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### Community Established at Family Camp

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**Candor** — Eighteen families comprising 113 persons took part in a 24-hour-a-day Christian community at a local campground the week of July 22-28.

The families, mostly from St. Patrick's, Owego, camped

in trailers and tents at the Buckridge Camps in Candor. While there, they participated in a variety of religious and social activities, and had time to spend together.

And as the week's program wound down on Friday, the participants had good things to say about the experience, and were even more en-

thusiastic about the Family Camp program.

The early morning campfire Friday was typical of the spirit-filled week. Even though it looked like rain and a dampness hung in the woods, the campers were singing and enjoying themselves at the campfire carrying on jokes that had been established during the week. Meanwhile, the week's organizers promoted a "Hawaiian luau chicken barbecue" for that evening.

Rain had visited the campers during the week, once sending a speaker audience scurrying in the middle of his talk to get dry clothes under cover.

The week was organized by Joan and Robert Dizer, Patricia and Richard Franz, Father Albert Cason, St. Patrick's, Owego, co-pastor and Father Daniel Casey of Johnson City.

Most families were from Owego, but also represented were Newark Valley, Apalachin and Johnson City.

Each day a theme and a visiting speaker highlighted the program, Dizer explained. On Monday, a look at community featured a talk by the sisters from St. Patrick's, Sister Miriam, Sister Cornelia and Sister Theresa. Several campers noted that they were impressed with the sisters' description of how community worked and what it meant to them.

Tuesday, celebration and

#### St. James Sets Festival

Trumansburg — St. James Parish will have its annual festival Saturday, Aug. 11, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. A barbecue dinner will be available between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. There will be arts and crafts displays.

As a special event, Chief Arney will conduct an auction between 10 a.m. and noon. Anyone wishing to donate items for the auction should take them to St. James Church.



The Family Campers meeting around the campfire at the beginning of Friday's program.

liturgy was the theme, with Msgr. Peter Owens of Johnson City speaking to the adults at night. On Wednesday, Msgr. George Cocuzzi, diocesan director of the permanent diaconate program, was the featured speaker for the day based on family. Thursday featured a priest who has dedicated his life to prayer, Father Stephen Valenta from Binghamton. Friday's theme was reconciliation.

Following a morning get-together each day, the campers broke up into age groups for classes based on the Serendipity program.

The afternoons were left to the families. At 4 p.m. there was Mass, and in the evening, there was an early program for everyone, and a later one for the adults.

Teenagers worked as staff for the week, leading the younger children in their religion classes, and babysitting in the evenings.

Dizer, in explaining the week, noted that the "liturgy is a high point of the day." He pointed out that when organizing the week, they attempted to provide a good mix of family time, time for the adults to socialize and for the children to play, and time for the entire group to come together.

Teddie and Joseph Fuller and their daughters Laura and Mary were one of the four families making their second Family Camp.

The Fullers noted that they enjoyed the week, citing the feeling among the campers as being the exceptional part of the program. Mrs. Fuller noted that everyone was there for the same reason, and that after a day or two, a real community had developed.

Fuller noted the advantages for the small children. They went about the campground visiting their friends, he noted, and as they did, parents knew that their children would be watched by the others.

Visitors were provided meals by families on a rotating basis, and when two visitors appeared for the Fullers, they quickly had a menu worked out.

Camping for the first time,

one family saw the effects of the community they had established. During the week, their van broke down, their tent got washed out by the rain three times, and several other mishaps occurred. But the other campers had helped each time something happened, the father said, and he had had a "beautiful week." At times he had wished the week were over, he said, but as the week came to an end, he was wishing it would continue.

He said that his children had enjoyed themselves, and had made many new friends. The support they received from the other campers also contributed to the positive feelings he had about the week. It was, he stated, a week he would always remember.



Some of the adults at the Family Camp, discussing the lesson for the day.



Some of the younger children at the Family Camp, hard at work on an art project.

#### Msgr. Cuffney Honored in Auburn

Auburn — Msgr. James D. Cuffney, pastor of St. Mary's Parish here for 21 years, will be guest of honor at a reception Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m. on the church grounds. He has retired.

Msgr. Cuffney, 44 years a priest, was ordained June 15, 1935 and assigned to St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Rochester. In 1940 he

#### Alcoholism Seminar

Elmira — There will be an alcoholism seminar Thursday, Aug. 16 at 12:15 p.m. in the Doctors Meeting Room at St. Joseph's Hospital. Joyce Kowalewski, victim services coordinator for the Neighborhood Justice Project, will be the guest speaker. She will speak on "Alcohol and Victimization," and will assert that 40 percent of crime victims are intoxicated at the time of the crime.

served at St. Mary's, Auburn; 1941 St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls; and 1947 St. Mary's Canandaigua. He was named procurator of St. Bernard's Seminary in 1948 and administrator of St. Mary's Auburn in 1958.

During his pastorate at St. Mary's he supervised the construction of a new school on Clymer Street and stresses that "it is paid for." Msgr. Cuffney founded the St. Mary's School Parish Board, Cayuga County Catholic School Board, and St. Mary's Parish Advisory Board. Under his administration, the Fulton Street school was purchased and a Youth Center will open for what he saw as a "great need in our community."

As a member of the Diocesan Ecumenical Council, Msgr. Cuffney arranged the First Ecumenical Service in Auburn attended by more than 1,000 persons in May of 1966.

#### Deaths

##### Mrs. Anna Vogt

Anna Katherine Shults Vogt of Wayland, mother of the pastor of St. Paul of the Cross in Honeoye Falls, died July 24, 1979, at the age of 85.

Father Otto Vogt and 15 other priests concelebrated the Mass of Christian Burial July 27 at St. Joseph's Church, Wayland. Mrs. Vogt was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's.

Survivors besides Father Vogt are another son, Justin of Dansville, and a daughter, Lois Ann of Wayland. An only grand-

children; three brothers, William Shults, Wayland, and Conrad and Joseph, both of California; three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Peter Shults, Wayland; Mrs. Otto Shults, Rochester, and Mrs. Edward Shults, Fairport; also, several nieces and nephews.

At the funeral, Msgr. Gerard Krieg gave the homily, Bishop John E. McCafferty, the final blessing, and Msgr. Arthur Ratican recited the graveside prayers in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

### 'Queen of Americas' Reorganized

The National Apostolate of Our Lady of Guadalupe, organized in 1958, has adopted a new name and proposes new efforts to "make Americans aware that they have a special Patroness for the nations of the New World."

The new name is Queen of the Americas Guild. Allentown, Pa., will be the center for information concerning pilgrimages to the Guadalupe shrine in Mexico City. These decisions were taken at a national meeting July 14-16 at Mt. St. Mary's College and Seminary

Emmitsburg, Md. Mrs. Mary Kelly, long active here in the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, attended the meeting.

On her return home, Mrs. Kelly brought to the attention of the Courier-Journal that Allentown's Guadalupe shrine is the old Immaculate Conception Church built by St. John Neumann when he was Bishop of Philadelphia. The building was rededicated in 1975, she said.

The Mexico City Basilica houses the portrait of Mary that appeared in 1531 on the cloak of a poor Indian, Juan

Diego. Our Lady's message to Juan, according to material from the apostolate, was this:

"Let nothing discourage you, nothing depress you... Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your mother?"

"Mary's 1531 invitation was given to those who were mostly not of the Faith," the account continues. "There were 8 million conversions within a decade."

Cardinal Humberto Medeiros of Boston is

honorary chairman of the new Committee for a Renewed Apostolate, and Bishop Jerome Hastrich of Gallup, N.M., is president.

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