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Bishop Opens Festival

La Fiera Italiana opened Sunday afternoon with Bishop Matthew H. Clark cutting the ribbon to begin the celebration. Joining the bishop were Mayor Thomas P. Ryan, left, and Arturo Angelone, Italian Vice Consul, right. The festival started earlier that day with Mass at Old St. Mary's Church celebrated by Bishop Clark in Italian. At right, Bishop Clark delivers his homily, also in Italian, from the pulpit draped with the Italian flag.



CHD Workers Hear Bishop Pledge Support

By Martin Toombs
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Corning—Bishop Matthew H. Clark's appearance at the Campaign for Human Development annual board meeting at St. Patrick's last Friday was "my first visit to Steuben County, but it won't be my last," Bishop Clark assured those attending.

Bishop Clark expressed his support for the work of the campaign, noting that "if you see my presence here as support" for the work of the campaign, "you're right."

He pledged his assistance to the work, stating that he would "happily render" assistance to the group. He also said that he hopes to continue the support the program was given by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

Bishop Clark spoke a few minutes and then presented the grant checks to the seven projects being funded through local CHD grants.

A cake marking Bishop Clark's birthday last Sunday, as well as Father Neil Miller's birthday Friday and Sister Mary Kruckow's leaving the Office of Human Development, caused Bishop Clark to joke that at his age, he didn't appreciate having his birthday celebrated early, even if only by two days. Bishop Clark was 42 Sunday.

Bishop Clark presented the grant checks, with the assistance of Carole Lloyd, diocesan campaign director. Those receiving the grants then explained the purposes

that the money will be used for.

Joan Bilinkoff, of Chances and Changes in Livingston County, a group seeking to aid the victims of family violence, accepted a check for \$1,000. She noted that the previous night "a local policeman was shot answering a domestic violence call." The woman involved called her, she said, but she had to tell her that she couldn't help, that the group couldn't do anything for her.

The grant will help get services started, she said, and because of it she hopes that next year she won't have to say to a victim of family violence, "Sorry, I can't help you."

Rose Marie Kushner of the Tioga Well Child Clinic, which received \$9,997, reported on the group's work during its first year, and her hopes for the future. She

commented that the clinic has a caseload of 165 children, and has revealed some startling facts. Among those children less than one year of age, she reported, one in five is anemic. The figures rises to one in three of those aged one to five. As a result of their discovery, she noted, the county will be participating in a nutrition program aimed at pregnant women and young children.

Those attending also heard from Ramon Rodriguez, a program officer for the CHD national office.

In his keynote address, Rodriguez noted that not all the groups receiving CHD funding are successful in what they do, but, he stated, that is an advantage of the campaign. "Within reasonable

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Rural, Urban Areas Share CHD Help

The largest Campaign for Human Development grant in the diocese this year will continue and expand a health program for young children in the rural reaches of Tioga County. The second largest goes to a community organization that works to preserve and improve neighborhoods in a northeast area of Rochester.

Seven projects in the 12-county diocese were described Friday night at the annual meeting of the CHD board, at St. Patrick's, Corning. Total funding was \$25,814, the 25 percent share returned to the diocese from the money contributed here in last November's national collection. Included in the total are some so-called "wild card" funds—bank interest and special contributions.

The Tompkins-Tioga task force awarded \$9,997 to the Well Child Clinic Project in Tioga County. Of this sum, \$8,499 was "wild card." The project has clinics in three rural communities and now will be able to set up two more, for the care of children up to age 5, free of charge. Various education programs will be introduced.

A grant of \$8,250 to the Group 14621 Community Association will enable this established urban organization to pay a staff person who currently works on housing problems and commercial development. The association's title refers to the postal zone that comprises the area.

The Seneca-Cayuga task force allotted \$1,000 to a project that provides transportation for rural elderly or handicapped people in Cayuga County. Another \$1,000 was voted by the Livingston County task force to a new organization, Chances and Changes, which is described as a council on spouse abuse.

Services and programs established under the Older American Act will be made more accessible at a new Senior Citizens Center in Seneca Falls. A Seneca-Cayuga grant of \$1,161 is to help with the furnishing of the center.

The Steuben County task force made \$1,000 available to a medical assistance project that serves school children from low-income families in the Corning-Painted Post School District.

In the Yates-Ontario-Wayne region, a bilingual education and information project received \$3,406. The Community Video Project, developed by the Geneva Women's Resource Center, supplies low-income women with information on such matters as housing and social services.

Injunction against Hospital Denied

A request for a preliminary injunction against St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, and Scanner Diagnostic Services, P.C., that would have halted, temporarily, the operation of a CT scanner, was denied June 29 in State Supreme Court in Rochester.

The Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency had asked the court March 13 to prohibit construction of facilities for housing the scanner, and installation and operation of it without permission, under Public Health Law Article 28. Justice Elizabeth Pine, denying the application, noted that the scanner already had been installed and was in use before the motion was heard.

"The court finds," she wrote, "that the interests of the public would not be substantially advanced so much by the granting of preliminary injunctive relief in this case, as by the aggressive and conscientious enforcement of the Article 28 planning process by the state agencies charged with carrying out that important responsibility."

Justice Pine also said, "This court is unpersuaded by defendants' contention that plaintiff lacks standing to sue under Public Health Law Article 28, and finds that plaintiff was injured by defendants' action and falls within the zone of interest to be protected by the statute."

Concerning the law in question, the judge said that "Article 28 expresses a legislative recognition of the imperative need for planning in medical service delivery. It is remedial legislation, and should be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes."

The scanner facility is "subject to Article 28 review as a diagnostic center," whether or not it "constitutes part of a 'hospital,'" Justice Pine said.

The \$500,000 diagnostic device is properly described as the computer axial tomography scanner. It reveals cross-sections of internal body structures — more than conventional X-ray can show.

The hospital has contended that its purchase did not require the approval of state health planning agencies because it was made by a private corporation, not the hospital. Because the equipment is installed in a building that belongs to St. Joseph's, the HSA contends that hospital money is involved.

Anthony Mott, executive director of the Health Systems Agency, said its executive committee would decide July 31 how to carry on the agency's suit.