

# Ecumenism Workshop To Be in Geneva

Father Harry C. Wallace, a convert with a Protestant background, will be keynote speaker at the diocesan workshop on ecumenism. The workshop for recently appointed parish liaison representatives is scheduled for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, in St. Stephen's School hall, Geneva.

Mrs. Margery Nurnberg, diocesan coordinator of ecumenism, said the workshop would deal with diocesan ecumenical goals, the nature of parish outreach and the value of sharing ecumenical programs across the diocese.

Father Wallace is pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Lafayette, in the Syracuse diocese. He was the first president of the National Association of Ecumenical Officers and currently is co-chairman of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Committee of Central New York. He is a 1956 graduate of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Father Peter Bayer, Pastoral Planning chief, will help direct the Geneva sessions. Mrs. Nurnberg urged all parish liaison people to attend. Some may have been appointed so recently, she noted, that they were not named on the mailing list.



FATHER WALLACE



Bishop Matthew H. Clark joins the neighborhood children for a walk through the Genesee Settlement House area. Also in the parade are Maurice Tierney (rear left), chief of

diocesan Catholic Charities, and Father Charles Mulligan (center), director of the Division of Social Ministries.

# Remain Open to Goodness, Bishop Tells Charities Diners

Bishop Matthew H. Clark, bruised and cut from a fall while jogging last week, took the story of his "unplanned contact with a sidewalk on University Avenue" to illustrate a central truth of Christian ministry:

"When we are weak, then we are strong, because we can stand vulnerably docile to that which the other can give us."

Speaking to more than 300 persons gathered for the annual meeting of Catholic Charities last Friday at the Genesee Settlement House, Bishop Clark reminded his audience of clergy, religious and laity that Christian ministry has the elements of

both strength and weakness; and he pressed on them the ministerial need to remain open to the goodness of persons.

Earlier in the evening, Bishop Clark, in the company of neighborhood children and officials of Catholic Charities, took a walk through the Genesee Settlement House area, visiting shopkeepers and talking with people in the street.

Although it was raining lightly at the time, the bishop neither wore a raincoat nor carried an umbrella.

Later that evening several Charities achievements for the

past year were revealed, among them:

The development and successful execution of a State Department of Labor contract in cooperation with the Office of Human Development (rural), and Urban Ministries, with the result that three unemployed persons became trained in community organization and have become re-employed;

The signing of an affiliation agreement with Kinship Group Homes which is under the leadership of John

Burroughs and Joseph Weider;

The co-planning, development and implementation of a mini-multi service center with the Catholic Family Center, CYO and DePaul Clinic to serve the West/North Chili area, with developmental support from the United Community Chest.

# Parish to Fete Departing Priest

Father Daniel F. Holland, associate pastor at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Irondequoit for six years, will be the guest of honor at a special parish get-together Friday, Sept. 21.

Father Holland has been appointed pastor of St. Patrick's in Elmira.

Father Holland will celebrate the Holy Eucharist for the parish at 7 p.m., Sept. 21. After the Mass, parishioners have been invited to an outdoor parish party in the church parking lot. Refreshments will be offered and music provided by the Variety, along with sing-alongs, led by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roney.

Mrs. Robert Knapp and John Hodgetts are in charge of plans while the parish Liturgy Committee will plan the church program and services.



FATHER HOLLAND

At St. Thomas, Father Holland was spiritual director of the parochial and Religious Education programs, the Pre-Cana groups, the Altar and Rosary Society, Confirmation classes, Divorced and Separated Catholics group and the altar boys.

# The Open Window

By Father Louis J. Hohman

## The Church Does Permit Cremation

Dear Father Hohman,

Many people — Catholics and others — seem to be convinced that cremation is out of the question for Catholics. It is not, is it, but perhaps it was, in the past, in the U.S.? I know you have

Fr. Hohman written about this; please do so again.

(Signed) M.M.O.

Dear M.M.O.,

We have answered this question before. The Church has not seen fit to publicize the fact that cremation is a legitimate form of in-

terment. The idea of cremation is not in any sense un-Christian, but some time ago the Free Masons of Europe made cremation a sign of the "ridiculous" idea of the resurrection of the body. It was a mockery of that doctrine, as much as to say that if you burnt a body to cinders there was no way it could be restored in the resurrection. That particular mockery and threat has long since ceased, and the Church has seen fit to allow this particular practice as long as it does not carry with it that connotation. As a matter of fact, I called Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, and they have a place for cremated remains.

One other comment — it seems to me that the time will come when cremation will be a necessity, just in terms of conservation of land. I think that is way beyond our own lifetime, but eventually it will become a reality. In certain places it is already.

# Cathedral Adult Ed. Has Neighbors on the Faculty

A priest and a sister who are well known in the Sacred Heart Cathedral neighborhood will teach in the adult education program that begins next week.

Father Thomas Bales, CSB, a longtime faculty member at Aquinas Institute where he currently heads the theology department, will give a course entitled Mary: Yesterday and Today. Sister Susan Schantz, SSJ, a former parishioner, who now is chaplain at Highland Hospital will lead a study of Death and Dying.

Three Cenacle Sisters will instruct a class in "a simple way to raise one's self concept..." Effective Living is the title of the course offered by Sisters Shirley Kitagawa, Barbara Heanue and Betty Rogers.

Classes will meet from 8 to 10 p.m. — Father Bales on Tuesdays and the other two on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 25 and 26. Participants may register on these dates.

Father Thomas Wheeland of the cathedral staff again will hold afternoon sessions, 1:30-2:30 Tuesdays. His topic

# Volunteers

The Monroe County Jail Library System has issued a call for volunteers for its new law library. Volunteers are needed in the areas of assistance in legal research and duplicating; assistance in the record keeping and organizing various library forms among other duties.

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