



Photo by Martin Toombs

Stations of the Cross

Despite the advent of spring, snow still decorated the picturesque Wayland countryside as parishioners of St. Joseph's made the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. At right, a telephone pole looms as a would-be cross as the parishioners stop at another station.



100 Take Part in 'Cross Walk'

Wayland—More than 100 persons here participated in a public commemoration of Good Friday of Christ's walk to Calvary.

Beginning in the village center, the marchers followed a three-mile route out of the village to a hill overlooking much of the countryside. The final mile of the walk was on a dirt road leading up the side of the hill, too steep for the following vehicles.

At intervals, the marchers stopped to reflect on the stations of the cross, saying prayers, led through the use of a portable public address system strapped to the back of a marcher, and singing hymns.

Known as the "Cross Walk," the annual observance is ecumenically sponsored; for those unable to make the journey, a service was conducted at the same time in St. Joseph's Church.

The two-hour walk drew persons from various age groups and from surrounding towns and villages as well as Wayland.

Divorced & Separated Group Begins Reorganization

By MARY ANN GINNERTY, Auburn—The Divorced, Separated and Remarried Catholics group of the Auburn area has begun a reorganization effort designed to expand services and improve on existing programs.

Ms. Betty Myers, a spokesperson for the group, said that, "For some, divorce is greeted with a sigh of relief. For others, a whole new life begins, but for many it is sheer terror. For most there are many hurdles of loneliness and self doubt before the healing and the growing can take place. We hope to help this process through sharing our concern and the concern of the Church with them."

"Part of this process may

be just listening, helping them get the courage to attend a meeting or enter a new relationship and take one day at a time," she said.

Ms. Myers explained that the divorced and separated Catholics organization began in November, 1976 when a call was issued to anyone in the area interested in the problems of divorced and remarried Catholics. The organization began meeting at St. Alphonsus Parish, 95 E. Genesee St., here, under the direction of Father Edward Palumbos, now the coordinator of the Marriage Encounter for the diocese.

"The original purpose (of the group) was to convey the Church's regard for the divorced, separated and remarried as part of the faith community and to

clarify misconceptions which have grown up over the years."

"Our group wishes to continue to facilitate these educative processes. In addition, a core of volunteers will be working under the guidance of Sister Dorothy Quinn (pastoral assistant at St. Mary's, Auburn) to develop a ministry to the divorced and separated right here and now. We feel there are people out there who are hungering for understanding and acceptance. We hope to share this with them," Ms. Myers said.

Sister Dorothy indicated that these volunteers will help answer questions about divorce and remarriage in the Church and be a source of healing, through the strength drawn from their faith and prayer.

Sister Dorothy said that the volunteers meet regularly to study the problems these people face, and grow in prayer towards their goal of ministry.

The divorced and separated Catholic group is open to anyone in the area regardless of parish boundaries.

Ms. Myers indicated that the purpose of the organization is to facilitate the use of already existing programs in the community to help the divorced and separated individual handle problems such as parenting and how to come to grips with a newly emerging self.

A meeting of the group will take place at 7:30 p.m. on April 13 at St. Mary's School, 15 Clark St., Auburn. Father Gennaro Ventura, pastor of St. Francis DeSales, Geneva, will speak on the teachings of the Catholic Church and the channels of reconciliation.

Conference to Study Exceptional Children

Genesee—The Genesee State College Council for Exceptional Children will hold its second annual conference on April 15 and 16. The topic will be Mainstreaming and Deinstitutionalization. The conference will feature discussions and practical workshops on integrating the handicapped in classroom and community settings.

Dr. Thomas M. Stephens, chairman of the Exceptional Children Facility at Ohio State University, will be the conference keynote speaker. His topic will be "Thirteen Strategies for Improving Classroom Management and Individualizing Instruction," or "Help, These Kids are Driving Me Crazy."

Other workshops will focus on techniques for educating the handicapped student in the regular

classroom, and providing services to formerly institutionalized persons in the community.

Paul Dolan, executive director of One to One, a media awareness and advocacy group for the handicapped, will speak at the conference dinner on Saturday evening.

Registration fees will be \$1.50 for Saturday sessions, \$1.50 for Sunday sessions, or \$2 for both days. Registration is free for full time students.

Lodging is available at the Holiday Inn, and preregistered, full time students may be accommodated on campus if they prefer. Further information can be obtained by contacting Sharon Rachel May, (716) 245-7312, or the Council for Exceptional Children, (716) 245-5889.

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Youth Program Sponsors Festival

Watkins Glen—A Spring Festival of Music will be presented Sunday, April 30 in the Watkins Glen High School auditorium, beginning at 8 p.m. The variety show will benefit Schuyler County's Youth Action Program.

Vocalists, instrumentalists and dancers will participate, including Dr. Frank Brown and the Jazz Lab Band of Odessa-Montour High School.

Digger Phelps On Dais Honoring State Champions

Elmira—Richard (Digger) Phelps, Notre Dame University basketball coach, will be the featured speaker at a dinner honoring Notre Dame High School's state champions Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym.

Phelps, who led his team to a fourth place finish in the national basketball championships this year, will head the speakers table, which also will include Michael Johnston, Notre Dame High School coach, and Martin Harrigan, Elmira Free Academy principal and noted after-dinner speaker. Other speakers are yet to be confirmed.

Tickets for the event have been on sale at the school at Gerould's Westside Pharmacy and Rudy Baer's Horseheads.

Edward Clute and friend of Watkins Glen; Mary Elien Nasser of Corning, The Boogie 5 of Odessa-Mountour, Mia Filipetti, Angela Nyre, both of Watkins Glen; the Bell Choir of the Watkins Glen Presbyterian Church and Philip Waite of Rochester.

The Youth Action Program is "a response to needs which Schuyler County youth have expressed for recreational,

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Elmira—A day of recollection, sponsored by the Ladies of Charity, will be conducted by Father Neil Miller at the Dominican Monastery on West Church Street Sunday, April 9. Registration will be at 1 p.m. and a celebration of the Eucharist will be at 4 p.m.

educational and social opportunities" according to Sarah Drake, program coordinator.

The program has provided instruction in hunter safety, hair care and cosmetics, crafts, ceramics, cartooning, stamp collecting and modern dance. Youth Action also has sponsored teen dances and a karate exhibition.

Funds raised locally will qualify the program for state assistance for summer recreation projects, swimming instruction, field trips, films and for a youth exchange with similar agencies outside the county.

Tickets are on sale at Martin's Newsroom and the Youth Action Center, at 1005 N. Decatur St., in Watkins Glen; at Montour Pharmacy in Montour Falls; at Rudy Baer's in Horseheads; at the Renaissance Book Store and Mayer's Smoke Shop, Ithaca; Brown's Cigar Store, Corning, and Ray Dann's, Tyrone.

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