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### At Regional Assembly:

## Bishop Hogan Speaks On Importance of Evangelization

Seneca Falls—The Seneca-Cayuga Regional Assembly opened its 1978-79 season recently with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and the priests of the region at St. Patrick's Church here. In both his homily and discussion with the assembly following the Mass, Bishop Hogan focused on evangelization.

Bishop Hogan laid the foundation for his talk by reminding the assembly, "We are a resurrection people filled with hope. No Christian can ever say I can not, although we are all prone to say I will not. The most obviously hopeless situation seems physical death. Christ's triumph over that and His resurrection is our greatest joy."

Bishop Hogan pointed out that when the Church in this country was young emphasis was on preserving faith. In 1776 there were 13,000 baptized Catholics. Now there are 45 million.

"We have grown in numbers, but as people with a commitment to Christ, we have a duty to our brothers and sisters who know him not to share the blessing of the hope of Christ which enriches our lives" he said.

"Everyone needs to evangelize. To do this we have to know the audience we are talking to. Are they active Christians, former Christians, totally unchurched, urban, rural? The challenge is to



Bishop Hogan addresses the Seneca-Cayuga Regional Assembly as Father Elmer Heindl looks on.

find ways by which committed Christians can share Christ's Good News with them."

In designing programs to serve the needs of the unchurched one has to start with the human and psychological needs each human being has — such conditions as loneliness, rejection, pain and sorrow. It is the personal approach, he pointed out, that always works best.

He said evangelization programs should be parish based. It has to be approached at all levels, but first is the personal.

"Our task is to invite the

unchurched to become a part of a community of believing people who support one another on the journey through life. The laity has to be deeply involved in this."

"Our social ministry and spiritual ministry are two sides of the same coin. It is to love God with our whole heart and our neighbors as ourselves. As more and more special ministry is evidenced by the Catholic community, the more credible our spiritual message will be. See how these people love one another. See how they reach out and care for others. This is evangelization at its very best," he said.

## Assembly Names Delegates, Discusses Representative

By MARTIN TOOMBS  
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Elmira—Two temporary delegates to the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) were named at the Chemung-Schuylers Regional Assembly Oct. 28.

Meeting in St. Joseph's Hospital's Dunn Memorial, the assembly spent a morning session in workshops, and conducted business in the afternoon.

Named to the DPC to replace Nancy Pesegi and Edward Brusso were Thomas Costello, of Our Lady of Lourdes and a former DPC member, and Michael Donnell of St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen. The appointments will be reviewed at the February Assembly. Costello, as assembly president, explained, as they were made without notification to the parishes.

Sister Bernarde and Leonard Dezelski, reporting for the region's education committee, said that they are planning a workshop on religious education of the

mentally retarded and a Scripture workshop.

Their discussion also raised the issue of the field representative being hired for each region by the diocesan Religious Education Department.

Father Kevin Murphy, regional coordinator, noted his reservations about establishing the position, calling it an added level of bureaucracy. He also indicated that he did not know if the regions have any options concerning the field representative.

The need for the position, considering the region's active education committee, also was questioned.

The assembly agreed that a letter should be sent to Father Lewis Brown of the diocesan office asking if the regions can determine the way the \$500 annual salary set for the representatives is spent.

Chaplaincy coverage at Arnot Ogden Hospital and the Elmira Psychiatric Center also

were raised by Father Murphy. He told the assembly that discussions are underway with the two facilities concerning chaplaincies.

He originally thought that a priest could work half time at each facility, Father Murphy said, but now it looks like the Psychiatric Center will have a full-time sister as chaplain, and Arnot Ogden will have a half-time chaplain, which could become full time later.

According to diocesan guidelines, Father Murphy reported, Arnot Ogden should have a full-time chaplain. But the hospital administration is "not as fully open as one would hope," he said, reporting that they cite space and financial difficulties.

The assembly concluded with a challenge from the executive committee to the delegates. They were charged with the responsibility of communicating regional activities to their parish councils, and were asked to bring three concerns of their parish council to the February assembly.

### Christmas Sale Nov. 9, 10

Elmira—The St. Joseph's Hospital auxiliary's annual Christmas sale will be Thursday and Friday, Nov. 9 and 10, in the hospital's Doctors Meeting Room, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Featured will be handmade items, from crocheted knitted, ceramics and home grown plants, and, again this year, a selection of miniature dollhouse furniture, rugs and linens.

The traditional flea market, unusual gifts section and wearing, playing and eating items will round out the largest display of "Made by Hand" items in the Twin Tiers.

### Choir Concert

Auburn—St. Mary's Parish here has scheduled their annual St. Cecilia's Day Concert for Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. The concert, performed by the parish choir will be performed in the church.

Featured is a concert setting of the Latin Gloria written by the 18th century master Antonio Vivaldi. This work will be performed by choir soloist Linda Leonard, the orchestra and harpsichord. Other familiar pieces from the choir's Sunday repertoire will include Mozart's Ave Verum, Handel's Hallelujah Amen and a special arrangement of the Thanksgiving Hymn, "We Gather Together." The public is invited.

### NFP Session Tonight

Elmira—There will be a Natural Family Planning (NFP) informational meeting Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hospital's Doctors Meeting Room.

The meeting is for information only. Methods will be taught to engaged and married couples at a later date.

Beryl and Nick Iven of Odessa, certified NFP instructors, will conduct the program. Further information can be obtained by contacting them at 594-2380.



Bosco, alias Father David Mura, puts on his unique juggling act.

## "Fools for Christ" A Hit With Elderly

Horseheads—Residents, volunteers and staff were indistinguishable at the Elcor Nursing Home Halloween party Oct. 28.

Contributing to the confusion were a group of high school students from St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen, and St. Mary's, Corning, who, as "Fools for Christ," entertain in hospitals and nursing homes.

The teenagers, dressed as clowns, moved among the residents, many of whom were in costume, and the staff, also costumed, dedicated to foolishness. The residents seemed to enjoy every minute of it.

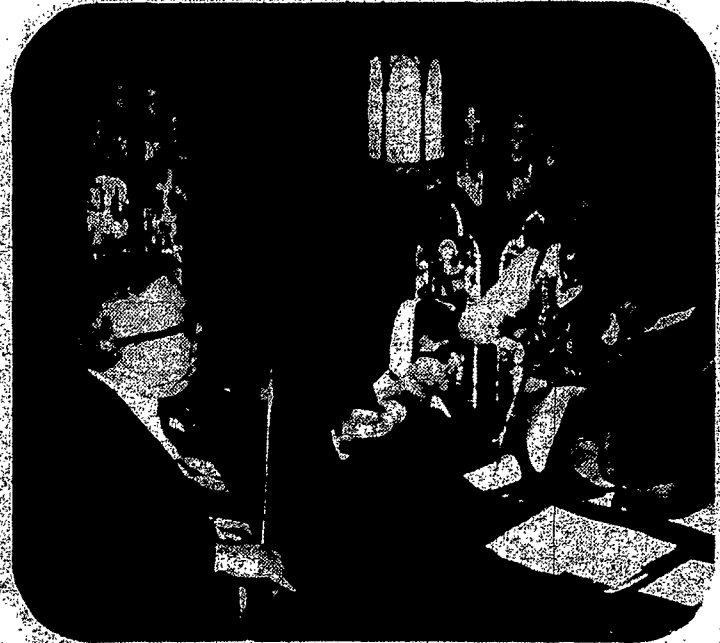
The party began in the dining room, and then the

clowns visited residents' rooms, often stopping to talk.

The "Fools for Christ" group first began at St. Mary of the Lake, under the direction of Father David Mura, associate pastor. He then helped start a group at St. Mary's, Corning, which is being led by Mary McGill.

Fifteen teenagers from Watkins Glen, and eight from Corning, on their first appearances as clowns, were at Elcor entertaining the residents.

Father Mura, who was directing the day's activities as "Bosco," the clown with trouble juggling, noted an advantage for the students in addition to the obvious ones. The teenagers, fully costumed, can get to know the elderly infirm in a non-threatening way, he noted, which should be beneficial to them.



### For the Pope

Supplying the music for the St. Casimir's Mass were from left, Dr. Edwin Kornuszko, Sister Mary Ann Sciwa and Anna Niesuchowski, in costume. Not pictured is the choir director, Raymond Wineski.

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