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Pastoral Care

Offices Renovated at St. Joseph's

Elmira—Interdenominational dedication ceremonies highlighted the opening of the newly renovated Pastoral Care offices at St. Joseph's Hospital May 1.

The department of pastoral care was organized in 1976 and has the responsibility for coordinating efforts to fill the spiritual needs of patients and hospital personnel of all faiths.

Under the direction of Father Cyril Guise, OCD, the department assists the

health care team at St. Joseph's in addressing the whole person; according to the hospital philosophy, "spiritually, physically and psychologically."

Department representatives joined Rabbi Seymour Panitz, Congregation Shomray Hadath; Paul Brisbane, representing the Chemung County Council of Churches, hospital officials and local clergy in the dedication program in the newly renovated quarters in the hospital's

lower level. Temporary facilities had been maintained in the chaplain's quarters until this time.

The new area includes a counseling room which clergy may use with patients, families and friends.

A central patient registry, with computer printouts listing Church affiliation, is available for the clergy.

A pastoral care library for reference on pastoral problems also is available

to clergy and patients during office hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Others working in the department are Father Timothy McGough, OCD, who is presently on leave for study in the Holy Land; Father Theodore Centala, OCD, Sister Barbara Gulino, associate chaplain, and Sister Rose Regina.

All clergy in the area were invited to tour the facilities following the dedication.



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Rabbi Philip Aronson of Congregation B'nai Israel, Paul Brisbane of the Chemung Council of Churches and Father Cyril Guise, director of the hospital's Pastoral Care Department, join to cut cake at celebration. Right, Sister Barbara Gulino, associate chaplain, cuts ribbon.



Carnival Time

Second graders from Blessed Trinity School, Auburn, held a carnival recently to raise funds for a class picnic. Shown here, properly dressed for the occasion, are (from left) Michael Hesse, Caryn Holzauer, Jeff Colella and Karen Driscoll.

Changes in Church Topic of Program

Ithaca—Immaculate Conception Parish is sponsoring a "Cabaret Nite" Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the school. The program idea, a first for the parish, will feature Joseph Kelly, director of continuing education at St. Bernard's Seminary, speaking in a night club atmosphere on the changes in the Church.

Called a "social, inspirational" program by its organizers, it is intended to be both a social and educational evening.

Kelly, for seven years an instructor in Old Testament at St. Bernard's, has titled his talk "Change, Change,

Change." He explains that "Catholic people are well aware the Church is changing. Sometimes it seems, however, that the changes have no rhyme or reason. This talk will help us to see that the renewal of the Church is well thought out and grounded in solid theology. What has changed is the 'model' of Church. This new model, attuned to the culture of our day, will hopefully lead us closer to God."

Refreshments will be available; tickets are being sold in advance at the Immaculate Conception Shop and the rectory; those remaining will be available at the door.

Latin Mass Set May 14

Elmira—A Latin Mass will be sung Sunday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church as part of a parish program celebrating the approaching bimillennial of the birth of Mary.

The Mass of St. Mechthild, by M. L. Nemmers, will be sung by the Our Lady of Lourdes adult choir, with Paul Holland directing, and Mrs. Mary Montanarella as organist.

The special liturgy is being sponsored by the adult choir and the parish Liturgy Committee, who invite all interested persons to participate.

ND Parents Schedule Festival

Elmira—The annual Notre Dame Parents Association Spring Festival will take place Saturday, May 20, at the high school.

Planned are a remote radio broadcast, a chicken barbecue and live entertainment in the evening.

A children's play will be presented continuously throughout the day, John White, a local artist and instructor at Notre Dame, will sketch activities and personalities, food tents will be set up, and a busy day all in all has been scheduled.

On the committee are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gamer, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zelko, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lapple, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lagonegro, Mr. and Mrs. Agan, Mr. and Mrs. John Glover, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sullivan.

NFP Session

Elmira—A Natural Family Planning informational session will be conducted tonight, Wednesday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Doctors Meeting Room in St. Joseph's Hospital. The session is being offered by Beryl and Nick Iven, Natural Family Planning instructors.

Supper Planned By Auburn DSG

Auburn—The Divorced, Separated and Widowed Group of the Cayuga-Seneca Region will host a supper at Sacred Heart Parish Hall on Melrose Road here at 7 p.m., May 18. Father James Enright, associate pastor at St. Mary's, Auburn, will be guest speaker. His presentation will begin at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. Those who plan to attend the supper are asked to bring a dish to pass and their own table service.



St. Joseph's employees of 40 and 45 years were the top honorees at the awards dinner. From left, Geraldine Kelly, a physical therapy nurse for 40 years, and Sister Mary Wuest, a St. Joseph's staff member for 45 years, are congratulated by Sister Martha Gersbach, who also was recognized for 15 years of service.

St. Joseph's Honors 200 Employees

Elmira—Nearly 200 employees and recent retirees were the guests of honor in recognition of 1,450 years of service to St. Joseph's Hospital at the hospital's annual service awards dinner May 1.

Sister Martha Gersbach, hospital administrator, told the employees that "We Wish You Well," a greeting which also is the theme for this year's Hospital Week observance.

Sister Mary Wuest, supervisor in the nuclear medicine department, topped honors for the longest term of service, 45 years.

A physical therapy nurse, Geraldine Kelly, was recognized for 40 years of

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uninterrupted service in the Twin Tiers Rehabilitation Center.

Sister Martha presented the service pins for periods from 5 to 45 years of service. Retirees were presented certificates in recognition of their dedication to the hospital community.

Judge Daniel J. Donahoe, chairman of the hospital's board of directors, presented a 15-year award to Sister Martha. The administrator thanked those honored for all they have done to "assure quality care" to those served by St. Joseph's.

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