

# COURIER-CALENDAR

# Regional Highlights

**Holy Rosary** — St. Patrick's dance in school hall March 12, public.

**Our Lady of Victory-St. Joseph's** — Archconfraternity of the Holy Family, 9 a.m. Mass March 6; breakfast at Holiday Inn.

**Catholic Widowed Parents Club** — Meeting at 8:30 p.m. March 4 at St. Theodore's, Spencerport Road; off-track betting presentation, social hour.

**Mercy Alumnae** — Evening of recollection for members, friends, families, 7:30 p.m. March 7, Motherhouse chapel.

**Cardinal Mooney Women's Guild** — Rescheduled Oktoberfest, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28, at school. New reservations required by tomorrow; old reservations don't count. Jane Tofany, 225-3558; Pat Conroy, 225-3172.

**Inside Prison** — Panel discussion with Ronald Wert, president, Attica Guards' Local, and John Ives, former inmate, 8 p.m. March 2, Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood, Free.

**Child Raising** — A talk about changing traditions by Dr. Jayne Vogan of SUC Brockport, 7:45 p.m. Feb. 25 at Craig Hill School, off West Ridge; sponsored by Greece Dreikurs Association.

**International Women's Day** — Film on union organization in 1930s, talk by Henrietta Levine, refreshments, entertainment, free child care, 7:30 p.m. March 4, YWCA, 175 N. Clinton.

**Changes in Family Life** — Talk by Dr. J.C. Wynn of Colgate Rochester, 12:05 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, Rundel Library, 115 South Ave.

**Family Safety Workshop** — Lifesaving techniques, poison

control, fire hazards, etc. 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, YWCA, 175 N. Clinton.

**Collectors' Show** — At Dome Arena, Monroe County Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26; 10-6 Sunday.

**Leave it to Jane** — A 1917 musical on college life by Jerome Kern, Guy Bolton, P.G. Wodehouse, presented by Nazareth-St. John Fisher Drama Club, 8 p.m. Feb. 25, 26; 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, Nazareth Arts Center.

**Kuyken Quartet** — Belgian-based Baroque ensemble in recital tonight at 8, Kilbourn Hall, Free.

**Eastman Philharmonia** — Conducted by Everett Lee, music director of Symphony of the New World, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Eastman Theatre, Free.

**Eastman Wind Ensemble** — Program includes two premiere performances of works by Eastman composers, 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, Eastman Theatre, Free.

**Transformation** — Musical entertainment by Conrad Susa, using Anne Sexton poems, performed by Eastman School's Opera Theatre, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 26 and 27, fourth floor, annex building, behind Eastman Theatre, Free, but tickets required; available at 26 Gibbs and Wilson Commons, UR campus.

**The General** — Buster Keaton 1926 film, 2 and 8 p.m. tomorrow, Rochester Museum.

**200 Motels** — At Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25; sponsored by White Ox Films.

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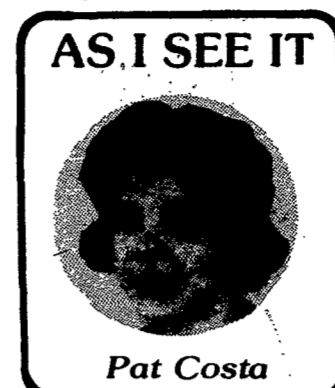
## North Region

Father Conrad Sundholm, regional coordinator, made a motion which would establish a Paschal Ministry for the Separated, Divorced and Remarried Catholics in the region at the Jan. 20 regional assembly held at St. George's Church. It passed.

At the same meeting Mrs. Aldona Kirstein was elected to replace Mrs. M. Lakeberg as secretary of the region's executive board. Mrs. Lakeberg has resigned.

Nominations for the DPC delegate spot soon to be vacated by Peter Ciavarrri are now being accepted. Any parish, in the region must submit their nominations by March 6, 1977.

The next regional Redeemer Church on March 17, 1977.



How much money do American kids have to spend? If the amount of TV programming being beamed their way is any indication, it must be considerable.

In recent months, ABC has been topping the networks in the ratings. And a quick look at the ABC schedule for early prime time hours shows that it is the youngster who is being pandered to. Since sponsors are not known for sinking funds into philanthropic causes, they must be getting a substantial return for their investments.

- Sunday, 8 p.m., The Bionic Man.
- Monday, 8 p.m., The Captain and Tenille
- Tuesday, 8 p.m., Happy Days.
- Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., Laverne and Shirley
- Wednesday, 8 p.m., Bionic Woman.
- Thursday, 8 p.m., Welcome Back, Kotter.
- Friday, 8 p.m., Donny and Marie
- Saturday, 8 p.m., Blaine

sky's Beauties. When it was pointed out that this new show features Nancy Walker, hardly an adolescent idol, it was noted quickly that the debut featured Roz Kelly in her role as Pinky Tuscadero, ex-girlfriend of The Fonz.

And ABC doesn't plan on stopping there. The network which resurrected the comic strip character Wonder Woman, with Lynda Carter in the title role, has been pre-empting some of its regular shows to make room for an hour of derring do, including fighting against Nazis, fending off a gorilla, etc.

For those viewers who like something more sophisticated than the above, the alternatives on competing networks do not offer much better. Some of the programs screened opposite ABC's kiddie shows are: Little House on the Prairie and The Waltons, which, however, may be far more appealing to adults than the so-called adult sitcoms such as Rhoda, Phyllis, Jeffersons.

The only move thus far to counter the kiddie schedule has been CBS' Who's Who, not a notable success thus far in ratings.

And that may be the crux of the whole matter. ABC has discerned that the majority of adults prefer to watch the same youth-oriented hype as their children. For the rest of the adult viewers the choice is clear. With the exception of an occasional special which might warrant attention, the alternative is to turn off the set.



## Valentine's Day

"Sharing our Hearts" with the community was the theme behind the fourth grade project at St. Mary's School, Auburn. The students made and mailed valentines to people who might feel a sense of warmth by receiving a remembrance on Valentine's Day. The faculty and staff compiled the list of names, but the students supplied the creative spirit and the stamps. From left are: Christopher Slise, Terri Hoey, Joane Losani and Jeff Homick.

## Coming Program Set

Corning—The Corning Area Board of Education is sponsoring a program on Catholic education Sunday, Feb. 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. in St. Patrick's School Hall, 274 Denison Parkway East.

The program will feature several speakers on Catholic education, both primary and secondary. Among those scheduled are Sister Mary Walter Hickey, principal of Notre Dame High School in Elmira, a representative from the diocesan education office, and local parents Mrs. Jack Haughey, Frank Olmes and Mrs. Ann Marie Kapral.

# More Opinions

## Won't Back 'Peace' Unit

Editor:

I have just received the first issue of "Justice & Peace" published by the Office of International Justice and Peace/USCC (ostensibly approved by the Catholic bishops of the United States).

As this is a political tract I would like to go on record that in no way would I support the political and economic goals of this organization. There are many other Catholic institutions which need our help, e.g. St. Mary's Hospital right here in Rochester.

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## Bravo! to Bishop

Editor:

Living in an hermetically sealed segment of the Empire State's "particular Church" one rejoices to read from Rochester an open position on the Roman "women-are-a-no-no" Declaration recently issued.

Were the theologians panicked into issuing the Declaration with imprudent haste? Do they live in constant terror lest some bishop, somewhere, sometime, may ordain a woman?

We leave it to the qualified to comment theologically on the "maleness" bit. One hesitates to charge the

## Sacred Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith (Holy Office) with heresy.

In any case: Bravo to Bishop Hogan!

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## 'Communion' Point Made

Editor:

In a recent editorial entitled "The Game" (Courier-Journal, 1-26-77), you raised the issue of granting the option of Communion in the hand. Certainly many games are played with this issue and the sets of rules are widely diverse. At the risk of being just another game-player, I would like to try to separate fact from opinion about the present situation.

Since 1969, national conferences of bishops have been able to seek permission for allowing their people the option of Communion in the hand. To date, 43 countries around the world have requested and received such permission.

The American bishops have voted twice (in 1970 and in 1973) on whether they should seek this permission, and both times have failed to achieve the two-thirds majority necessary to make such a request. At no time, however, have the American bishops, as a body, expressly forbidden the practice of receiving Communion in the hand, and it is expected that they will take another vote at their national meeting in May.

Nevertheless, the present situation continues to raise a formidable pastoral problem, since some bishops and priests have already allowed, or even encouraged their people to take the the option of Communion in the hand.

What is crucial in this

issue is not the part of the body used to receive the Host, since both reception in the hand and on the tongue have enjoyed long periods of practice in the history of the Church. Rather, the pivotal concern of the two documents that deal with this issue, "Memorale Domini" and "Immensae Caritatis, is that a helpful catechesis on the meaning of the Eucharist and eucharistic devotion be provided for the people. These documents indicate that reverence due the Eucharist will be increased in the proportion that faith is deepened through a suitable instruction on the meaning of the Eucharist in the Christian life. In effect, they are saying that the manner of receiving Holy Communion reverently depends upon the strength of Faith and the attitude of the heart of the Christian people.

Thus, those who respectfully ask to receive Communion in the hand should not be demeaned or berated since this practice ought to, among other things, "strengthen (the Christian's) sense of dignity as a member of the Mystical Body of Christ, of which baptism and the grace of the Eucharist make him or her a part."

I am quite sure that discussion on this issue will continue. But may it be a discussion that will deepen our reverence for the Eucharist, our understanding of the intimate love of the Father, and a more vital relationship with the Christ of whose Body and Blood we partake.

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## Document Clear to Him

Editor:

The recent Vatican declaration on admission of women to the priesthood was easily, in my estimation, the most readable and

understandable document I've read — or even attempted to read — coming from such high source. Therefore, it is difficult for me to understand misinterpretations of so clear and seemingly complete a statement.

Isn't it ironic that our Church, which was so severely criticized for its devotion to Mary in the past, is now repeatedly accused of sexist attitudes against women? If it were merely a question of worthiness or unworthiness, certainly Our Lady would have been among our very first priests. How many of those accepted, or yet to be accepted, to the priesthood are even nearly as worthy as she?

The priesthood is not merely a prestige thing of which one is worthier than another. It is a gift of God which He presents to some as He deems fit. The constant teaching of His Church, whose duty is to lead the faithful to salvation, is that Jesus intended only men to possess this gift which He dispenses as He pleases.

Man and woman were created separate and given their respective roles, which sometimes overlap and sometimes don't.

So the question is not one of ability or inability, or that one must be of a given sex to "put on Christ," but rather, one of God-given roles which we are all obliged to perform.

So whether a document is fallible or infallible, it should be respected according to the authority from which it comes. Whether or not it can be changed in the future should not be our concern. Rather we should shed ourselves of ourselves and "put on Christ," for we need not belong to the ministerial priesthood to "put on Christ." We need only ask Him in prayer. Then we can all go about the business of helping our priests spread the Good News of Christ's love and eternal salvation to those who do not know Him. Praise God!

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