

Program Emphasizes:

Vocations Need Encouragement

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Bath— "A gathering such as this has never happened before," Judge Domenick Gabrielli said

"These are very critical times," for vocations, Anthony Caramelle, Knights of Columbus state vocations chairman emphasized

"It is a great experience to be here this evening," Bishop Joseph L Hogan told those attending

"I can't tell you how pleased I am with the turnout," commented Donald von Hagn, organizer of the event, the second Clergy-Vocations Night, sponsored by the Bath Knights of Columbus. The dinner drew an overflow crowd of more than 300 to St Mary's Hall.

Bishop Hogan, Judge Gabrielli and Caramelle were the speakers for the program, which was designed to express appreciation to clergy and sisters for their efforts, and to encourage potential vocations. The Bath Knights of Columbus also made a donation to assist the diocese's vocations activities.

Bishop Hogan offered his approval of the evening's program, noting that the "vocation problem is our common responsibility," and that priests and sisters need to know that their efforts are appreciated; "we

all need this type of encouragement," he said, "we need your prayers and your support"

Caramelle, who lives on Long Island, noted that the state K of C recognized the crisis in vocations that was occurring, and established the state vocations committee to examine ways for the councils to assist

Judge Gabrielli emphasized the evening's importance, calling it "the biggest event since (Bath Precious Blood Council) 5147 was established"

He also said that St Mary's Parish has a "lovely church, a wonderful school," a convent, rectory and hall, largely through the efforts of the priests and sisters who have worked at St Mary's.

To encourage vocations, Judge Gabrielli noted, persons should "make a firm commitment to do that which ought to be done," and for the word "encouragement" to "become a part of everyday speech" so that potential vocations may be realized. Encouragement can be "the only spark that may be needed," he said.

Bishop Hogan called the evening's dedication to vocations "a wonderful thing," and asked that "not only a word of encouragement to potential candidates" be given, but also to current clergy and sisters.

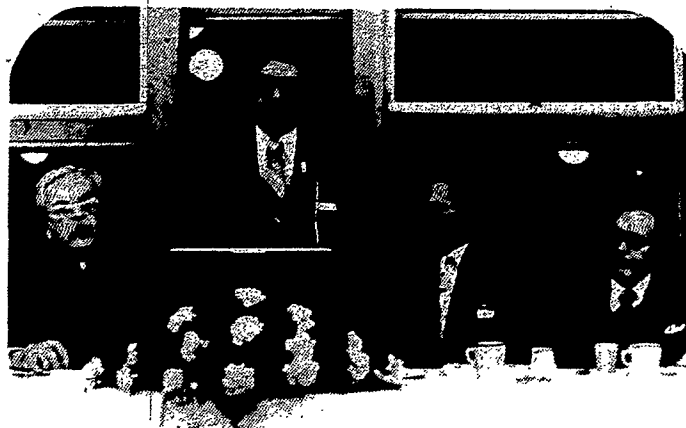


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Bishop Hogan, Anthony Caramelle, speaking, Jerry Rusak, grand knight, and Judge Domenick Gabrielli at head table.

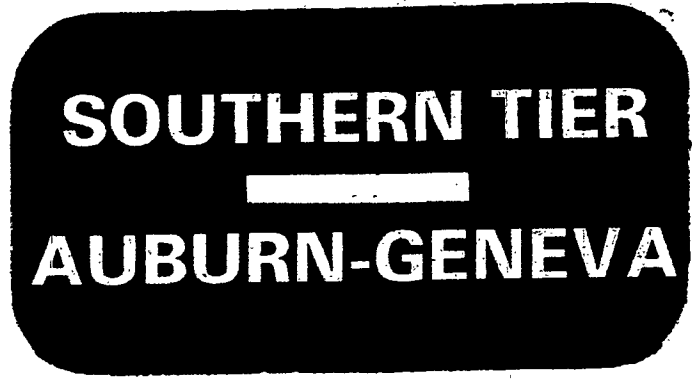
Encouragement from his parents and the priests and sisters of Lima were important factors in his becoming a priest, Bishop Hogan said, noting that "we all need this type of encouragement." One can ask himself the question, "why me?" Bishop Hogan said, and commented that "sometimes I think the more I ask, the better off I am"

"The biggest handicap" for new vocations "is secularism," he commented. Secular society doesn't show the value of a celibate life, he noted, and society's current attitudes toward sex make it difficult to choose celibacy.

There are "healthy signs of hope" in the diocese for

the future, Bishop Hogan said. He reported that there are 30 students at Becket Hall, and about the same at St Bernard's. He noted that he would like the figures to be double what they are, and pointed out the current trend for more men to enter the seminary after having completed college. Their added maturity helps, he noted, explaining that the best students he taught in the seminary were those who had been matured by War experience. They "freely and willingly committed themselves," he said.

Bishop Hogan concluded by calling on everyone to show appreciation for the work of sisters and priests, to "say the words that enliven the spirit of everyone: Thank you."



Author to Describe Travels in Poland

Elmira—Marjorie B Young, co-author with Adam Bujak of "Journeys To Glory" will speak and present slides on her experiences surrounding the book on Sunday, Oct 16 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Casimir's School auditorium, under the sponsorship of the Polish Arts Club

Prague in 1969, and at the University of Warsaw in 1972-73

Bujak, of Krakow, Poland, is one of that country's most prominent photographers. He has received more than 50 prizes for his work and was recently selected as one of the five best photographers in the world for a film to be made by Swedish television. The photographs used in "Journeys To Glory" were selected for the prestigious World Exhibit of Photography in Duisburg, West Germany

The public is invited to Ms. Young's presentation; there is no admission charge.

"Journeys to Glory. A Celebration of the Human Spirit," is a portrait of eight different pilgrimages and Polish festivals which are practically unknown outside Poland. Through 150 photographs by Bujak and the text by Ms. Young, the festivals are documented. Each festival commemorates a particular holiday, such as Holy Week, Jesus' baptism or Mary's Assumption into heaven.

Ms. Young, a native of Rochester, is a free-lance writer of non-fiction and her work has appeared in various publications. A Phi Beta Kappa honors graduate of Stanford University, she received her MA in History of Culture from the University of Chicago with a specialization in East European theater. She has traveled extensively in both Western and Eastern Europe. She studied at the Stanford Overseas Campus Program in Vienna in 1968, at the Charles University in

Elmira K of C Marks 80th

Elmira—Elmira Council 229, Knights of Columbus, is marking its 80th anniversary with a dinner on Oct. 15.

The Elmira Council was founded in 1897, only 15 years after the first Knights of Columbus chapter was formed in 1882.

Bishop John E. McCafferty will be the featured speaker at the dinner, which will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m.; dinner will be at 7, with the council's Columbus Day dance following. The event is being conducted at the Elmira Heights American Legion, 236 Scottwood Ave.

Stanley Douglas will be master of ceremonies for the evening, and several local dignitaries are expected to attend. A presentation of \$1,000 from the council's Charities and Benevolent Fund also will be made to the rehabilitation center at St Joseph's Hospital.

Art Sale

Seneca Falls—St Patrick's Parish will sponsor a "Christian Arts Sale" here on Oct 14-16. Featured at the sale will be articles from Augsburg, Abbey Press, American Bible Society, Tyndale, Ave Maria Press, Vincentian and other sources. Times for the sale are, Friday, Oct. 14, 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 16, 7 a.m.-3p.m.

SISTERS' ENCOUNTER.

An "encounter" weekend for Sisters is scheduled for Oct. 28-30 at Keuka College. Using Marriage Encounter techniques, the weekend teaches one-to-one communication and centers on the sharing of thoughts and feelings on the core truths of religious life, according to the sponsors, Couple Power, Inc. Details may be obtained from Bill and Mary Butler, 130 Marlborough Road, Rochester 14619; telephone 716/464-8394.

CDA Past Regents Set Mass, Luncheon

Dresden—The past regents of Catholic Daughters of America courts in this diocese will gather Saturday noon, Oct. 15, at the Dresden Hotel for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph L Hogan. Lunch will follow, with the bishop as featured speaker

The state regent, Miss Elizabeth R. Peircey of Valley Stream, is expected to attend, with her predecessor, Mrs. Frank (Mary) Donahue of Brockport and the first vice regent, Miss Barbara Hennessey of Binghamton. These three planned the liturgy. Mrs. Loren Harris will be organist, and Mrs. Ignatius (Mary) Scott, soloist. Both are from Penn Yan. Mrs. Scott is state chairman of public relations



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Current president of the Past Regents Club is Mrs. Francis (Bess) Caton of Brockport. Her guest list includes Mrs. Louis (Sally) Rytlewski of Albion, state chairman for the CDA national magazine, SHARE, Father Michael F. Conboy, Bishop Hogan's secretary, Father Thomas F. McVeigh, pastor of St Michael's Church in Penn Yan and chaplain to Court St

Michael, Father Peter Clifford, priest intern at St Michael's, and George Walker, seminarian at Becket Hall

The Catholic Daughters of America was founded in Utica in 1903. It is the largest Catholic women's organization in the world, with 180,000 members in the 50 states and other western hemisphere countries



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New Office

Toasting the opening of the new Office of Human Development center in Lagonegro Human Services Center in Elmira are, from left, Sister Joanne Cullen, Sister Mary Kruckow, and Fathers Kevin Murphy, Neil Miller and David Callan. Sister Kruckow and Father Miller are on the staff, others were visiting the center which is a former school converted and being used by a wide range of agencies involved in service.

Regional Assembly Oct. 18

Weedsport—The Cayuga-Seneca Regional Assembly will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 18. The program will begin with a 7 p.m. Mass followed by the meeting that will be chaired by Charles King. The October meeting will focus on Human Development, Liturgy and Education.

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