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### Irish Priest On His Work And Homeland

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Elmira — Involvement with the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil led an Irish priest to St. Joseph's Hospital to learn about hospital ministry.

Father Raymond McEvoy spent two weeks in August at the hospital, working with the Pastoral Care Department.

Interviewed in the chaplain's office at St. Joseph's, the Oblate priest discussed his work, and made some observations on his homeland.

Father McEvoy explained that he recently was appointed pastoral director of Milltown Institute, a seminary in Dublin, and his work in hospitals this summer should help him work with seminarians doing hospital work. Next summer, he may arrange stints in prison work, he said.

He spent two weeks at St. Joseph's, and then moved to Rochester General for two weeks.

Born in Newry, Northern Ireland, he attended seminary in Dublin before moving to Ottawa, Canada, for his theological training. From 1965 to 1968, he taught theology in Ireland, and then he went to Rome to study for his doctorate in theology, which he completed in 1972. It was then that he left for four and a half years work in the Brazil missions, in a parish also staffed by Sisters of St. Joseph from the Rochester diocese.

The time at St. Joseph's had been worthwhile, Father McEvoy said. He was "very impressed from the start with the spirit in the place," and "with the role of the Pastoral Care Department."

"One felt that one was part of something," he said, adding that at St. Joseph's, the pastoral care staff is seen as part of the care provided by the hospital.

Father McEvoy reported that he found the "people friendly" in Elmira, and that many had stopped and welcomed him after he said Mass at St. Patrick's on Sunday.

He enjoyed his time in Brazil, he said, commenting that while the Church in Brazil "is not a young Church," it "is alive," and "in the area we were working in, it was a young Church."

There is "life there," he said, and he appreciated the way the Church hierarchy worked; it was "in many ways more democratic" than he was accustomed to in Ireland.

Government interference wasn't a problem where he was, he commented, but of course one always "had to be careful about what one said."

With respect to visas, he noted that the Irish missionaries have few problems. Since President Carter's speech on human rights, he pointed out, things have been tougher for Americans.

Father McEvoy noted that he has an Irish passport, rather than the United Kingdom passport he could have.

He said, "I consider myself Irish," and "I like being an Irishman," and he's not really concerned about what passport he carries.

Of the bloodshed and killing in Northern Ireland, which has now been going on 10 years, Father McEvoy observed that "a lot of people think it's a religious war," but that it must be seen in a wider context.

An example of the situation, he said, is that it is said that in Northern Ireland, a person cannot be simply an atheist. He must be a Catholic atheist or a Protestant atheist.

He hopes that more Protestants will realize the need to live with the Catholics, he said, and that a political solution can be worked out.

He also warned those who donate money for relief in Northern Ireland to be sure of the organization to which they donate, so the money is not used to supply arms.

As for the Catholic Church in Ireland, Father noted, the greatest problem is probably the need for more lay participation.

"There has been a big change since Vatican II in Ireland," he commented, but probably not as much as in other countries.

In the United States, he observed, lay participation "is evolving quite rapidly." That isn't so in Ireland, he said, and there are some who "feel that they don't have a voice" in the Church.

Those who feel that way often "opt out" of the Church, he said, and for the wrong reasons.

### St. Ann's Festival Sept. 7-8

Hornell — Plans are nearing completion for the annual St. Ann's Parish Fall Festival Sept. 7 and 8 in the church parking lot, beginning at 6 p.m. each day.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hanrahan of Erie Court are chairmen of this year's event. Handiwork, baked goods, novelties, plants and odds and ends will be displayed for sale in brightly decorated booths.

New to the "mini-midway" will be a dunking booth to be staffed by teenagers under supervision of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis.

Other chairmen are: Mrs. and Mrs. Donald Potter, Mr. and Mrs. James Crain, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. James Giglio, Mary Ann Cicero, Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Klenschik, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Watcher, Mrs. John Prete, Mary Prisco, Mrs. Dorothy Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Koch.

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### Volunteers Needed for Newark Fair

Newark — Several hundred volunteers are needed to act as escorts for handicapped persons to enable them to attend the second Friendship Fair, Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Newark Developmental Center.

The first Friendship Fair took place last year and more than 1,000 volunteers provided a special day of fun, music, parades and carnival activities for the handicapped residents. The goal is to have one or more volunteer escorts to go with each resident to the activities.

Church groups, college students, youth groups provided the majority of escorts last year. To volunteer or to get more information, the address is The Friendship Fair, Newark Developmental Center, 703 E. Maple Ave. Newark, N.Y. 14513. Those interested also may telephone the center at 315-331-1700 and ask for Rev. Bill Fairhurst, Mrs. Ruth Orsaker or Mrs. Arlene Murphy.



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### Retirement Party

During the recent retirement celebration for Msgr. James D. Cuffney parishioners presented him with a special T-shirt designating St. Mary's parish where he has served as pastor for 21 years. Later on Msgr. Cuffney hosted a party for the children in the parking area behind the church complete with clowns and balloons.

### Mt. Saviour Festival Planned

Pine City — Peace will be the theme of the Mount Saviour Benedictine Monastery fall festival Sunday, Sept. 16.

The annual event commemorates the dedication of the Chapel of Our Lady Queen of Peace and the founding of the monastery in 1953. The monastery, just off Hendy Hollow Road in the Town of Big Flats, is the site of the festival.

Co-chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hain of Elmira.

The festival will begin with a concelebrated outdoor Mass sung by the monks at 10 a.m. Short ecumenical prayer services for peace will be held throughout the day in the chapel.

Vespers at 6 p.m. will close the day's events.

Other activities will include arts and crafts; music; a street of shops featuring baked foods, new and old, jams and jellies, handmade items, plants and flowers, a mitten tree, and a "try or buy" booth by the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, Buffalo. A new addition will be a "greenhouse" offering a wide variety of perennials, herbs, and wild flowers.

Chairmen of the various programs are Curran Sekella,

food; Michael Gonta, music; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Roe, children's program; Marian Ruddy and Barbara Sekella, arts and crafts; Georgia Botcher, street of shops; Marge Nurnberg, ecumenical service; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wardell, games, and

Madeleva Roarke, publicity.

Volunteers interested are asked to contact committee chairmen or Mr. and Mrs. Hain. Additional information is available from Madeleva Roarke at 733-1617.

### Paintings Exhibited At Mount Saviour

Pine City — Pictures by Sister Marion C. Honors, CSJ, are being shown at Mount Saviour Monastery Shop through Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Mount Saviour is on Mount Saviour Road, running north from Hendy Creek Road between Elmira, Caton and Corning.

Sister Marion is an artist whose work has strength, design and depth of feeling as evidenced in "Blind Couple," "The Poet Shepherds the Winds," "Rain," and "God Hovered Over the Temple." Paintings in oil, pen and ink, pastel and mixed media are included in the exhibit and are for sale, priced from \$85 to \$200.

A native of Syracuse, Sister Marion has been working professionally as an artist for 17 years, teaching, lecturing and exhibiting. Her work was shown in the 1978 exhibition,

"Selected Politically Aware Artists of New York State," and in the 1979 National Invitational Show "Women in Art," at Springfield, Ill. In addition to many other group shows, Sister Marion has had two one-woman shows in Florence, Italy, and eight one-woman shows in the United States.

Sister Marion holds masters degrees from Villa Schifanoia, Florence, Italy, and the University of Notre Dame, and a bachelors degree from the College of Saint Rose, Albany. In 1968 and 1969, she was the recipient of a Fulbright Travel Grant. Sister Marion has taught college level courses in drawing, painting, watercolor, collage, figure painting and calligraphy.

### Marriage Encounter

Ithaca — There will be a Marriage Encounter weekend Sept. 14-16 at St. Paul's in Binghamton. Persons in the Ithaca area who may be interested can contact Aurora and Orville Curtis, 273-8460, for further information.

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