

SOUTHERN TIER AUBURN-GENEVA

'Service' Is Aim, Fr. Heindl Says

By Mary Ann Ginnerty

Auburn — Father Elmer Heindl, regional coordinator of the Seneca-Cayuga Region, outlined his role at the Oct. 28 regional assembly saying that his effectiveness can only be measured by "the extent that I can be of service to you."

"My role is not to tell committees what to do, but to be aware of the sources of our discussions and ideas so we can truly represent you."

He reminded the assembly that the idea behind regionalism is to work for unity, build up God's kingdom and carry out the thrust of the Bishop.

After Father Heindl's opening address the assembly approved a recommendation introduced by

the regional Human Development Committee, which will give the local share of Rice Bowl money to the major food pantries in the region.

Last year's regional officers outlined their job responsibilities prior to the election of new officers. Elected were Kathie Fox, president; Penny Perez, vice-president; Mary Franchina, secretary and Mary Jane Cox, treasurer.

Also aired at the meeting was the hope the whole region could be involved in planning the Christ Mass set for St. Mary's Auburn. Robert Hoffman, religious education coordinator at St. Alphonsus has accepted chairmanship of the regional education committee, it was announced.



Mall Display

Photo by Martin Toombs

The Southern Tier Curia of the Legion of Mary had a display at The Mall in Big Flats the last two days of October. Ready to answer questions on the Legion in the area are Bobbie Masny (left) of St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads, and Evangeline Rice of St. Patrick's, Elmira.

Full Participation Seen As Goal of Liturgists

Elmira — Sixty persons attended the liturgy workshop at Notre Dame High School Oct. 29-30. The group representing nearly every parish in the Chemung-Schuyler Region, and one from Tompkins-Tioga, heard talks by members of the diocesan liturgy office and participated in workshops.

Father Robert Kennedy, director of the Liturgy Office, said he was satisfied with the attendance and was encouraged by the broad representation. Eight similar meetings are scheduled for various places in the diocese during the next few months.

In opening the workshop Friday night, Father Kennedy noted that a parish community is a group of diverse people, who have as a single common bond their faith. As a result, "our worship is the center and foundation of all parish activity," he said.

He emphasized that renewal of liturgy is "not adding something new, but deepening new relationships." The impulse of some liturgy committees to renew the liturgy by such things as banners, lay readers or folk groups, he said "can be helpful," but "only secondarily." The most important goal for a liturgy committee to strive for is "full participation" of the congregation, he said.

"Your job description," he told the group, "is to lead all of those people to full active participation through knowledge of your people, your committee, planning and organization. It's a big job."

Workshop participants heard advice on how to tackle that job during Saturday's sessions. Two general sessions were supplemented by two hours of seminars focusing on organization, planning, ministry, and symbols and symbolic action. — Toombs



Family Baptism

Photo by Martin Toombs

The parish of St. Stanislaus, Bradford added an entire family Friday, Oct. 29 when the Lauren D. Houck family was baptized. Father Gerard J. Guli, pastor of St. Stanislaus and St. Joseph's, Campbell, performed the ceremony. The Houck family is in front, with their sponsors standing behind: Lauren Houck and his wife Vivian, sponsored by Robert and Mary Perkins; sons Jeff, 10, sponsored by Angela Merola and Marco Merola; and John 17, sponsored by Alice and Harold English.

United Way Makes Special Appeal

Elmira — Richard Evans, chairman of the 1977 Chemung County United Way-Red Cross Campaign, currently underway, issued this statement in the wake of the announcement of the closing Dec. 1 of the Westinghouse Color Tube Division in Horseheads, employer of 1,200 persons.

"In the past, the employees of Westinghouse have been generous in their support of the United Way-Red Cross Campaign. It's now our turn to give them the support they may need in the days ahead. The United Community Services and officials at Westinghouse have started working together to develop a plan where public and private agencies in the community can be of assistance to those employees who are affected by this plant closing. Because of these increased needs, it is mandatory that this year's campaign be a successful one."

St. Patrick's History Planned

Owego — St. Patrick's Church has announced plans to publish a history of the parish dating back 135 years as a feature of its anniversary celebration. Co-pastors Father Thomas Watts and Father Albert Cason have noted the importance of preserving the spirit and heritage which brought the congregation into being in 1842 and of recording the role the parish has played in the life of the community through the years.

In order to compile an authentic history which does justice to the many people who have been members and have contributed to the life of the church, the parish is appealing to the entire community of Owego, to former parishioners and to the people of St. Patrick's for any information and pictures which relate to the origin and activities of the church through the years. Any relevant materials should be sent to Father Watts or Father Cason at St. Patrick's.

Father Watts and Father Cason have expressed the desire for the history to be both a tribute to their people and a lasting contribution to the history of Owego.

It is expected that the book will be ready for distribution by Easter, 1977.

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'Sharing' The Key To Better Liturgies

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Seneca Falls — Helping worshippers take full advantage of the uniqueness of their faith communities through sharing ideas and identifying and working on common problems is the core of the Cayuga-Seneca Regional Liturgy Committee program.

The regional liturgy committee feels that attending various liturgies throughout the region can provide a growth experience for the regional representatives as well as the host parish.

It is hoped this process will be adopted on a regional basis following evaluation of its effectiveness later this year.

A questionnaire being tested in the parishes includes such factors as parking facilities, feeling of welcome, rhythm of the liturgy,

coordination of theme and music and other practical and liturgical elements.

"This is definitely not an attempt at standardization, but it is viewed by the committee as a channel for helping. The focus is not on personalities, but an effort to capture a spirit of growth. It was felt this might well help parishes better themselves by sharing ideas," said Father James C. Enright, who assembled the committee.

Father Leo Lynch, pastor of St. Patrick's and Father Elmer Heindl, regional coordinator, were contributing participants in the critique hosted by St. Patrick's liturgy committee.

The goals and procedures of this technique will be evaluated following the committee's visit to St. Joseph's, Weedsport, in November and St. Mary's Auburn, in December.

Dollar Dinner Arranged 'Strictly for Hunger'

Elmira — The Interfaith Social Action Coalition is sponsoring a poverty meal "strictly for hunger" Monday, Nov. 22 at the Elmira College Campus Center from 6 to 8 p.m. The simple meal will cost one dollar for adults and fifty cents for children. A presentation on world hunger will be given, and the program will conclude with an interfaith prayer service.

The coalition is the group that sponsored the CROP Walk for Hunger Palm Sunday, 1976. Its 30

members represent Jewish, Protestant and Catholic faiths.

Suzanne Holahan, a member, said that the group wants to "drive home the problem of world hunger." Other programs are in the planning stage, she reported.

Sharing in any proceeds from the meal will be the Salvation Army and the Rescue Mission in Elmira; Bread for the World and Church World Service groups fighting world hunger. Tickets are being sold in advance and at the door.

DINNER DANCE:

Elmira — The Notre Dame Parent Teachers Organization will hold its annual dinner-dance at Notre Dame Nov. 13 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. A buffet featuring ham and beef will precede the dance music, performed by the Jim Caccia Trio. Reservations can be made by contacting Mrs. Carol Lisi, 732-7293; Mrs. Dolores Boedicker, 732-8937; Mrs. Mary Petzke, 732-2138 or Mrs. Janis Zelko, 739-7621.

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