

Canandaigua K of C Honors Clergy

By Michael Groden

Canandaigua — More than 130 Knights of Columbus and guests gathered here last week for a special dinner honoring clergy and religious who served or have served in the area over the years.

Canandaigua K of C Council 1445 hosted the evening which featured Father Frank Lioi, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, and two seminarians speaking on vocations in the diocese.

Father Lioi briefly described the history of St. Bernard's which began in 1893 when Bishop McQuaid was Ordinary of the Diocese. The seminary was begun to "train priests to fit into the American way of life," Father Lioi said.

When Bishop Hogan became Bishop of Rochester, he felt that the seminary

should go beyond the training of future priests. Father Lioi said that the seminary now teaches people from many different backgrounds (Sisters, Brothers and lay people) different ministries in the Church.

He said that in order to create more interest in vocations on the parish level, diocesans should concentrate on three themes.

Parishioners should always support the existing clergy and religious working in their parish. They should always keep in mind the idea of promoting more vocations reminding one another of the importance of our priests and sisters. And they should always pray for vocations so that those who hear the call of God will heed it.

Father Lioi then introduced James Willsey and Frank DiSano, both second year

students at St. Bernard's who spoke briefly on seminary life.

Willsey began saying "everyone in this room has a vocation," we are all called to a religious, married or single state and we should all strive to do God's work to the best of our ability.

The two seminarians then briefly described the educational programs at St. Bernard's which includes dogma, pastoral training, history, scripture and spiritual development.

DiSano said that the spiritual development program is the "center of our lives." He added that "contrary to bad press reports" a seminarian's life is completely framed by his spiritual

development." This development consists of programs such as the Desert Experience, Personal Days of Recollection and Class Retreats among others.

The evening ended with check presentations from Council 1445 to Becket Hall, St. Bernard's, the St. Mary's (Canandaigua) convent, the Notre Dame Retreat House and Birthright of Canandaigua.

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Man of Year

Urban Kress, center, is presented with plaque commemorating his designation as Catholic War Veterans Layman of the Year. With Kress are his wife Teresa and Ralph Edwards, Commander of the Monroe County Catholic War Veterans. The presentation was made at a Communion breakfast held recently at St. Andrew's Church.

Father Illig Slated Here

Father Alvin Illig, the nationally known expert on evangelization will preach at the weekend liturgies, May 5 and 6 at St. Ambrose Church.

The Paulist priest, executive director of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee on Evangelization and director of his order's Office for

Evangelization, is also one of the designers of the 12 major regional consultations on Evangelization being conducted by the NCCB and the United States Catholic Conference.

Father Illig will speak at 8 p.m. on Saturday, and at 8, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m., and 12:30 and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

In addition, Father Illig will train home visitors in the parish's Homecoming evangelization program Sunday afternoon.

He will deliver a public lecture on evangelization that evening at 8 p.m.



FATHER ILLIG

All in the Family

By Sarah Child

What's in a Name? A Few More Like It

After spending parts of both Holy Week and Easter week in the company of relatives, first my side, then his, the head of the house and I felt compelled to tell our three that when the time came, we hoped they would choose not to give family names to their offspring.

The honor is lovely but the confusion great. We pointed out as illustration a recent evening at the dinner table when three Andys (his side) figured in the conversation.

Later one of us suggested we should have tried Runyones and distinguished them as San Juan Andy (the original), Princeton Andy (his son) and Niagara Falls Andy also known as the Fuzz (nephew).

It's just as bad on my side. There's my father Smethport Sam (original), Smethport Sam II (his son) and Rockland County Sam (grandson).

My father's father was Thomas. This resulted in grandchildren Tommy, Tommy and Thom, the last being my sister who turned out to be a girl but whose turn was up. She became Thomasina.

Back to my husband's family. His oldest brother is Mike. Mike is father to little Mike. Little Mike is bigger than big Mike now and I daresay that only family members still dare to call him Mikey.

My mother in law is Helen. So is her daughter. They got around that one by calling her Honey. My husband was named after his father. They called him Butch to set him apart until he started fighting back.

My mother's name is Margaret and every so often she can be heard fretting about her lack of namesakes. I tell her, politely, of course, that she should cease and desist and be thankful she's one of a kind. She could have wound up with two sisters bearing the same name as did San Juan Andy's daughters. All three are named Maria - Maria Elena, Maria Angela and Maria Christina and in this instance, I'll have to admit, a bit of all right.

Our children received non-family names. Johanna because it had grace and strength and meant God's gift. John for exactly the same reasons. Cara because in Italian it means Dear One and she was and is.

John, for one, shows signs of following the namesake tradition. Two years away from Confirmation he opined recently that when the time came he would take my brother Paul's name for the sacrament which he noted with glee would make him John Paul I. And his son, he explained needlessly, would someday be what else? — John Paul II.

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