

# Diocesan Laity Informed of Research Into Church Concerns

By Joan M. Smith

Amid the hustle and bustle of installation fever last Tuesday, Church business continued as usual. At the request of Archbishop Jean Jadot, Apostolic Delegate, a meeting was held at the Americana Hotel concerning the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA). Father Conrad Sundholm, pastor of St. Salome's and executive director of the diocesan Department of Development hosted the session with the Archbishop and Father J. Gordon Henderson, SJ, former vice rector of the Catholic University and, presently, associate director of the CARA research department. The meeting was attended by some 30 diocesan lay people who heard about the formation, purpose and on-going goals of the organization.

CARA was founded by Cardinal Richard Cushing of Boston 14 years ago. His idea grew out of Vatican II. According to Father Henderson, because of the Vatican II changes the hierarchy thought in necessary to keep on top of these changes. This necessity resulted in CARA where resources are coordinated to locate, study and report about a wide variety of Church matters.

Today, under a board of directors headed by Cardinal Humberto Medeiros of Boston, there are 20 full-time



Father Conrad Sundholm and Archbishop Jean Jadot

Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

staff members from 12 different religious orders who contribute and obtain expertise in all areas of concern within the Church — finances, vocations, doctrines, theology, seminaries, Church management, religious life programs and health ministries just to name a few. Examples of their work are the studies in progress on Catholic hospitals and another concerning the devotional life of American Catholics. These studies and others hope to find answers to such questions as decreased Mass attendance, the viability of parish structures, and the estrangement of adults and youth from the Church.

Archbishop Jadot explained the organization within a historical context stating, "We are part of a Church that is 2000 years old slowly organizing and up until 50 or 100 years ago organizing around small communities."

He reminded his listeners that the early American Church of immigrant poor, concerned with local and immediate problems such as food, work, education, health.

"Today," he went on to explain, "the Church is a whole new Church — a great social body. The nature of our community is changing and at the same time society is quickly changing. We shall have to face more social and human problems."

To do so, the archbishop observed, "We have to study not only the concerns of the U.S. but of the world."

Father Henderson agreed and underlined this focus when answering a pertinent question by one of the lay representatives. "Just what are the CARA needs?"

"To exist," said Father Henderson, "to study; to find results, it has to know the problems."

## Fairport Campaign Tops Goal

The Church of the Assumption of Our Lady in Fairport has topped its campaign goal of \$450,000 in pledges.

The campaign will finance renovation of the church and the construction of a parish center.

Father Joseph Beatini, pastor, announced the results and cited the efforts of the more than 300 committee members who, over a three-week span, called on the parish's 1,500 families.

"The oversubscription of our goal will allow us to proceed with immediate haste with our building plans," Father Beatini said. He also said that the oversubscription will allow the parish council and building committee to consider alternate building plans which had not been included in the preliminary plans.

"We are most grateful for the generous response of our parish family to this call for sacrifice," he said.

## SSJ Novices Begin Studies

Four members of the diocesan congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph have begun their novitiate, the second phase of the religious formation required of all aspirants to the religious life.

They are the Sisters Patricia Kline, Sheila Miller, Mary Louise Mitchell and Marlene Pape. They will study theology at St. Bernard's Bishop Joseph Hogan Center for Continuing Education.

## Recital

Auburn — Mr. and Mrs. Damp of Ithaca presented an organ recital at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, July 1.

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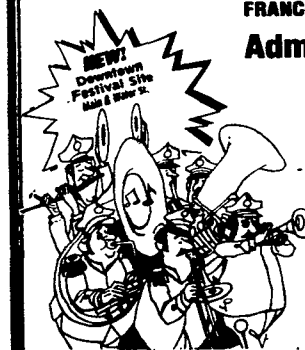
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## Nazareth Alumni Award Scholarships

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scholarship renewed for her sophomore year.

The Nazareth College Alumni Association Scholarship was established by the alumni to be awarded to alumni sons and daughters attending Nazareth. It is awarded in the freshman year and may be renewed for the sophomore year.

## Heart Club Elects Board

Elmira — The Open Heart Club had its first annual meeting and elected a Board of Directors for 1979-80.

Most Open Heart Club members have had coronary by-pass or valve replacement surgery at Arnot-Ogden Hospital, but the club is open to people who have had cardiac surgery at any hospital, and their families.

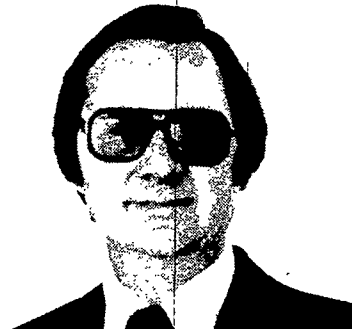
The club plans social events and education programs, and also has formed a group of former patients and their families who are available to discuss their experience with patients who are about to have surgery, and their families.

Attorney Robert A. Groff Sr. of Horseheads was elected president; Don Noyes of Breesport, vice president; Mrs. Harriette Rouse, secretary; and R. Arden DeVore, treasurer.

Other directors are Boyd Ferry of Wellsboro, Ronald Hall of Elmira Heights, Karl Healy and Mrs. Kay Winner.

## THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

"Celebrating the Fourth!"



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On July 8th, 1776, just a few days after its signing on July 4th, the adoption of the Declaration of Independence was celebrated by the people of Philadelphia. A contemporary account by a local citizen said that "the first audience of the Declaration was neither very numerous nor composed of the most respectable class of citizens."

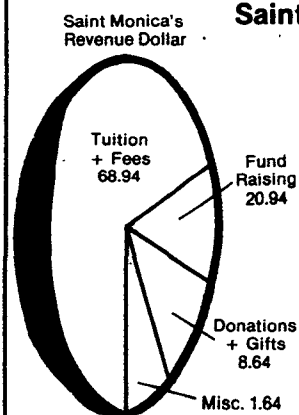
Today, we commemorate the Fourth of July with a great deal of enthusiasm. It may be that, over the years, we have finally appreciated the meaning of the freedom that was gained at that time.

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- Saint Monica's "per pupil" cost is about \$520.00, a very low cost, even for a Catholic school.

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