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### Yates County Census To Start on Dec. 3

**Penn Yan/Dundee** — The parishes of St. Michael's and St. Andrew's Churches in these towns will take a census on Sunday, Dec. 3.

This will be the first Roman Catholic census in Yates County in more than 10 years and will cover each township with the exception of Italy, Potter and Middlesex.

The house-to-house tally will be done between 1 and 4 p.m. on that day.

Daniel Clements has been chosen to head the steering committee for the undertaking. Assisting him on the committee are Mrs. Christie Cahil, Mrs. Vernon Morse, Jack Sullivan, Freer Finnigan, Robert Boucher and George Barnes.

Zone leaders for the event are Leon Morse, Earl Lauer, Franklin Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hansen, Miss Margaret Murphy, Miss Betty Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Terpolli, Jr., Mrs. Richard

Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Helbig, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Berkes, Miss Jeannine Clark and Mrs. Frances Armstrong.

The census will serve a two-fold purpose: to gather pastoral information on the number of members in the family, the ages and the schooling; to gather information on the needs of the families the Church can meet and on the individual interests in parish life.



Franklin Moore, Father Peter Clifford, and Clements plot out the routes for the census.

### Catherine Doherty:

## Security Comes from God, Not Money

By MARTIN TOOMBS  
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**Ithaca**—Many persons are searching for security, Catherine de Hueck Doherty said at Cornell University's Sage Convocation Nov. 19, but they are looking in the wrong place.

They are looking for the security of credit cards, she said, and they "spend and spend and spend until the moment of reckoning."

"Man thinks that because of his technology, he has conquered the world" and no longer needs God, Mrs. Doherty said. But everyone depends on God, she commented, although some may not want to admit it. Their search for material comforts ignores God, as they try to be their own gods, she said.

Mrs. Doherty is the founder of Madonna House in Combermere, Ontario, Canada, a training center for the lay apostolate.

Madonna House has received 8,000 persons this year, she said, all looking for God. In order to find Him, she said, they first must achieve poverty.

"Unless they understand

what poverty is," she said, "they'll never understand security; the real security, not the security of cash."

"The only security that is ours comes from God," she stated.

Born in Russia in 1900, Mrs. Doherty was married at the age of 15 to Baron Boris de Hueck. Forced to flee Russia in 1920, she and her husband traveled to Canada. After her husband died, she sold her possessions, gave up a highly paid position, and went to live in the slums of Toronto. There she founded the first of the Friendship Houses which are now located in many cities in the United States and Canada. She married journalist Edward Doherty in 1943; four years later they founded Madonna House. Mrs. Doherty also has written several books, including "Poustinia," and "Gospel without Compromise."

Speaking on the "Power of Poverty," she noted poverty is not just the lack of goods, pointing out that some goods are necessary; "poverty is in the heart," she said.

"To understand poverty is to have perfect self-knowledge," she said. A

person who is truly poor understands who he or she is, Mrs. Doherty said, "a creature standing straight before your Creator."

"Who looks for God looks for poverty," she said, pointing out that Christ was born, lived and died poor.

"Blessed are the poor, for they shall see God," she quoted from the Beatitudes.

Once a person achieves true poverty, she said, "you have a security the like of which" can't be achieved from psychiatrists, analysts or material wealth. "God becomes your ultimate security," she stated.

"Once you have given everything up," she explained, "then you suddenly realize that you are rich beyond measure." When that is achieved, "you can give this wealth that is poverty to others," she commented.

She noted that many visitors to Madonna House have left other communities because they didn't find poverty there. She asked "When shall we preach the gospel without compromise?"

"Who of us have got the guts to stand up" to those who

have money and power, she said, "and say stop, you have no right to do things like this."

"This is the hour of understanding," she concluded; "this is the hour of loving each other as He loves us."

### Abortion Topics Discussed

**Auburn** — The Cayuga County Right to Life Committee discussed three abortion topics at its monthly meeting Nov. 16 at the Salvation Army building here.

The committee reviewed "Every woman has the right to control her own body; "Every child a wanted child;" and "Abortion is a Catholic issue."

Also at the meeting, Frank McKay, New York State Right to Life Political Education chairperson, described the work of the newly formed State Political Action Committee. He said that the committee will back local pro-life candidates by donating man-hours of campaign work and with financial aid.



Anna Huffmaster, center, cuts the cake commemorating her 100th birthday. On her left is Lavella Hackett, celebrating 79 years; on her right is Nettie Tompkins, marking her 83rd birthday. The party was in St. Joseph's Hospital's Skilled Nursing Facility, where the celebrants live.

## Centenarian Honored

**Elmira**—Anna Huffmaster, 100 years old, led those celebrating their birthday Nov. 20 at St. Joseph's Hospital's Skilled Nursing Facility.

Mrs. Huffmaster received a congratulatory letter from President Jimmy Carter on the occasion.

A large cake, donated by Jack Wheeler's Bakery, allowed the 31 nursing facility residents, the Ladies of Charity who conduct monthly birthday parties, and the celebrants' relatives to share in the festivities.

The new Twin Tier Senior Kazoo Ensemble provided entertainment.

The three younger celebrants were Mrs. Lavella Hackett, Gillette, Pennsylvania, born Nov. 14, 1899; Mrs. Nettie Tompkins, Troy, Pennsylvania, born Nov. 30, 1895; and Mrs. Sarah Hefling of Fallbrook, Pennsylvania, born Nov. 20, 1899.

Mrs. Huffmaster remains active, knitting, sewing, making gifts for friends and the children in pediatrics; she also is a sparkling conversationalist.



### Honored

Father Francis Davis, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira, for nine years previous to his transfer to St. Mary's, Dansville, last June, was honored at the parish's annual party for parish volunteers Nov. 17. In thanksgiving for his service, Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners made donations toward the addition of six jewels to Father Davis' chalice. Above, Father Davis holds the chalice while addressing those present. With him are, left, Delores Boedicker, parish council president, and Ann Fisher.



### Special Concert

St. Mary's Choir (Auburn) gave a special recital to residents of the Auburn Correctional Facility recently. Shown above are choir members waiting entrance to the facility.

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