

Today's Courier April 25, 1979

It's a Circus! 8

Father Nick Weber, SJ, balanced two tables on a pole on his chin last week at the University of Rochester. Father Weber has an unusual ministry. He celebrates God's love in the Royal Lichtenstein Circus, a company of his own making, now in its eighth season of touring the nation. Father Weber spoke of his vision of the circus and its relationship to his vocation as a religious priest.



Pope Notes ICY 5

Pope John Paul II in his Easter message asked special concern for the needy and for human rights. The pontiff also made a point to ask all to work for the betterment of the hungry in the world, especially the young, and voiced support for the International Year of the Child.

Church Made Waves 11

A brief look at the religious life in the Finger Lakes region before the Civil War raised questions concerning the reason for the area's intense religious activity. A project is now underway at Ithaca College to collect information from the area on the religious activities of the time, to enable future researchers to study the apparently unique characteristics of the region.

Less Is More? 9

At their semiannual meeting in Chicago May 1-3, the U.S. bishops will consider changes in the procedures by which the U.S. Catholic Conference and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops operate. Among the items on the agenda will be whether two meetings are necessary and whether the meetings themselves are too cumbersome with too many programs to be considered.

Priests Changed 9

The Pastoral Office this week announced four clergy changes. Father John Hemple has taken a post in San Francisco, Father Raymond G. Heisel has moved to St. Anne's Church, Father Thomas Nellis has become temporary chaplain at St. Ann's Home, and Father Winfried Kellner has become temporary administrator of St. Boniface Church on the resignation of Father Francis Taylor as pastor.

Choir Sings 6

The fifth annual concert of the Diocesan Festival Choir will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 29 at St. Thomas More Church on East Avenue in Rochester. The diocesan choir will be joined by two other widely known religious choirs for the event — the Gregorian Chorale, under the direction of Father Benedict Ehmman, and the Concert Chorale of the Catholic Sisters of Rochester. Sister Virginia Hogan directs the latter group as well as the Diocesan Festival Choir.

Improving Service 18

Diocesan directors of Catholic Charities and representatives of the Spanish community met last week to map out improving Charities' services to the Spanish community. The meeting was the second step in a long-range program. At the meeting, agency directors voted to set up two separate committees to further study the problems.

Landmark

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of groups have been rallying to preserve at least the front wall and tower.

The Landmark Society, in its April newsletter, announced that it has purchased that part of the church for one dollar, and is now in the process of trying to raise the estimated \$100,000 needed to stabilize the structure.

The society's action is the latest in a long series of efforts to preserve the church.

Among those involved in the struggle are State University of New York at Brockport, city officials, members of the Downtown Development Corporation, and the Landmark Society.

SUNY now owns a portion of the property, and the City of Rochester another. As part of the agreement, as it now stands, the preservation of the facade and tower is in the hands of the society.

To that end, the society has asked support from its members and from the community at large. They are asking for interested parties to contact the Landmark Society, 130 Spring St., Rochester, N.Y. 14608, in writing, or by phone, (716) 546-7029.



JORGE JIMENEZ

Ordination

At ceremonies today (April 25) in the cathedral in Cochabamba, Bolivia, Father Jorge Jimenez will be ordained to the priesthood. Father Jimenez who studied at St. Bernard's Seminary and took his diaconate in Elmira last September, formerly coordinated the operation of San Jose Obrero parish in LaPaz, Bolivia. The parish was established with the help of priests and laymen from the Rochester diocese. Father Jimenez, known as Jota Jota, was a national soccer hero in Bolivia.



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