serve as honor guards and the

vested adult choir will sing the Mass.

An adult reception is scheduled in the parish hall at 1760 Norton St. from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be a special Mass for Annunciation School children on Friday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m. and on Saturday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m. for CCD children.

Msgr. Simonetti was born in Rochester Aug. 12, 1910, son of the late Lorenzo and Adelaide Simonetti. He attended Holy Rosary School, Aquinas Institute, St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary, St. Bernard's Seminary and completed his studies in Pontificio Collegio Leoniano in Anagni, Italy.

On April 11, 1936 he was ordained in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, Rome, by Cardinal Marchetti-Salvagiani. For the past 23 years he has been pastor of Annunciation. During this time he supervised the building of a parish school opened in 1958 and a new octagonal-shaped church where Bishop James Kearney offered the first Mass Oct. 1, 1967.



MSGR. SIMONETTI

Monsignor has served as an assistant pastor at the former Our Lady of Sorrows and at St. Francis Xavier. He was appointed pastor of St. Anthony's, Elmira, December of 1942 and served there until June of 1953.

In August 1961, Bishop Kearney appointed him as Diocesan Consultor in which capacity he served until Bishop Kearney retired. In 1962 Pope John XXIII named him a Domestic Prelate with the title of Reverend Monsignor.

THE OPEN WINDOW



Fr. Louis Hohman

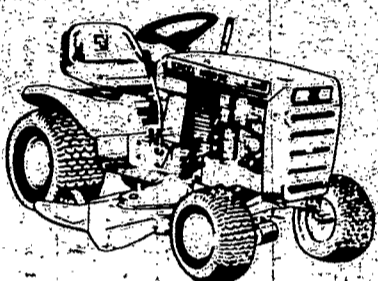
I am wondering about the logistics of individual Rites of Reconciliation if they are going to last somewhere between ten and fifteen minutes. That would mean that the Priest would hear a maximum of six per hour. In a parish where there were a thousand families it would take forever for individuals to get to Confession even once.

This could be a real problem in terms of making arrangements for individual Rites of Reconciliation but we do not envision frequent use of these rites as in the old days when many people came to confession weekly or even monthly. Father Joseph Champlin, the liturgist, feels that about every three months would be a proper spacing. This would conform to the changes of seasons just as the ember days did in times past. I think it will be true that many people will simply not take part in this rite except perhaps once a year in connection with their Easter Duty. This may seem very upsetting to many people who feel that the Sacrament of Penance should be received much more frequently but if it is done right it would be a lot better than many confessions made routinely. We will just have to wait and see how this will work out. Sometime in the future it might have to be done by appointment. However, in the meantime we as priests must try to make ourselves available at the right times and in an amount of time sufficient to take care of everyone who desires to receive the Sacrament of Penance. Adjustments will follow from that.

Along that particular line, I have attended several communal penance services in which individual confession and absolution was given. The latter part of the ceremony seemed to drag on interminably with only a few interspersed hymns to break the monotony. Many people simply left the Church and the whole thing seemed to end on a rather negative note.

This has indeed been one of the problems revolving around the communal penance service with individual confession and absolution. Perhaps one of the remedies will be to instruct people that when they go to confession under these particular circumstances there will be no advice or counsel given; there will simply be a declaration of their sins with immediate absolution, and if they desire or need counsel or further conversation with the confessor they should choose another time for it. In other words, they would be asked to make an individual Rite of Reconciliation at some other time. Otherwise I think you are right. There has to be a certain rhythm in liturgy and when it is dragged out for whatever reason, that rhythm is lost. The net result is that the precise meaning of it and the effect that it is supposed to produce are lost.

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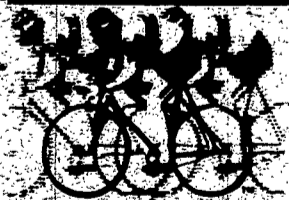
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TEAM FETED

Danville — A banquet here March 23 honored the basketball players, coaches, and cheerleaders that represented St. Mary's this season. Coaches John Burdick, Michael Wilcox, Dean Englert and Mark VanDurme coached 25 players from the fifth through eighth grades. Mary Ann Loncao was the advisor of the nine member cheerleading squad. Featured speaker at the banquet was Thomas Downey, Canisteo basketball coach.

DINNER DANCE

St. Theodore's Rosary Altar Society will present a spring dinner dance, "Let the Good Times Roll" April 24 in the parish hall, 170 Spencerport Rd. A buffet featuring roast beef, ham, macaroni and salads will be served at 8 p.m. Coffee and donuts will be served at midnight. Music will be provided by Freddie Beck and His Orchestra. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Salvati, 426-0709, Mr. and Mrs. John Leuzzi, 426-1710, or Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Ferrari, 426-0983.

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