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Enrichment Committee Plans Couples Mass

By Martin Toombs
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Elmira Heights—After several months of preliminary work, the Chemung-Schuylker Family Enrichment Committee has announced its first program designed to help strengthen families.

A Mass for Christian couples has been scheduled for Friday, April 6, at 8 p.m., at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira.

Father Paul McCabe, Lourdes pastor, will be the principal concelebrant and homilist for the Mass, on the theme "Til Death Do Us Part." Other priests from the region are expected to concelebrate.

Paul Holland and the Our Lady of Lourdes choir will lead the singing; John Frawley, Enrichment Committee chairman, will welcome those attending, and explain the committee's goals.

Included in the Mass will be an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage vows.

Organizing preparations is William DiBerardino, Lourdes representative, who detailed plans for the Mass at the committee's regular meeting March 26 in Elmira Heights.

The Family Enrichment Committee grew out of the region's Family Life Committee. Since its first meeting last September, the committee has been gathering representatives from the

region's parishes, and working to define its goals.

Suggested projects include sponsorship of Evenings for Parents, Evenings for Couples and other parent education programs; special programs during the year of interest to parents; and an examination of the needs of single parents.

Future projects discussed at the March meeting include a family Mass for the fall, a regional Mass honoring couples celebrating anniversaries, and possible

programs for Mother's and Father's days.

Frawley, Elmira Recorder's Court Judge, is chairing the committee, and Father Joseph Gaynor, St. Charles Borromeo pastor, is serving as moderator. The committee has representatives from 10 parishes; St. Nicholas Ukrainian also is expected to send a representative.

The parish representatives are DiBerardino, Lourdes; Mr. and Mrs. Michael McDonald,

St. Charles Borromeo, Elmira Heights; Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas DeRico, St. John the Baptist; Mr. and Mrs. Richard McGill, St. Casimir's; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stapleton, St. Patrick's; Mr. and Mrs. John S. Watts, St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads; Mr. and Mrs. John Canestaro, St. Anthony's; Mrs. Anna Caratelli, St. Cecilia's; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carey, St. Peter and Paul; and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Noto, St. Mary's, Southside.

Auburnian Leads U.S. Quest for Irish Peace

By Mary Ann Ginnerty

Auburn — Serving as president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) while residing in a small upstate community entails a lot of weekend traveling throughout the country, but Thomas McNabb thinks it is well worth it.

McNabb, who took over as president of AOH in June, 1978, has been active in a number of Hibernian activities ranging from marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City to raising scholarship funds. One of the most important programs McNabb has been involved with is the upcoming Peace Forum talk in Washington, D.C. on May 14.

The Peace Forum will deal with the issues of human rights in Northern Ireland. Representatives from all factions involved with the strife in Northern Ireland are expected to attend.

"The Peace Forum is something the members of the Hibernians and the Irish National Caucus have been working on for several years. We hope the process of the hearing and the forum itself will produce some type of solution to the problems faced by the people in Northern Ireland," McNabb said.

McNabb said the Peace Forum concept began early in 1977 when Jack Keane, past president of the AOH, started an ad hoc committee for Irish affairs. Rep. Mario Biaggi of New York City serves as chairman of the committee now numbering 120 members.

McNabb said that the British government has been found guilty of torture of prisoners when charges were brought in the World Court in Strasbourg, Switzerland, more than three years ago. Amnesty International, according to McNabb, also found the British government guilty of 78 different counts of the mistreatment of prisoners.

McNabb credits the success of the Irish American Caucus to Rep. Biaggi's trip to

Ireland last November was instrumental in making the Peace Forum a reality, McNabb said. A cross section of political parties, organizations, labor and church and peace groups as well as representatives of the British and Irish government have been invited.

McNabb said he did not understand the silence of the Catholic Church on the Irish issue. He was pleased, however, that the recently appointed Archbishop O'Fiaich, Primate of All Ireland, has visited the Longkesh camp and made moves to confront the issue.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest Catholic Irish organization in this country, dating back to its establishment in New York City in 1836. Basically, McNabb said, the AOH fosters Irish culture, maintains close ties with the church, and its preamble pledges itself to promote social action concerns allied with the Catholic Church. Initially AOH in this country was founded to help immigrants relocate, but the American branch broke with the parent organization when the Irish based movement took on political overtones.

AOH started in Ireland over 400 years ago to act as guards for priests celebrating Mass in the days when active ministry could result in a priest having a price on his head. Hibernians, he said simply means Irish men.

'Godspell' Scheduled for Palm Sunday

Horseheads — Almost everyone likes a challenge; to a director, the challenge of presenting the same play in a different way four straight years is a formidable one.

Add to that the fact that last year's production was labeled by reviewers as "spellbinding," and you'll understand a little of the challenge that faces Ray Defendorf, Celebrate Life's director, as the group prepares its annual production of "Godspell." The group is based at St. Mary Our Mother Parish.

Fr. Kennedy Scheduled To Speak

Ithaca — Another in the series of "educational-social" events sponsored by Immaculate Conception's CARE Committee has been scheduled for Saturday, April 21.

Father Robert Kennedy, diocesan Liturgy director, will supply the educational aspect; he will speak on "Christ: The Gospel."

The social portion will include round and square dancing, to the live music of "Sophisticated Country."

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception School gym. Father Kennedy will speak at 8 p.m. Dancing will continue until 1 a.m.

Refreshments will be available. There will be a \$2 per person admission charge. Reservations are preferred, and may be made by telephoning 273-0898 or 564-9297.

Hospice Fund Receives Grant

Elmira — The William T. Morris Foundation of New York City has awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Richard C. Behrens Memorial Fund of St. Joseph's Hospital.

The fund was established by the family of Mr. Behrens, a former New York City police officer, who had been hospitalized at St. Joseph's Hospital. Mrs. Lillian Behrens established the fund for purposes of "research, planning and development of a hospice," to assist in care of the terminally ill. St. Joseph's had already been actively

involved in pursuing the concept before Mr. Behrens' death Nov. 11, 1978.

The grant has been supplemented by contributions from family and friends of Mr. Behrens. Mr. and Mrs. Behrens have resided in Elmira for several years upon leaving New York City.

The Behrens Memorial Fund was established so those supportive of the hospice concept could have the opportunity to contribute to its development.

Scanner Diagnostic Shows Equipment

By Martin Toombs
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Elmira — Scanner Diagnostic Services, PC, unveiled its EMI 5005 whole-body scanner March 28 for the press, five days before the announced beginning of operation by Arnot-Ogden Hospital of a similar unit.

The Scanner Diagnostic scanner is in the Elmira Medical Arts Building, which is adjacent to and owned by St. Joseph's Hospital. It has been a source of controversy since its installation was announced Aug. 31, 1978.

Dr. Joseph E. Calderone, president of Scanner Diagnostic Service, reported that the unit performed 58 scans during its first two weeks of operation, which began March 14.

In response to questioning, Dr. Calderone stated that "I

am the only voting member of the corporation," which, he said, was incorporated in November. The corporation's name was not revealed until March 9 at a court hearing in Albany. Further legal action against St. Joseph's Hospital and the corporations involved with the scanner is pending; studying the issue is the state Health Department and the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency.

Dr. Calderone said that he sought to place the scanner in the Elmira Medical Arts Building because he felt the "community is best served by

the presence of a CT Scanner at St. Joseph's." He later commented that any hospital the size of St. Joseph's or the Arnot Ogden should have such equipment.

He also stated that the current charge is \$220 for each scan, and he said that he expects the annual operating budget to be \$325,000. The equipment cost approximately \$450,000, he said, and is leased from Standard Scanning Associates of Rochester. Dr. Calderone declined to reveal the names of any persons involved in that corporation.



John Hughes, a radiology technician from St. Joseph's Hospital right, a working under contract to Scanner Diagnostic Services, demonstrates the use of the scanner. He is assisted by Barbara Root; acting as the patient is Kim West of WSYE-TV.

Celebrate Life's "Godspell" will be presented on Palm Sunday, April 8, at the Clemens Center in Elmira at 3 and 8 p.m. Adult tickets are \$3; students and gold card tickets are \$2. Group rates are

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