

COURIER-CALENDAR

Class Reunion — Immaculate Conception, Rochester, Class of 1921; Bary's Restaurant, 4370 Dewey, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27. Details from Ruth Hemmerich, 392-9461, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Parish Picnic — Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 6, Seneca Park Pavilion 2.

Parish Dinner — Salute to school staff at Ss. Peter and Paul, Elmira, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 2.

Catholic Widowed Parents Club — Election of officers, 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 4, St. Theodore's, 168 Spencerport Rd. Talk by Betty Remington, of Literacy Volunteers.

St. Mothers Club — Installation banquet, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3; Royal Scot, 657 E. Ridge Rd. Reservations by Tuesday, June 1, with Evelyn Rinere, 544-1732; Marie DeMarco, 671-6007; JoAnne Tuccio, 342-8262.

Southwest Golden Age Group — Meeting at 34 Monica St., 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 28.

Nazareth Film Festival — Showboat, 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, Nazareth Academy, 1001 Lake.

Senior Citizen Matinee — Stagedoor, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3; Dryden Theatre at Eastman House, 900 East Ave.

Deadline

Calendar items should be mailed to the Courier-Journal Calendar Desk, 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604. Deadline is Wednesday noon, one week ahead of the publication date.

CONESUS WOMEN LIST EVENTS

Conesus — The women of St. William parish will take part in the monthly Nocturnal Adoration at St. Joseph's, Livonia, from 11 p.m. until midnight Saturday, May 29.

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The St. William Altar Society annual banquet is scheduled for Monday, June 31, at Maxim's in Livonia. Reservations may be made with Charlotte Wood at 346-2840.

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Region Asks Report On Congress Spending

The Executive Committee of the Northwest Region sent a proposal to the Diocesan Pastoral Council, Sisters' Council and Priests' Council, which asks Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty, diocesan episcopal adviser to the 41st Eucharistic Congress, to express the region's concern for the expense of the Congress to the Board of Governors.

The regional committee, comprising coordinators, standing committee chairpersons, assembly delegates and DPC representatives, asks that in light of the increased operational costs in the diocese the Congress Board of Governors "spell out" these expenses.

[Contacted by the Courier-

Journal Bishop McCafferty said he is preparing a reply to the letter. He said that Cardinal John Krol of host city Philadelphia has already received such criticism. The cardinal has said that expenses have been held to a minimum but that publicizing the congress and preparing sites for it has not been cost-free. It has been necessary, the cardinal has said, to maintain staff to provide housing, arrange programs, etc.

[The cardinal also reminded critics that Operation Rice Bowl was a project of the Eucharistic Congress.

[He further stated that several speakers have been invited to represent Third World countries with the offer to cover transportation if necessary. These include such notables as Mother Teresa of India and Dom Helder Camara of Brazil.

[Bishop McCafferty pointed out that Dom Helder himself was host of the 36th Eucharistic Congress. He recalled that the Brazilian archbishop recently stated, "Today at the Eucharistic Congress, as in the congress at Brazil, my See, we are witnessing the presence of Christ in the Eucharist as a help for remembering that Christ is living in oppressed peoples."

The Northwest Committee expressed particular concern with the donation of \$100,000 by the Knights of Columbus for the construction of a temporary altar in Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia, the site of the Congress.

The proposal stated, "We feel the use of the \$100,000 donation by the Knights of Columbus for the building of an altar is contrary to the interpretation of modern day Gospel values. This represents a distorted understanding of Eucharist and a betrayal of the theme of the Congress, The Hunger of the Human Family."

Father William Amann, regional coordinator, explained that the committee wants to know where the diocesan money is going. It wants to be sure it is only going to programs which have top priority. The Northwest Executive Committee does not consider an expensive altar necessary to the success of the Eucharistic Congress.

The three diocesan consultative bodies apparently will not become involved in the question im-

mediately. Father James Marvin, president of the Priests' Council, reported that the proposal was received too late to be placed on the June agenda. Neither Alan Monahan, president of the Pastoral Council, nor Sister Ann Miller, president of the Sisters Council, had seen the proposal by the Courier-Journal deadline.

Elmer Von Feldt, editor of the Knights of Columbus Columbia Magazine, stated Monday that he had not seen the proposal yet but that others have questioned the donation. Von Feldt said that the Knights made the money available to the congress because of a special request made by Cardinal Krol.

He said that the Knights gave the money to the organizing committee to "do with what they will." The Knights have no say in how the money is spent, he said. Von Feldt said that he understood the expense of the altar was due mainly to the building of a raised platform which will cover a large area of the field.

Von Feldt said that the Knights of Columbus donate \$10 million a year to charitable services and that a gift which honors the Eucharistic Christ is justified. "One (kind of donation) does not cancel out the other," he said.

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