

# SOUTHERN TIER AUBURN-GENEVA

## Upcoming Events, Televised Mass Discussed by Assembly

**Elmira Heights**—The Chemung-Schuyler Regional Assembly heard from Father Douglas Hoffman, director of the Office of Pastoral Ministry, and reports of upcoming events in the region, at its meeting Jan. 9 at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

For the second time, the assembly was unable to vote on proposed constitutional amendments, as a quorum was not present.

Scheduled to speak on the authority of parish councils, Father Hoffman told the delegates that a parish council's authority comes from the fact that the members are baptized, and he then went on to talk about parish council leadership.

He noted that it is important for lay people to remember that it is baptism that makes them ministers, and that parish council members are persons in ministry. He emphasized five goals for parish councils: build faith-sharing

communities; gain and share insights into faith; have living liturgies; act for justice; and keep within your means and spend according to your priorities.

Father Joseph Gaynor, Regional Coordinator, announced that the next regional assembly, Sunday, March 13, will concern the assembly's reactions to the "Call to Action" resolutions. He also notified the delegates that there will be an ecumenical service at St. Patrick's, Elmira, on Sunday, Jan. 23 at 5 p.m. The day ends Christian Unity Week, Father Gaynor said, and some parishes in the region will be taking a collection that day for ecumenical projects.

In other action, the assembly discussed a proposal for the region to sponsor a televised Sunday Mass originating locally, with lay ministers taking the Eucharist to shut-ins at the conclusion of the Mass. A motion requesting the executive committee to pursue the proposal was approved.

### CHARISMATIC MASS

A Charismatic Mass will be celebrated in St. Augustine's Church at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21. Martin F.

Lynch will continue his teaching on Knowing, Loving and Abiding with God the Father.

## Bible Scholar To Preach

**Elmira**—Dr. James Sanders, a noted Bible scholar, will conduct an ecumenically-sponsored preaching mission Sunday Feb. 27 through Thursday March 3. All area churches have been invited to participate in the mission, organized by the downtown Elmira Protestant Cluster churches.

The Elmira Preaching Mission will be at the First Baptist Church, 121 W. Church St., each night Sunday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. There will be several other activities during the week. Each day at 10 a.m., interested clergy will meet with Sanders at the Centenary United Methodist Church, 5 Main St., Elmira. On Tuesday, March 1, he will speak before the Elmira Rotary Club at 1:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, Downtown. There will be a convocation at Elmira College conducted by Sanders on Thursday, March 3. On Friday, March 4, he will speak to the Church Women United at 10:30 a.m., and conduct a service for them at 1 p.m. at North Presbyterian Church, 921 College Ave.

Sanders, formerly a professor of Old Testament at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, is currently Auburn Professor of Biblical Studies at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He has done translation and interpretation work on the Dead Sea Scrolls, and his writings include "Torah and Canon," "Suffering as Divine Discipline," "The Old Testament and the Cross," and "New Directions in Biblical Archeology."



Gilbert Ferris, Grand Knight of Bath Knights of Columbus, presenting a check for \$500 to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan to support the diocese's vocations activities. From left, Ferris, Bishop Hogan, Donald VonHagn, chairman of the Vocations Night that raised the money, and Father John O'Malley, pastor of St. Mary's, Bath.

## Canisteo Couple Get Carter Invitation

**Canisteo**—Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Mahoney were "really surprised" recently when they received an invitation to attend the Presidential Inauguration in Washington Jan. 20.

Mrs. Mahoney is unsure why they received the invitation, but noted that she and her husband have always been supporters of the Democratic Party, and that her brother-in-law is a city councilman in Albany, and has been a campaign manager for Congressman Samuel Stratton (D-Amsterdam). She and her husband are also friendly with Congressman Stratton, she said.

They will be unable to attend the inauguration, Mrs. Mahoney noted, as she was recently hospitalized and is unable to travel.

## Mount Saviour Sets Ordination

**Pine City**—Bishop John E. McCafferty will ordain Brother Ansgar Kristensen, OSB, to the diaconate Monday, Jan. 24 at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel of Our Lady Queen of Peace at Mount Saviour Monastery.

Brother Ansgar, a monk at Mount Saviour, a Benedictine monastery located off Hendy Hollow Road, will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan on March 21.

Born in Naestved, Denmark, Brother Ansgar studied philosophy at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Conception, Missouri, and theology at the University of Munster in

Germany. He received his STL degree from the Pontifical Atheneum, St. Anselmo, Rome. He also studied scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, from which he received an SSL degree, and at the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem. Brother Ansgar made solemn profession June 2, 1968. He has also spent some time at the Foundation Christ in the Desert near Abiquiu, New Mexico.

He has held several positions in the community at Mount Saviour, and presently is assistant Guest Master.

The public is welcome to attend both ordinations.

### HEART ATTACK TO BE TOPIC

**Elmira**—Dr. David Kaplan will speak on Heart Attack at a respiratory home-care conference Wednesday,

Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hospital's Doctors Meeting Room. The public is invited.

# Pontiff Denies the Ukrainians a Patriarchate

Pope Paul recently received Cardinal Joseph Slipyj, major Archbishop of Lwow of the Ukrainians, with a group of six prelates of the Ukrainian episcopate. In recent years petitions have been circulating, requesting the pontiff to establish a patriarchate for the Ukrainians. Following the pope's reply to the petitioners.

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Receiving you, Your Eminence, and receiving with you bishops in charge of the Ukrainian communities, we feel a very special joy. Yes the humble successor of Peter is moved to receive a testimony of attachment which goes beyond his person to this Apostolic See of Rome, to which Ukrainian Catholics have given such numerous and often heroic proofs of fidelity.



Are not the mortal remains of St. Josaphat venerated in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, the very precious symbols of it?

Thank you for your brotherly visit! Let us also express to you our deep and constant affection. It extends to all the dispersed communities of the Ukrainian Church. Their eventful history and their generous sufferings have always a place in our memory and our prayers. We ask you to convey these deep sentiments of our heart to the members of your dioceses, as well as our best encouragement to bear witness to Christ in the steps of their ancestors in the faith.

Allow us also to recall before you, with all the respect due to persons, the widespread uneasiness of certain Ukrainian communities and their pastor.

We are referring to the expectation of a patriarchal title which, in the present circumstances, the See of Rome does not see the possibility of granting; We had already had the opportunity to make our thought known on this subject.

But it still happens that this position is interpreted, in certain circles at least, as incomprehension on the part of the Holy See with regard to the aspirations of Catholic Ukrainians, so sorely tried in other respects.

You, dear brothers in the episcopate, know that there exist norms with regard to the patriarchal that circumstances, independent of this Apostolic See, really prevent compliance with a request presented many times. That is why the Holy See keeps a very wise line of behavior, and that, believe us, in the greatest interest of the Ukrainian Catholic Church itself.

So, with all the confidence we have in your spirit of faith and your love of Peter's See, we exhort you keenly, as well as your dear faithful, to generous observance of the law in force.

Not only will this exemplary docility not harm in any way the cause of your church, but it will guarantee, today and tomorrow, the precious unity of the people entrusted to your pastoral vigilance and it will enable you to dedicate all

your apostolic forces to strengthening the roots of faith and causing it to progress, in the challenging context of our age.

Furthermore the marks of veneration that the Holy See has given and continues to give to Cardinal Slipyj, show clearly the ties of spiritual predilection and solidarity that closely unite the Church of Rome and this Apostolic See with the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

The personal part played by our unforgettable predecessor, Pope John XXIII, in the liberation of Metropolitan Slipyj, the welcome given him in our Vatican City, his elevation to the Cardinalate and the assiduous interest we take in such an eminent member of the Sacred College, all that shows clearly the very special place attributed to the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the venerated person of the Cardinal.

That is why, dear brothers in Christ, we are happy to give you today a new testimony of our trust and our affection, imploring warmly on each of you, on your brothers in the episcopate and all Ukrainian Catholic communities, the most abundant blessings of the Lord.

### SOUP LABELS

Corpus Christi School is collecting labels from Campbell soup and bean cans, in a deal that will help them get audio-visual and sports equipment. Labels may be sent to the school, 800 East Main, until March 31.

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