

Fr. Brown Feted by St. Ann's

Hornell—There was standing room only at the Knights of Columbus Sunday, June 25, as friends of Father Lewis Brown gathered for a farewell reception.

Father Brown, who has been associate pastor of St. Ann's for the past five years, began his new assignment as director of religious education for the Rochester diocese June 28. He is being succeeded at St. Ann's by Father Donald Schwab, formerly the religious education director.

The program included pantomimes and skits by parish children portraying Father Brown's parochial and community activities. Features were his work with the United Way, Hornell Ecumenical Ministries, his "Sunday School" radio programs, and, in a lighter vein, his hobbies of camping

and skiing.

St. Ann's band and a children's chorus presented selections under the direction of Mrs. Nathan Hardy and Sister Mary Patrice.

City Judge Henry Burke, vice president of St. Ann's Parish Council presented Father Brown with a gift. Mrs. Anna Clark, representing Hornell Ecumenical Ministries, announced that a New Testament concordance is being placed in the Hornell Public Library in recognition of Father Brown's service to that group.

Father Robert Mac-Namara, St. Ann's pastor, expressed appreciation to Father Brown, who responded that he would "never forget the warmth and friendliness" he had encountered in Hornell.

Coming Officers Elected

Corning—New officers for the Corning Area School Board recently were elected. Serving as president for the coming year will be Michael Carson; Mrs. Jack Haughey will be vice president, Mrs. Gene Tunney, secretary, and Father Michael Hogan, treasurer. Outgoing president is Richard Mizoni.

Principal of the Corning schools, Sister Mary Pascal, SSJ, is leaving the system, to become a member of the staff of St. Mary's, Danville. Taking her place will be Sister Ann Miller, RSM.

ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL

Elmira Heights—St. Nicholas Church's festival has been scheduled for Sunday, July 17 beginning at 1 p.m. Joey Augustine and His Orchestra will entertain from 4 to 8 p.m., and food offerings will include American ethnic and Ukrainian food.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

Interlaken—St. Fidelis Friary is sponsoring its 17th annual chicken barbecue on Sunday, July 17 starting at noon on the Capuchin Friary lawn on Cayuga Lake. There also will be live music from 1 to 3 p.m.



Guest of Honor

Father Clarence Gardner, chaplain of Auburn's Mercy Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, was guest of honor at a tea, June 30, celebrating the 35th anniversary of his ordination. The tea was sponsored by the Mercy Auxiliary. Pictured above with Father Gardner are Mrs. Betty Fromel, chairperson, Mrs. Mary LaRosa, charge nurse and Mrs. Bea Hassett, Mercy Auxiliary president.

SOUTHERN TIER

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Rural Health Centers Change Management

Elmira—On July 1, St. Joseph's Hospital assumed responsibility for the continuation of the Rural Health Maintenance Program initiated by the Chemung County Economic Opportunity Program.

Announcement of the program changeover came in a joint statement from Sister Karen Considine, St. Joseph's director of Ambulatory Care Services, and David Gordon, Chemung County Economic Op-

portunity Program executive director.

The program will be renamed St. Joseph's Hospital Family Medical Program, and will comprise three family medical centers.

The centers include the Southport trailer facility which will continue operations Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. St. Joseph's is seeking a permanent building for a

new center location. The Millport location ceased operations June 30, and reopened in quarters adjacent to the Bethany Retirement Center July 11, operating from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The North Chemung facility will remain at the present site, with hours scheduled Tuesday and Friday, 6 to 8 p.m., and Wednesday and Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m.

The existing program will be an ongoing development of the medical services presently serving the communities, the announcement stated. The past program sponsors have defined the needs and met them, the statement explained; the family medical program will build on that premise and lead to eventual transfer to private operation when the remaining needs have been addressed.

The program is partially funded by an Appalachian Regional Commission grant.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Reservations are being accepted for an Engaged Encounter weekend July 22-24 at Divine Word Seminary, Conesus. Another such weekend is scheduled for Sept. 16-18. Engaged Encounter is an alternative to Pre-Cana. Details and reservations may be secured by calling Jerry or Terri Patti at (716) 342-2279; Rick or Bobbie Diehl, (716) 254-8582.

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ON THE RIGHT SIDE

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

From a former seminarian:

I am disappointed in you. The world and the Church are falling apart with immorality, and you write travelogues. We need articles about sin, and no one can do them better than you. Do get off the travel circuit and give us some old-fashioned articles on sin...

In reply:

I give thanks to God that you have never lost your love and concern for the things of God. However, I do think either you do not read with much perception, or you miss many issues of this column.

Many people who are distressed about "immorality" seem to limit it to sex, swearing, drunkenness and disobedience. God knows these are problems and this latest business on "Human Sexuality" published by a Committee of the Catholic Theological Society of America, and rejected by other members of the Society, will add to the confusion. Father Hohman told me he has been invited to review the book by a Rochester newspaper. I hope he will be on the side of the Holy Bible, the holy angels, and the Holy Church.

If you would look over past copies of this column you would find enough references to sin; but more to encouraging virtue. And you would find an occasional eruption at the arrogance of those who defy the laws of the Church.

For example, the Holy See made it clear that the manner of receiving Holy Communion, tongue, hand or self-service is up to the decisions made by the National Councils of Bishops. In many countries, e.g. Canada, their Bishops voted: "in the hand as optional." The American Bishops recently voted: "in the hand, optional, when the

Holy See ratifies the vote of the American Bishops."

Recently a lady from Rochester said to me: "Our assistant told us at Mass that we have more important things to do than to be arguing about Communion in the hand. And that the optional hand communion would continue in that parish." This intelligent woman thought it strange that Mass should be the time and the occasion to inculcate contempt for Church Law.

It is this same principle of one's self becoming the law, above and against the teaching or directions of the Church which is invoked by the CTAS sponsored sex book. The result condones premarital sex, gayism, unnatural sex within marriage and sundry other aberrations.

If you will read OTRSide even casually you will find constant helpful suggestions to strengthen the spiritual life. For example, the tapes of Jesuit Father Bassett and Archbishop Sheen's conferences, which have several hours on sin and virtue, asceticism, victimhood and prayer, Mass and the Sacraments, the Holy Spirit and confession. Other examples are the little prayer book, Treasury of Prayer, which the people of Ovid took to the number of 400; a Kempis's Imitation of Christ used by Ignatius of Loyola, Pope John and Bishop Casey; tapes on Cardinal Newman by historian Msgr. John Tracy Ellis; on Christian Feminism by the English Joanne Nash; and a not well enough known tape by one of our own priests, Father Ron Antinarelli on the subject: "Will Women Become Priests," a tape made from his article in the Homiletic and Pastoral Review.

Good heavens! These and many others are noted in this column, often through the travelogue accounts. They are available. Why don't you use them yourself, and spread them out to

others? You are correctly concerned about sin. But be as concerned about building up the Church, the Body of Christ.

St. Paul put it beautifully: "...We urge you, brothers, to admonish the careless, encourage the faint-hearted, support the weak, and to be patient with them all...Be always joyful; pray continuously; give thanks for whatever happens; for this is what God in Christ wills for us." (Thess. v-15)

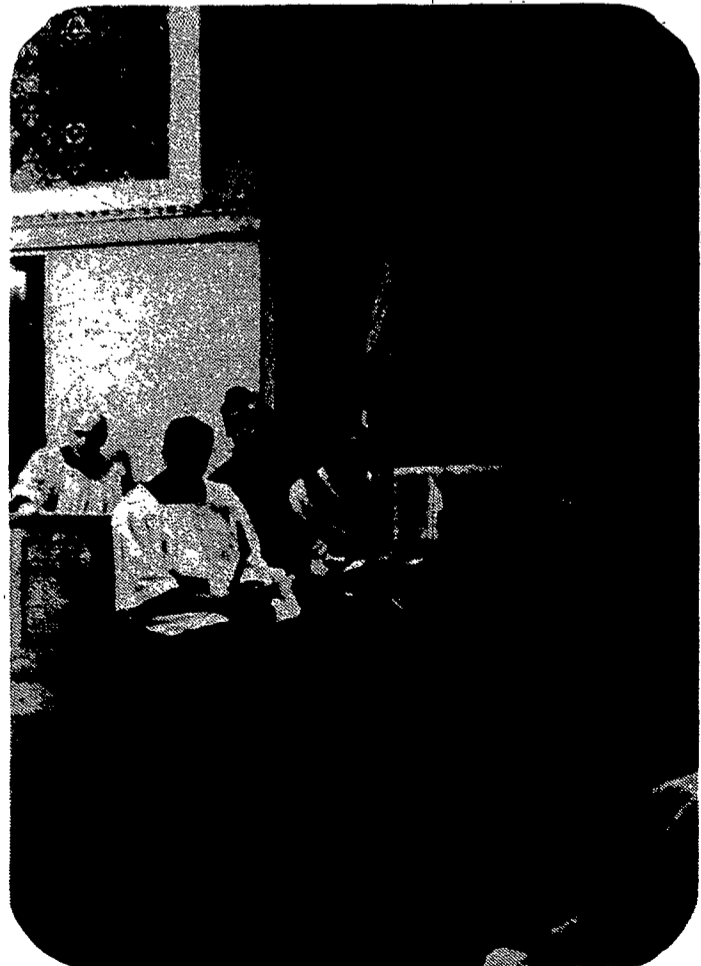
Golden Jubilee Noted

The residents of Mt. Morris are joining the parishioners of St. Patrick's to help Sister Angela Satula, their pastoral assistant, celebrate her Golden Jubilee in the Sisterhood of St. Joseph on July 15. The event will begin with a Mass at 7:30 p.m., followed by a reception at the Veteran's Hall.

Sister, prior to her present assignment, was a second grade teacher in St. Patrick's Parochial School from 1967 until the school closed.



SR. ANGELA SATULA



Welcome!

Father Richard Tormey, Bishop Dennis Hickey and Father James O'Connell at Father Tormey's installation as pastor of St. Mary's in Bath. Ceremony took place on Wednesday, June 29.

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