

## PA Lists Numbers For Help in Area

Parents Anonymous, the national support group for parents who recognize potential or active child abuse problems, announced last week several phone numbers which persons around the diocese may call for help with such problems.

Kathleen Martin, head of the Western New York and Southern Tier section of the New York State Resource Office of Parents Anonymous, said that direct phone assistance is now available in more than half of the counties of the diocese.

Persons wishing to contact Parents Anonymous in Monroe County, Yates County, Ontario County, Schuyler County, Seneca County, Cayuga County and Tioga County should call (716) 454-5060.

Help is available, she said, in Wayne County by calling Chris Aquilano at 946-4873; in Livingston County, Aliveline, 243-2720; in Steuben County, Billie Glossner, 962-3148; in Chemung County, Pat Blackwell 734-3941; and in Tompkins County, Barbara Barry, 273-0259.

The non-profit, self-help group was founded in California in 1970 by an abusing mother, Jolly K. Its goal is to stop the cycle of child abuse.

The organization is seeking to develop Parents

Anonymous chapters in each county.

In Parents Anonymous, parents help each other meet their own needs, thereby enabling them to better meet the needs of their children, according to Deborah Kravitz, a member of the organization. She said that help is offered in two ways, through weekly chapter meetings and through crisis intervention.

In the chapter meeting parents discuss their parenting in a non-judgmental and supportive environment. Crisis intervention help is available 24 hours a day, every day. This is accomplished through the sharing of members' telephone numbers.

Further information on the subject is available through Ms. Martin at 121 North Fitzhugh St., Rochester, N.Y. 14614.

### BECKET WEEKEND

Young men who would like to take a look at seminary life are invited to spend the weekend of Feb. 3-5 at Becket Hall, the residence at St. John Fisher College for students considering the priesthood. Jan. 29 is the deadline for registration, which may be made by calling collect 716-586-4470. High school juniors and seniors are invited.

## Adult Ed. Program Set Jan. 22

"Religious Education for Adult Leadership" is the focus of an "Expo" at St. Thomas More parish from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday Jan. 22.

According to David White, chairman of the committee, the program will open with a panel of

speakers who will briefly explore the value and necessity of continuing education today, planning time for retreats, and the opportunities for these and other religious experiences available.

Father Lewis Brown, the

diocesan director of Religious Education, will open with a short review of the value of continuing education today and introduce Joseph Kelly who will discuss the program of educating our clergy today. Kelly is the director of Continuing Education at St. Bernard's Seminary.

for possible workshops also will be presented.

To introduce, explain and/or answer questions regarding such "other religious experiences" as Cursillo, the Better World Movement, Marriage Encounter, Charismatic Movement, Catholic Family Center and so on, respective resource persons will be present.

To explain the differing styles of retreat programs available and to assist in making such plans wherever needed, there will be representatives and/or information from the Cenacle Retreat House, Notre Dame Retreat House, Piffard, Mt. Saviour, the SSJ Prayer Center and Retreat House.

## 2 NFP Sessions Scheduled

Two events have been scheduled by Natural Family Planning of Rochester.

The first, a natural family planning class (Session 1) will take place from 8 to 10:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 27, at St. Jude the Apostle, 4100 Lyell Road, Rochester, in the new parish hall. This class is for engaged and married couples who have decided to use the NFP method.

A \$15 fee includes the cost of books, supplies and follow up. Registration is required and the group session is limited to six couples. Registration and information are available

from the NFP office, 716-464-8705 or from Mrs. Peggy Abair at 716-247-5304.

The office also has listed an Information Session on NFP at St. Jerome's parish in East Rochester from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Monday, Jan. 30. The meeting is sponsored by the Human Development Committee of the parish.

Douglas and Nancy Osborn, trained instructors in the NFP method, will present the program and answer questions. The session is open to the public at no charge and registration is not required. More information may be obtained from the NFP office, 716-464-8705.

Following this presentation, participants may search out areas of personal concern that will be represented in the classrooms of St. Thomas More School in a manner similar to college information nights sponsored for high school students each year. Emphasis will be placed upon making information accessible and answering questions.

This two-hour program will include opportunities for formal education within regular academic degree programs at Nazareth College, St. John Fisher College, St. Bernard's Seminary, Colgate Divinity School and the Diocesan CERP program.

Study clubs, discussion groups, film series, information concerning pertinent lectures at the above colleges, and ideas

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## Council for Aging Seeking Members

Elmira—The Chemung County Council for the Aging is conducting its annual membership drive during January.

A non-profit organization staffed by volunteers, the council is an advocate for the needs of the older adult population in Chemung County. The council is concerned with the housing, health services, employment, nutritional services, transportation and recreational facilities available to senior citizens.

Membership support, from persons of all ages, is important for the group's efforts for senior citizens in Chemung County to continue.

Membership fees are structured to allow anyone an opportunity to participate; individual dues are one dollar; a life mem-

bership is \$25. Memberships for business or civic organizations begin at \$10. All contributions are tax deductible.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Chemung County Council for Aging, Inc., 214 W. Gray St., Elmira 14901.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Baden Street Settlement has called for volunteers to help in a new program designed to increase direct services to youth such as tutoring in reading and math, assisting in obtaining the General Equivalency Diploma, assisting in job hunting, counselling on vocations, and helping clarify attitudes and values. The program, called Juvenile Delinquency Prevention, has recently been funded by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA).


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Isn't human nature interesting? While many Catholics in the U.S. carefully ignore the Vatican, while we allow our youth to be taught the Faith from the pens of the most verbose dissenters — Monika Hellwig, Charles Curran, Rosemary Reuther, Marc Oraison, Avery Dulles, John McLaughlin, Bernard Haring, Hans Kung, Walter Imbiorsky, etc., while we allow the Sadlier Publishing Company to recommend for our youth such bright personalities as Ringo Starr, George Harrison, John Lennon (the Beatles), Janis Joplin, Simon and Garfunkle, Joan Baez and Cher as valid "sources of more information" about the Catholic Faith ("Free to Live," revised edition, Sadlier, 1975), while one Catholic university after another drops the word Catholic from their statutes, catalogues, titles and literature in exchange for government money, the Catholics of Poland have spent the past 20 years engaged in a vastly different form of Catholic action.

In Nowa Huta (the "Showcase City Without a God," planned and built in Poland by and for the Russian government) stands a monumental Catholic church planned and built by the Polish Catholics despite daily Soviet threats and control, ridicule, job

dissolvement, and the official government-sponsored Humanist Religion taught in the government-sponsored schools. Isn't human nature interesting?

There is no inherent danger in studying dissenters if they are presented honestly for what they are — dissenters — and if we teach the true faith first. There is nothing ugly or ignorant about Ringo Starr or the late Janis Joplin, but they are questionable sources for "more" Catholic information. There is nothing intrinsically immoral about money except when the string attached to it limit, restrict and override Catholic teaching in universities which are popularly assumed to be Catholic. And as for specifics, to my knowledge, Niagara University, Malloy College, Ladycliff College and Jamaica's outstanding St. John's University are the only Catholic universities in New York State which have resisted federal money, the only ones which have "refused to become neutral in matters of faith and morals, choosing instead to teach in fidelity to the teaching authority of the Church and, above all, to proclaim our continued allegiance to the Holy Father." That statement was made to me in a letter last year from the president of Niagara University.

But how is it, why is it, that we who have always enjoyed freedom, we who have fought and bled — and fight still — for human dignity, how is it that we have found room in our hearts and the time in our lives to ridicule but seldom praise those to whom we have traditionally beckoned — the huddled masses yearning?

Next week: The Hymn of the Ark.

## Deaths

### Mary Murphy

Geneva — Mary Murphy of Castle Street died Jan. 12, 1977, at the age of 90. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday at St. Francis de Sales Church.

Mrs. Murphy's only son is Father John A. Murphy, pastor of St. Lawrence Church, Greece.

She leaves also a daughter, Mrs. Agnes Van Houte, Geneva, and two granddaughters; a sister, Miss Catherine McKevitt of Geneva and a brother, Louis McKevitt of Waterloo.

### Samuel Streppa

Geneva — Samuel Streppa died Jan. 5, 1977, after a long illness. He was a native of Fairport.

Survivors include his four children, Cindy, Susan, Alice and Matthew; five brothers, Ernest, Tom, Nick, Dominic and Louis, and a sister, Anne Marra.

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