

# Today's Courier Aug. 22, 1979

## Making Connections... 10

An Irish priest who studied theology in Canada and Rome, and did missionary work in Brazil, recently spent two weeks at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira. It wasn't totally by accident; he became acquainted with the Sisters of St. Joseph while in Brazil, and used that connection to set up the experience at St. Joseph's. He also is spending two weeks at Rochester General Hospital, to help him in his next assignment, that of supervising seminarians doing pastoral work. While in Elmira he offered some observations on his work and his homeland.

## Word Arrives... 8

Arlene Weider has taken up new duties in Western Samoa. She recently celebrated her first anniversary with the Peace Corps there and has been assigned to a preschool program in Apia. She describes her duties as everything from driving a minibus to writing project grant proposals.

## Red Mass Set... 9

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be the principal celebrant and homilist at the annual lawyers' Red Mass, slated this year for Friday, Sept. 7 at 12:15 p.m. in Old St. Mary's Church. The Mass traditionally marks the opening of the court's calendar. It is sponsored by the St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild.

## Events Listed... 6

The Bishop Joseph L. Hogan Center for Continuing Education has listed a slate of activities for September through December. Included among the many events on the agenda are classes in teaching Scripture to Children, an intensive workshop discussing men and women in ministry, a course in the Gospel of Luke; and this year's Otto A. Shults lecture: Spirituality and the Ministerial Person, to be given by Father John Eudes Bamberger, OCSO.

## Coaches Named... 12A

Ed Nietopski, Cardinal Mooney High School's athletic director, last week told RapAround sportswriter Terrance Brennan that he foresees many competitive teams this season for the Cardinals. The school is the largest Catholic high school in Monroe County, and its sports program is nearly as vast. To meet the challenge, three new coaches have been named: Stan Cipura, track; Nancy Siembor, cross-country; Mike Haugh, golf.

## Finding Answers... 5

Pope John Paul II recently told a group from the youth movement, Communion and Liberation, that the answers to the fundamental question, "Who are we?" may be found in the celebration of the Eucharist.

## Helping Others... 3

Religious programs for retarded people will be discussed at workshops arranged by some Rochester specialists in the field. All congregations in Monroe County are asked to send representatives, and anyone interested may attend the two sessions, scheduled for Sept. 25 and Oct. 2. Details may be obtained from the chaplain's office at the Monroe Developmental Center, 620 Westfall Rd., Rochester 14620.

## Tennis for Cancer... 8

A member of St. Joseph's parish in Livonia, Mrs. Patricia Connell, is promoting a tennis tournament as a Cancer Society benefit. Matches are scheduled for Aug. 25 and 26 at the high school and middle school courts. Application blanks are available at all the tennis courts in Livingston County.

## Vatican

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William Baum of Washington, said at the time that it did not object to theological speculation in the area of sexual morality "as a stimulus for discussion" among theologians and other qualified people.

But the committee rejected the idea that a "tentative study" such as Human Sexuality could offer, as the book purported to do, "helpful pastoral guidelines to beleaguered pastors, priests, counselors and teachers, as well as guidance to the faithful in forming their consciences." The committee warned that the book was "pastorally dangerous" as a guide to moral principles.

At the time, the five authors said their works was meant as "contributing not to dissent but to development of Church teaching." They added that they welcomed a careful critique by bishops and others.

The book cited certain values such as "self-liberating, other-enriching, honest, faithful, socially responsible, life-serving and joyous."

"Where such qualities prevail," the study said, "one can be reasonable sure that sexual behavior that has brought them

forth is wholesome and moral... On the contrary, where sexual conduct becomes personally frustrating and self-destructive, manipulative and enslaving of others, deceitful and dishonest, inconsistent and unstable, indiscriminate and promiscuous, irresponsible and non-life-serving, ungenerous and un-Christlike, it is clear that God's ingenious gift for calling us to creative and integrative growth has been seriously abused."

The Vatican office said the criteria proposed in the study for discerning "creative growth toward integration," when applied to specific areas of sexual activity, "yield no manageable or helpful rules for serious conscience formation in matters of sexuality."

"When some action is considered completely immoral, it is never for intrinsic reasons, on the basis of objective finality, but only because the authors happen not to see, for their part, any ways of making it so for some human integration," the Vatican congregation said.

"This subjection of theological and scientific arguments to evaluation by criteria primarily derived from one's present experience of what is human or less than human gives rise to a relativism in human conduct which recognizes no absolute values."

## Nurnberg

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Atwell, the most recent director, resigned the post for health reasons, she applied. In the meantime, she began doing some of the director's work. And then recently she was named interim coordinator of the office.

Mrs. Nurnberg states that she has never minded the drive to Rochester, and the commission meets at St. Stephen's in Geneva anyway. But her appointment makes her the only person residing in the Southern Tier holding a post with diocesan-wide responsibilities.

She expects to make the two-and-a-half hour trip to the Pastoral Center four times a month for meetings and to do the work of the office, she said. Her first goal will be to

provide communications among the many ecumenical groups in the diocese and the diocesan office.

Many of the office's previous activities have involved the diocese's relationship to Genesee Ecumenical Ministries (GEM) in Rochester. Mrs. Nurnberg serves on the GEM board. That involvement will continue, she said, but she hopes to extend the office's work to the many other ecumenical groups that are active in the diocese.

Of her new job, she said "I have the time, the energy and the interest" that is necessary.

She plans to "give it the best I have got this year," she said, with a goal toward "making it a good, functioning office."

The first project of the year will be a workshop for persons involved in ecumenism at the parish level Saturday, Sept. 29 at St. Stephen's, Geneva. Each parish has been asked to send a representative to the workshop. Keynote speaker will be Father Harry Wallace, who is the ecumenical officer for the Syracuse diocese.

Among the topics to be covered will be the meaning of parish ecumenism; establishing a common approach to ecumenism; sharing of ecumenical activities; explanation of diocesan goals, and the role of the parish liaison.

Mrs. Nurnberg said she hoped the workshop would draw people interested in continuing their involvement at the diocesan level, as commission members or members of standing committees, as well as provide assistance for parish ecumenism projects.

November will mark the 15th year since the Vatican II declaration on ecumenism.

Ecumenism is the realization that Christians "have many things in common," Mrs. Nurnberg said, and "by virtue of our baptism," Christians "are already together." The things held in common "should be celebrated together," she said.

She also called for an increase in interreligious activities, suggesting that Catholics need a deeper understanding of the Jewish roots of their faith.

## Georger

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consultation with members of the diocesan Ministerial Review Commission and the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

According to a development department release, "Georger's immediate duty will be assisting in the direction of the upcoming Stewardship Program," which this year involves some 22 parishes.

The Stewardship program, designed to increase participation of parishioners in all phases of parish life, is now underway. Two diocesan volunteer workshops have been slated for Aug. 25 at St. Anthony's Church, Elmira; and Aug. 29 at St. Salome's.

The development department estimates that this year's program will involve nearly 3,000 volunteers who will visit some 17,000 parishioners to determine what spiritual needs the people may have and what "the parishioner might offer to do for the parish community -- what committee, service or activity he or she might be interested in assisting."

The Stewardship visitations this year will take place on Sunday, Oct. 14.

## Principal

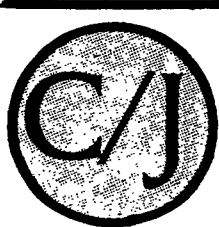
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tistic director of the Lake Theater (1975-77) which is an adult theater group in Gary as member of the American Guild of organists, and conductor of the Gary Diocesan Adult Liturgical Choir.

Father Moffatt is a native of Detroit and was ordained in 1961 in Toronto by Archbishop Philip Pocock. His other teaching assignments have included Basilian high schools in Toronto and Windsor.

## Correction

Cardinal John Wright served as Bishop of Pittsburgh, not Philadelphia, as reported last week.



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