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Center Dedication

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan is flanked by Joseph Kelly, director of Continuing Education at St. Bernard's Seminary, on the left, and Father Frank Lioi, rector at St. Bernard's, as he gives the closing blessing to the many celebrants at the dedication ceremonies last Thursday on the steps of the Center for Continuing Education at the seminary.

Regents Said Ignoring Catholic School Lobbyists

Albany— When Catholic school people take their problems to the Board of Regents they get no answers, the board was told at a recent legislative conference.

Father Erwin Schweigardt, district superintendent of schools in the Albany



Joe Wise

Composer Joe Wise, nationally known for his "folk-style" melodies used in Catholic worship, will lead a day-long workshop on Parish Prayer and the Folk Musician, Oct. 29, at St. John Fisher College. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Liturgy. Further information and reservations are available through the office at 328-3210. Deadline for reservations is Oct. 19.

diocese, said requests for definitions and clarifications of the law elicited nothing but silence.

He spoke on behalf of the Council of Catholic School Superintendents and the State Catholic Conference. He asked the regents to see that the language of the textbook loan law clearly stated the equal rights of non-public school students. He asked for a statement indicating a hands-off position in the matter of non-public school teacher licensing. He asked for assurance of uniform minimal health services, for the good of the whole community.

Alluding to the transportation snarl that developed in Rochester shortly before the opening of school in September, he warned that similar situations could "proliferate" for lack of "everybody has a right" guidelines.

Father Schweigardt said:

Lay Council To Convene

Rome (RNS) — The first Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Council for the Laity will be held in Rome, Nov. 3-9.

The aim of the assembly, according to an announcement, is to define the main orientations of the Council's program "in fidelity on the one hand to

"Where the law is clearly an aid to all students, as all federal and many state programs are, the local school district should be reminded forcefully that the non-public school students are as much a part of their concern and constituency as the public school students. These are 'legal obligations' to all children which must be fulfilled."

He reminded the regents that his organizations were waiting for answers in two matters brought up last year. The board was asked then to "express concern" over attempts to undermine federal aid programs as they apply to poor children in religious schools; no reply has been received, he said.

Another request that has been made repeatedly and ignored, he said, is that the regents study how the "proper diversity of education, exemplifying freedom of choice and religious rights" can be preserved.

the mission entrusted to it by the Holy Father, and on the other hand to the realities of the life of lay people within the Church and in society."

Members of the Council include Msgr. James McHugh, a Newark archdiocesan priest and executive director of the U.S. Catholic bishops'

Magisterium Speaker Sees A 'Two-Track' Church

By JOHN DASH

A revolution has occurred in the Church which has resulted in two Churches, with two Magisteriums, running down two tracks, a nationally known priest-sociologist lamented last week at the last in the Fall lectures of the Magisterium Series.

Msgr. George Kelly, director of advanced Catholic studies at St. John's University and the author of 14 books, addressed a crowd of more than 600 in Our Lady of Mercy High School's auditorium on the state of the post Vatican II Church.

"The second loneliest man in the world," he said, "is the one who defends and supports the teaching of Pope Paul VI."

He said that since his ordination, "the world of the Church has turned upsidedown."

He said that two agents are responsible for the situation: "the radical right" and "the radical left." Of the first, he noted, "the Church has passed that world by. The second, which he said was the "more dangerous," is "actually rejecting the preachments and policies of the Roman Catholic Church."

"To stand with the Holy Father," he said, "is to be lonely because you will be abused by the radical right and the radical left."

'Holiness' Is Topic At Cenacle

Father Edward Palumbos will explore the question "For all the saints: what is holiness today?" during a day of renewal, open to both men and women, at the Cenacle Retreat House on Nov. 1.

Father Palumbos will speak at 10 a.m. and again at a 2:15 p.m. Eucharistic Celebration. A luncheon will be served. Further information is available by calling the Cenacle at (716) 271-8755.

Leadership Seminar

Sister Jane Schur along with student leaders of Our Lady of Mercy's Christian Action Movement (CAM) attended a two day retreat leadership experience at Camp Stella Maris, Oct. 13-14. Father Jerome Robinson, director of the Office of Black Ministries, led discussion groups and celebrated the liturgy with the students.

Joanne Morley, president of CAM, explained the goals of the workshop as a get acquainted time, an opportunity to set a theme for the year and to outline specific projects that the organization would undertake.

Mercy's CAM engages in tutoring young children at community agencies, working with adolescents at the State Hospital, supporting blood drives for the Red Cross, and giving clothes, food and toys to needy families. Some

He noted that for people of Faith, this is tantamount to bearing the Cross which Christ promised his followers.

He noted that "there was no intention" in Vatican II, "to change the basic tenets," but rather to apply different stresses in Catholic doctrine.

Some interpreters of Vatican II, however, have not seen this and have attempted to change basic principles in Catholic doctrine, he said.

He cautioned that when

one changes the principles of a thing, one changes the unity of that thing and consequently the nature of it.

As a result "a fairly big, and very serious," revolution has occurred in the Church.

Following Msgr. Kelly's talk, Father Francis Vogt was called to the stage and given a check from the Knights of Columbus. The check represented the proceeds from the lecture series and is designated for Inner City ministries.

Church Water Bills A Campaign Issue?

The six-year-old battle over the Pure Water's rate structure that has been established in the County of Monroe may be coming to a head this campaign season.

There is a resolution which has the support of several county legislators, but has no place on the county legislative agenda, which calls for exempting "churches of all faiths and denominations located within the City of Rochester from that portion of the Pure Waters charges that are presently based on the assessed value."

The resolution states that "Churches of all faiths and denominations located within the City of Rochester have long protested the unjust and discriminatory rate structure unique to Monroe County (unique in the fact that the City District only is charged on a formula two-thirds of which is based on assessed valuation, in addition to a charge for water consumption, as opposed to the suburban districts which pay on a unit basis or usage only) and this unjust rate structure results in great inequities between comparable City and suburban churches."

Earlier this year, a coalition of city pastors, with the support of Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Bishop Robert Spears, and Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, attempted to bring pressure

on city members of the county legislature, and on its leadership, over the issue.

The exemption proposal was drawn up and referred to the Public Works Committee.

In the meantime, a substitute proposal which would put the matter in the hands of the State Legislature was drawn up and is now the only legislative action on the county's agenda.

It is expected that in the coming weeks city candidates for seats on the county legislature will be asked to demonstrate their support for the exemption proposal.

Senior Health Programs

Elmira— Two health programs for senior citizens have been scheduled by Senior Health Services of St. Joseph's Hospital.

On Monday, Oct. 24, from 1 to 4:30 p.m., testing for diabetes, blood pressure, cancer, glaucoma, vision, and hearing will be available at the First Presbyterian Church, W. Clinton Street and Rambler Road, Elmira.

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, at noon, a program on medication awareness will be presented at the Baldwin Senior Citizens Program, at the North Chemung Methodist Church.

World Community Day

Sister Marion Zimmer of the Buffalo Sisters of St. Joseph will speak here Nov. 4 in a program on Ireland entitled Heart Change-Global Change. She comes at the invitation of Church Women United, for their annual World Community Day.

who had done "inspiring work for justice, peace, women's rights and human rights." The Buffalo institution, creating an annual award in the name of John Peter Medaille, chose her as the first recipient.

COUNTRY FAIR

The meeting is scheduled for 9:45 a.m. until noon, at the Church of the Incarnation, 1957 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield. Participants are asked to bring their own lunches, plus something for the Emergency Food Shelf.

Several dealers in clothes, jewelry, cosmetics and household products who operate in the shop-at-home market will be brought together Saturday at Nazareth Academy for the Alumnae Association's Country Fair. They will display their wares in the cafeteria from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Oct. 22. Coffee and home-made snacks will be served.

Sister Marion, founder of Buffalo's Center for Justice, was cited recently by Medaille College as one