



Father Elmer Heindl, Cayuga-Seneca regional coordinator, officiates at the lighting of candles ceremony at the conclusion of the recent regional educational conference at Holy Family School in Auburn.

### 'Share the Light of Faith'

Auburn—An evening was set aside, Sept. 21 at Sacred Heart Parish Center here, as part of the Share the Light of Faith Catechetical Week to introduce a variety of programs to catechists, parish council and education committee members from the Seneca-Cayuga Region.

Genesis 2, Family Religious Education, GIFT, Evenings for Couples and Focus on Hope Series were discussed. They are options for adult education on a parish and regional level.

Mr. Claude Lester, religious education coordinator at St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls, introduced GIFT, an adult education approach which creates and develops a team of Christian educators. Through research, reflection and response the religious education questions of the parish are discovered, prioritized and developed into a program designed to address the individual

while providing opportunities for renewal of parish structures.

Ms. Penny Perez Anderson, of St. Mary's parish staff, spoke about the family cluster concept which seeks to help families form a sense of community with one another in clusters while coming to grips with integrating faith concepts into the daily routine of family life.

Ms. Patricia Lawler, of St. Alphonsus Parish, explained Genesis 2, an adult education program which seeks to bridge the gap between the spiritual values which people knew in the pre-Vatican II Church and their own lives in the 70's. This is accomplished through a series of individual sessions which follows a well-defined program examining views and attitudes in the light of the concepts presented by program director, Trappist Father Vincent Dwyer. Films and cassettes are used in this program.

Mrs. James Cuddy, of Holy Family Parish, reviewed Focus on Hope. This program combines discussion and study with home reading focussed on the changing church, moral problems, relationships between parents and their children, scripture and the importance of prayer.

The Evenings for Parents program is designed to bring parents to a greater awareness of themselves and their children through discussion, communication and listening techniques. It was described as an opportunity to affirm one's confidence in being a parent rather than a "How to be parents" approach.

Ms. Elizabeth Gendreau was host religious education coordinator at the Sacred Heart meeting. Father Robert Gaudio, chairman of the Seneca-Cayuga Regional Education Committee guided the assembly in prayer.

### The Message: God Loves Us

Auburn — Music, nursery rhymes and imagination, recalling yesteryears helped to blend the message "Sharing the Light of Faith" presented by Father Lewis Brown, diocesan director of the Office of Religious Education, at the Sept. 20 catechetical conference held at Holy Family School here.

His presentation at the conference was the end of a week long series of activities planned by the Seneca-Cayuga Regional Education Committee to mark Catechetical Week.

Father Brown focused on the three aspects of faith, the faith we share, what is shared and how it is shared.

"The hard message that must always be utmost in our minds is that God the Father loves us. Every catechist must be convinced of this message to be effective," he said.

we are received into a community through Baptism that believes this message. You and I keep this faith alive when we share it. It grows through human struggle and faith. Much is informal, over the coffee pot, or in the classroom, in a deeper and more formal way," he said.

Father Brown said that we are a two book people. Our lives are based on living revelation and continued relationships with God. The catechism was the Church's attempt to put what we believe into a systematic order.

He pointed out that in 1972 the American Bishops took a close look at catechetics. "The message came through loud and clear. It was that the faith is not just a message for the head but a way of life to be lived. At least, we say get it out of the head and aim to do what is truth."

"The sharing of faith is limited only by our own

imagination," he said as he called upon those assembled to continue to use all their gifts and talents.

### Honor Students

Auburn— Father Felix Mazur, OFM Conv., announced last week that the following St. Hyacinth parishioners had been enrolled in the Society of Distinguished American High School Students: Kathleen Bennett, Laurie Bristol, Gerard Jones, Michael Ramada, Jeanne Yaworsky, Carol Zabinski, Barbara Zibbon, Alex Schmidt and Michael Dec.

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### The Bishop Was a Vintner

If ever there were any doubt about it, judging from the number of tourists flocking into the state during the fall season, the Diocese of Rochester encompasses one of the greatest wine producing regions in the world.

And the diocese has a venerable history of involvement in the wine industry here, starting back with the founding Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid.

According to diocesan historian Father Robert F. McNamara, "Viticulturnist

McQuaid was especially proud of the diploma he had been awarded for his wines, which he called 'O-Neh-Da' after the Indian name of Hemlock Lake... From the rubrical point of view, the Hemlock wines had the required purity, hence priests from many States ordered their altar wine from the Bishop of Rochester."

And, even today, over in Naples, pilgrims pray at the shrine of Our Lady of the Grapes, on the grounds of St. Januarius Church.

So it is not surprising

that a wine promoting group, Les Amis du Vin, should choose Rochester for its annual New York State Autumn Wine Fest.

The fest is slated for the Dome Arena on Sunday, Oct. 22, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Featured at the affair will be samples of wines from a number of the area's wineries, including Glenora, the surprise prize-winner at this year's New York State Fair.

Also featured will be a variety of breads and cheeses.



### Metrically

Parents went to school at St. Mary's recent Home School Association harvest supper. Lee Nagua, right, from the State Education Department, was guest speaker and gave a demonstration of the metric system. Here he metrically measures Sister Alice Marie Kurtz, principal, while Derrick Jansen, school association co-president, looks on.

### Family Debt Discussion Set

Elmira—A discussion of family debt counseling will be the program for the Alcoholism Seminar at St. Joseph's Hospital Thursday, Oct. 19 at 12:15 p.m.

Speaking will be Mrs. Marilyn Baxter, secretary with Elmira Aid, and James

Tracy, financial counselor at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The session will be in the Doctors Meeting Poom. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Social Work STARS Department at St. Joseph's Hospital, 733-6541, extension 564.

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