



Concelebrating Mass with Fathers Carges (left) and Hayes.

Bishop Kelly Visits Ithaca

Auxiliary Bishop Thomas C. Kelly, OP, of Washington, the chief executive of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, was in Ithaca during Labor Day weekend, visiting his mother, Mrs. Walter Conley, and meeting her fellow-

parishioners at Immaculate Conception Church. He concelebrated Mass Sept. 4 with Father Bernard L. Carges, pastor, and Father John S. Hayes of St. Patrick's, Aurora. The new bishop — he was consecrated Aug. 15 — was a

member of the parish about 30 years ago, when he was a senior at Ithaca High School. That was the crucial year in his life, the year he felt called to the priesthood, he said in his homily, so Immaculate Conception is his "home."

Photos courtesy of Immaculate Conception Parish



Giving a homily on vocations.



Meeting the people outside the church.

Bingo Diverts Patients

By MARTIN TOOMBS
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Elmira—Visitors are welcome at St. Joseph's Hospital and they are usually greeted warmly by patients. Except for a half hour on Wednesday afternoons, that is.

If local talk is to be believed, some visitors have been totally ignored by persons playing the hospital's bingo game on Wednesdays. The half-hour games are played over the hospital's closed circuit television system.

Hospital volunteers are the talent for the show, which is orchestrated by Ray Defendorf, the hospital's media coordinator. Volunteers distribute bingo cards free of charge to anyone who wants to play, Defendorf explained, and usually about 100 patients participate. Numbers are called and visually reported over the television system, and patients use their telephone to call bingo. The hospital's gift shop supplies the prizes. doctors will ask their

patients to view pertinent programs.

A recent Wednesday's game saw five winners, as the on-camera volunteers enjoyed themselves. Bingo caller Barbara "Bobbie" Masny assured the viewers that when she called "1-23," she was not telling her age. The primarily volunteer production requires two persons on camera, one as a caller, the other to write numbers for the visual listing. Another volunteer answers the telephone and checks the winner's numbers. Two camera operators and a switcher complete the crew.

Defendorf said that the weekly games are "a form of entertainment and a form of diversion" for patients, and a chance for them to participate in an activity without leaving their rooms.

Bingo is only one half hour a week; the station also is active at other times. When the local cable company's station is off the air, the hospital can use the channel to provide programming to the patients, Defendorf ex-

plained. Programming begins and ends each day with a reflection by one of 30 local clergyman who have taped a program. During the day, program offerings include health-oriented shows, such as cancer detection, or how to administer the Heimlich maneuver, the "Hug of Life," as well as programs such as a discussion of sibling rivalry for new mothers.

Defendorf explained that the medical and health programming is "intended for individuals with specific interests," as a "motivational force to help patients ask questions" of

their doctors. He noted that a medical committee decides which programs will be shown, and that he hopes doctors will ask their patients to view pertinent programs.

The hospital's television activities have been made possible by grants from the Helene Fuld Trust, which benefits 130 schools of nursing. St. Joseph's School of Nursing first received a grant for equipment four years ago, Defendorf noted, and another grant two years ago made the operation of the closed circuit station possible. The station began programming last November, he noted, and added that he hopes for future grants, so the station can increase its health programming, possibly to eight hours a day.

As part of the School of Nursing, the media center's facilities are used extensively by the nursing students, Defendorf noted. Students often do videotape programs for term projects, he said, and three of them have been duplicated by the Fuld Trust and copies have been sent to the other schools the trust assists. St. Joseph's also has received 80 programs that have been produced by other schools, Defendorf said, which are available for the student's reference and for class use. Also on file are video tapes of many of the seminars conducted at the hospital.

Anointing Service Sept. 18

Ithaca—A Mass of Communal Anointing has been scheduled for Immaculate Conception Church Sunday, Sept. 18 at 3:30 p.m. The celebrant will be Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty, assisted by the parish priests.

Persons who are dangerously ill, or preparing for surgery, those suffering from mental illness or from a continuing disease are invited to participate in the sacrament. Persons attending also should be able to sit up for the service, expected to take 90 minutes. Those unable to participate should contact their parish priests to receive the sacrament at home.

Transportation will be provided for local persons. Those seeking further information can contact Immaculate Conception's rectory, 273-6121.

SOUTHERN TIER

AUBURN-GENEVA

Dr. Welch to Address Sr. Ann's Alumni

Hornell—Dr. Ethan L. Welch, a member of the 1945 St. Ann's graduating class, will be the guest speaker at the second annual St. Ann's Alumni Dinner Dance on Oct. 1 at the Knights of Columbus Home Alumni should contact association officers for tickets.

Hopkins Medical School in 1958. A vascular surgeon, he is an attending physician at Strong Memorial Hospital and Park Ridge Hospital, a clinical assistant professor of surgery at the University of Rochester and a consulting physician at both Hornell hospitals.

A member of the Monroe Medical Society, Dr. Welch has written several articles for medical journals. He resides in Pittsford with his wife, Janet, and four children.

Dr. Welch is the son of Margaret Welch and the late Dr. Ethan Welch of Hornell. He received his medical degree from Johns

FESTIVAL SEPT. 17

Ithaca—Immaculate Conception's annual Parish Festival will be Saturday, Sept. 17 from noon to 9 p.m. on the school grounds at 317 N. Plain St.

A chicken barbecue will begin at 2 p.m., and live entertainment will be presented during the day. Chinese food and baked goods will be among the offerings. Hand made crafts also will be available.

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