

Bishop Kearney, Father Joseph Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's, and Bishop McCafferty review Alumni Giving Program.

Seminary Names Bishops To Head Alumni Drive

With the imminent opening of St. Bernard's Seminary fall semester, a number of news items last week came to the attention of the press. Chief among them was the announcement that Bishop James E. Kearney and Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty have been named honorary chairman and chairman,

respectively, of the school's second annual Alumni Giving Program.

In a letter to alumni, both clerical and lay, Bishop McCafferty commented "We are asking for your financial support with attention focused on maintaining and

developing Spiritual Formation, which must be integrated with academics and facilities as a vital part of the unique and sublime purpose of the Seminary."

Also on the alumni side, the seminary has named a 12-member alumni advisory committee, representing lay and clerical alumni from various years.

The group will work under the direction of Matthew Paratore, director of seminary relations, and includes John J. Barnoski, Rochester; Msgr. Ronald C. Bill, Binghamton; Father Gene E. Gianelli, Hartford, Conn.; Father Frank J. Gilchrist, Albany; Father Thomas S. Koester, Rochester; David C. Kunz, Erie, Pa.; Father Phillip J. Lioi, Ithaca; Father Euclid A. Marier, Malone; Father Michael C. Palmer, Bridgeport, Conn.; Father Frederick R. Parke, Syracuse; Steven J. Powers, Scotia; and Dr. Ronald F. Proud, Rochester.

The duties of the group were not defined.

The school, which will open this year on Aug. 27, will welcome students from a number of religious orders and dioceses including the Dioceses of Albany, Providence, Rochester, Syracuse, Wilmington, Worcester, Bridgeport, Orlando, Fla., and Norwich, Conn.

New faculty members this fall include:

Father David F. Kelly of Worcester, Mass., as assistant professor of Moral Theology; Ms. Anne Minton, as teacher of Church History; Father Matthew Vanissery of Kerala, India, as a special lecturer on Special Problems in Human Knowledge; Sister Michael Lappetito, RSM, as a special lecturer in Contemporary Religious Education; Ms. Mary Dornbeck, as special lecturer in Myth and Dream in Human Experience; Ms. Janet Foy, as special lecturer on Ministering to Women; and Father Brian Murphy, O. Carm., as special lecturer in Sacramental Theology.

Parish Life Workshops

"Revitalization of the Parish," a series of workshops to help the participants in their understanding of Pastoral Theology and to develop their practical skills for the building of community through dialogue, has been conducted through the summer. Its fourth and final session of the year will be August 8-13.

The workshops are conducted at the Maria Stein Retreat Renewal Center in Ohio. They are aimed at strengthening parish life through presentations by guest lecturers and discussion afterwards.

All age groups are represented at the six day program which shows how some parishioners have succeeded in revitalizing parish life to other interested parishioners throughout the county.

Angelo and Margaret Turiano, members of Assumption parish attended the most recent workshop. They said the workshops stressed the need for parishioners to unite in small closely knit groups dedicated to their parish.

The Revitalization of the Parish Workshop concentrates on four themes: Focus Life, Basic Ecclesiastical Communities, Church in the Neighborhood and Christ Renews His Parish.

Bishop Albert H. Ottenweller, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo, who spoke on Church in the Neighborhood, mentioned to the Turianos that he would be willing to speak to the Rochester clergy about the implementation of a similar program here.

People interested in the program may write to Revitalization of the Parish, Maria Stein Retreat Renewal Center, P.O. Box 128, Maria Stein, Ohio 45860.

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Sarah Child

The picnic, the barbecue, or dining al fresco, if you will, has come under attack by a British writer.

One Henry Fairlie not only had the nerve to take issue with such American foods as clam chowder and strawberry cheese cake as fit food for his queen when she visited the U.S. but leveled his guns at such national institutions as the sandwich, the snack, and indirectly the cafeteria.

But he saved his loudest petard for two of America's most beloved customs—the cookout and the eat-out, in which we leave our screened kitchens to go into the yard and patio, where myriads of insects of all sizes gather and dive to the attack with the malign determination of kamikaze pilots.

As one who almost always prefers dining out—outside that is—to the confines of four walls and usual amenities I felt it my duty to defend the popular American pastime.

I have had some practice. My husband, who is no Englishman periodically decries my rustic bent, asking petulantly if I am saving our bone china for my second husband.

The truth is that I am as charmed by fine porcelain, starched linen tablecloths and bell-toned crystal as the next sybarite.

Flickering candlelight, soft music and ankle deep carpets underfoot are all delightful—in the dead of winter.

But let's be honest. All those

items are merely artificial substitutes for the real thing.

If you don't believe it, take a look at a few dining rooms. The wall to wall acrilan is a chemical invention designed to make us forget the pleasure of thick, lush grass underfoot. Hanging plants, floral centerpieces? An attempt to bring the outdoors in. The walls? Covered with a paper patterned to simulate flowers, greenery, a trellis or even a mural depicting the hunt, an arbor or woodland bower.

The stereo? Can't compete with a chorus of crickets or peepers from the pond. The soft, flickering glow of a candle? Almost as lovely as starshine.

Mosquitos, ants and other crawlly things do exist, as Fairlie charges, with July and August being the two worst months at least in this part of the country. And yes, that's when most of us answer the urge to cart the food outside anyway.

But there are better times to picnic, at least in the view of this al fresco freak.

One is in the midst of winter when the fern covered forest floor is hidden with snow. A couple of stumps brushed off as table and chair with thermos of hot cocoa to warm one's insides and accompany crusts of homemade bread and hard cheese can be pure ambrosia.

Early spring is another fine time to pack up the basket and munch away to the tune of a March brook just broken free from February's ice or a cardinal first on the scene to sound his territorial call.



But my very favorite picnic season is fall. Early frosts have already dealt with the insect world. The sky is startlingly blue, the grass still thick, the cleaves in flame and the air so crisp that sweaters and sweatshirts are a must.

A cast iron frying pan for the homefires, an old enameled tin coffeepot, the aroma of its contents mingling with the smell of the fire, a deserted park—these are but some of the ingredients of a dining experience so exquisite as to almost defy description. And a moment that the poor underprivileged English writer obviously has yet to experience.

ITHACA FESTIVAL
Ithaca — "International Day" will be the theme for Immaculate Conception's Festival '76 scheduled for Sept. 25. Volunteers are still needed and may call the rectory.

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