



Father Raymond J. Wahl, pastor of Sacred Heart, Auburn, and spiritual director of the Auburn Curia of the Legion of Mary, recently hosted 13 children from St. Bridget's Parish, Rochester, at his small farm in the Bristol Hills. The children were able to feed and ride horses at the farm and swim in the pool. For several years, Father Wahl has invited children to come to the farm, named Cova De Iria after the location of Our Lady's appearance to the children of Fatima. Women from the Legion of Mary served as chaperones.

Fun in Them Thar Hills

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Thirteen girls, ages 7 to 13 from St. Bridget's in Rochester, were guests of Father Raymond Wahl, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Auburn, for three days of fun and frolic at his summer hide-a-way, Cova de Iria, nestled away in the Bristol hills.

By the second day of this annual treat most were old hands with the

two horses tethered in the grassy clearing in the midst of the woods.

Legion of Mary members from the Auburn Curia chaperoning the girls, spent considerable time between the pool and the kitchen where the peanut butter, chili, and tuna fish flowed under their culinary expertise.

The most exciting part probably came when Father Francis Vogt, pastor of St. Bridget's, who trans-

ported the girls to the camp, was reported to have ended up in the pool.

The girls made good use of the pool, overcast skies or not, only to disappear into the camp when the sunlight came out. Sidewalk games from the city were translated into living room dialogue with animated action. At one point a Legion of Mary chaperone found herself on the ground level of a human pyramid.



THE OPEN WINDOW



Fr. Louis Hohman

Dear Father Hohman,
I read in the Courier-Journal that the Mass will be adapted in some localities so that it will provide meaning and [that over-worked word] "relevance" to minority cultures. If adaptations of the Mass can be made for one particular culture or other, why can it not also be adapted so that it will have meaning and relevance to traditional Catholics. The Tridentine Mass to this day has much meaning and relevance to many Catholics. Why can not one Tridentine Mass be scheduled for Sunday to satisfy the spiritual and cultural needs of thousands of traditional Catholics? It is possible that this might increase church attendance and church offerings.

Signed, R.L.

Dear R.L.,
The question that you ask is very interesting and could have several answers. The first and most obvious answer would be, "sure, why not?" But this would imply that a tendency toward the Tridentine culture, if you will, is an ongoing and valid one just as the national and ethnic cultures are. If it is, then I see no reason why an adaptation of the Mass in that particular

NATIONAL WINNER

Karen DiDomenico of Rochester placed fourth in a national essay contest sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians. Ms. DeDomenico's award, in the high school division, netted a prize of \$15.

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direction could not be provided for those people.

However, Rome seems to think in terms of traditionalists as needing to be respected and helped but eventually brought over into the main stream of the post Vatican II liturgy. If we look at it from this point of view then these people are finding solace and comfort in the Tridentine Mass because of their psychological need for security in the past and their need to hold on to something which has been a part of their life for so long. That would correspond, I suppose, to the need for Spanish speaking or other cultures to hold on to their old ways. I personally see the real question as to whether the devotion to the Tridentine Mass is basically a cultural thing or a psychological crutch from which people should be gradually weaned. Right now I cannot see myself taking sides definitively in either direction, which will no doubt produce some more mail indicating that I am an expert "fence rider." So be it.

As far as increasing church attendance and church offerings, that would have little importance as far as I am concerned because the reasons for people coming to church should very definitely transcend the business of a particular cultural liturgy. Liturgy should be meaningful but to equate attendance with a particular cultural variety is perhaps to go too far.

Livingston Priests Join Debate on Alive Center

Geneseo — The priests of Livingston County have joined the clergy of Geneseo and the County Chamber of Commerce in support of the Alive Center, in its controversy with the State Office of Drug Abuse Services. The state has suspended funding of the Livingston Crisis Intervention and Prevention Center, known as the Alive Center, for refusal to allow inspection of client files by state officials.

Father Henry Atwell, pastor of St. Agnes, Avon, who wrote a letter to Gov. Hugh Carey supporting the center, noted that if the records were inspected by state officials, they would be obligated to turn over information of drug abuse violations to legal authorities. Father Atwell pointed out that the center must protect the anonymity of clients in order to function.

The letter, signed by ten pastors and assistants who work in Livingston County, called on state officials to meet with Howard Myers, the Alive Center's director, "to resolve the present impasse promptly so that the services of the center can again be available to the many people who desire and need them."

The letter called for the issue to be taken to arbitration, if necessary.

A meeting last Wednesday night between state officials and Myers failed to resolve the crisis, according to a spokesperson at the center. She added that further meetings are planned.

The center, which provides counseling without charge, is the only such service in Livingston County.

PRODUCE NEEDED

Penn Yan — The area Council of Churches, including St. Michael's parish, is asking people to take any extra produce, from home gardens, to the storage barn behind the American Legion every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. These vegetables will be distributed to the needy.

Fund Raiser Not for US

The Rochester based Association for Retarded Citizens, which operates the Al Sigl Center, has issued a statement pointing out that the local association is not affiliated with the National Association for Retarded Citizens, which is currently conducting a fund raising campaign in New York State.

The local organization also states that none of the funds collected by the National Association are used for direct services to the retarded in New York State.

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