

CERT's Got Teachers Going Back to Class

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Coming — Continuing Education for Religion Teachers (CERT) has been more than just a good idea at several locations in the diocese during the past few months. Since September, CERT programs have been conducted in Seneca-Cayuga, Tompkins-Tioga, Livingston-Stauben, Chemung-Schuyler regions and Monroe County. The programs have drawn volunteer CCD teachers who receive Basic Teacher Certificates when they complete the courses.

CERT programs are organized by the region or parish where they take place, with the assistance of Sister Elizabeth Hughes, consultant for Adult Education in the diocesan

education office. Each class has its own character. Three different programs were available in Seneca-Cayuga, two in Auburn and one in Waterloo. Other programs have been conducted at St. Mary's, Elmira; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; and St. Patrick's, Corning.

The Livingston-Stauben program at St. Patrick's was organized by Sister Mary Lynch, St. Patrick's Religious Education Coordinator.

Topics have included morals, the New Testament, and other areas of special interest to religion teachers, as well as methods of teaching. On Tuesday, Nov. 9, the 35 members of the Corning group heard Mrs. Patty Welles, a professor at Elmira College, discuss concepts of educational psychology.

Sister Mary commented that the program has been successful, both in the quality of the speakers and the interest and participation of those attending.

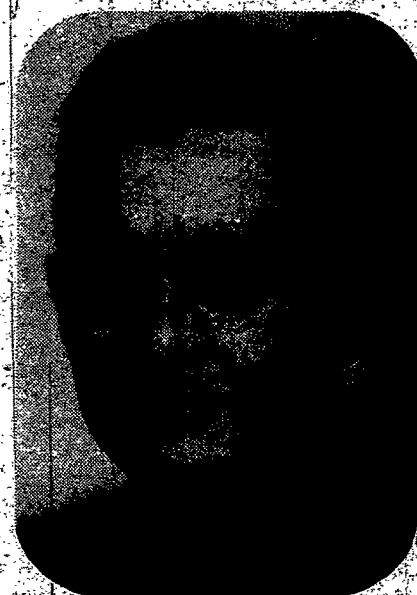
Don van Hogan of St. Mary's, Bath, also said that the program has been excellent, that it was worth the trip from Bath each time.

Mrs. Welles discussed learning by children at various stages of their development. She explained that children, at different times, have difficulty with concepts, and that a teacher should not attempt something the children are not ready for. She also discussed the importance of maintaining the interest of the students, and a few methods for achieving interest. New classes are currently being planned, and are scheduled to begin in January.



Uniform Party

The CYO of St. Cecilia's and Ss. Peter and Paul parishes in Elmira will have their annual party Thursday, Nov. 18 in St. Cecilia's Hall at 7 p.m. The party will raise funds for uniforms for three basketball teams, baseball, kickball and cheerleaders. Pictured above are team members and cheerleaders: (top, from left) John Nichols, Patricia Cleary and Charlotte O'Brien; middle, Jacy Ramsey; bottom, Jim Nichols, Steve Eller and Dan Eller.



MSGR. KELLEHER

Divorce to Be Topic at Sage

Ithaca — On Sunday, Nov. 21, Msgr. Stephen Kelleher will address the issue, "The Catholic Church and Divorce," during the Sage Convocation in Sage Chapel, Cornell, at 11 a.m. A luncheon following the convocation is open to the public.

Msgr. Kelleher brings to this issue much pastoral and legal experience. For 25 years he was on the Marriage Tribunal for the Archdiocese of New York, with six of those years as presiding judge. He has acted as consultant to the U.S. Catholic Bishops, Canon Law Societies of several nations, and the Pontifical Commission revising Canon Law. He is the author of numerous articles and a recent book, "Divorce and Remarriage for Catholics."

On Saturday, Nov. 20, at 8:30 p.m., the Cornell Catholic Community will host an informal discussion of the marriage laws of the Church with Msgr. Kelleher in the Founders Room, Anabel Taylor Hall. Catholics in the region are cordially invited. More information is available through Sister Mary Lee Bishop at the Catholic Office, (607) 256-4228.

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Regional Highlights

TOMPKINS-TIOGA

The Tompkins-Tioga Regional Assembly met Oct. 17 at Immaculate Conception School, Ithaca. The assembly took the form of a workshop dealing with the authority of parish councils. Father Douglas Hoffman, Office of Pastoral Ministry director, addressed the assembly and participated in the workshop.

The priests of the region have voted to "turn over any monies realized from the Respect Life Sunday Program to local Right-to-Life groups." The money will be divided equally between the two country Right-to-Life groups.

Geneva Knights Seek Members

Geneva — The Knights of Columbus council 272 here recently launched Score 77, a membership drive, under the direction of H. "Ham" Riccione.

And the response to date, "has been overwhelming," Riccione said. He is conducting his campaign by appealing to the service the Knights perform for Church, community and youth.

The council is nearly 80 years old.

PARISH PARTY

Elmira — An hour of joyful song by the Alleluia Chorus will highlight the parish Christmas Party at Ss. Peter and Paul, on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. A social hour will follow in the parish hall, featuring a visit by Santa Claus. Those attending are asked to bring a dessert to pass.

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Hospitals Set Cancer Seminar

Elmira — A noted medical authority on head and neck cancer will be the featured guest at the cancer teaching day Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Downtown Holiday Inn.

Donald F. Shedd, MD, chief of the department of head and neck surgery at Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, will join a panel of medical, dental, and nursing professionals whose expertise covers the field of head and neck cancer. Pre-registration for the program, co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, St. Joseph's Hospital, Arnot-Ogden Hospital and the Chemung County Dental Society, is being conducted at the American Cancer Society office, 627 W. Church St.

Officers Installed

Geneva — The Knights of Columbus council 272 last week announced its recently installed officers.

Paul C. Rombaut, master of the Fifth New York District was installation officer for the ceremonies and Robert Farrell was his marshal.

Those Fourth Degree knights installed are: D. Contro, navigator; J. Tate, captain; J. Kane, friar; J. Heffernan, comptroller; J. Hart Sr., admiral; F. Cocco, pilot; H. Riccione, inside sentinel; A. Choffin, outside sentinel; and S. Stzaminoli, Jr., Hart Sr., and J. Hart Jr., trustees.

FALL DANCE

Elmira — St. Charles Borromeo's annual Fall Dance, featuring music by Ed's Trio, will be held Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are available at the door.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Elmira — The Immaculate Heart Society of Ss. Peter and Paul Church will sponsor a "Santa's Workshop" in the parish hall during November. Reasonably priced gift items and decorations will be available. Proceeds will be used to fill Christmas baskets for those in need. The sale will be open on Sundays, Nov. 21 and 28 after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses, and Nov. 22, 23, 29, and 30 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM

Elmira — The film, "I'll Quit Tomorrow," written by Vernon E. Johnson, will be shown in the doctor's meeting room, St. Joseph's Hospital, at noon, Nov. 18, as part of the Southern Tier Alcoholism Rehabilitation Services' continuing seminar series.

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