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### Catholic Network Schedules 36 TV Programs

Elmira — This year's "new fall season" of television programs will provide Chemung County residents with a greater variety than usual.

The Chemung County Catholic Network (CCCN), a cooperative effort of a local task force and the Religious Education Office of the Rochester diocese, will present a 12-week series of religious programming through the facilities of TelePrompter Cable TV, Channel 4, serving Chemung County.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will introduce the three-night-a-week series during its premiere telecast, Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.

The opening telecast will culminate several months of planning, study, and work by a local group of laity, clergy and religious who served as members of the pilot project task force. The Chemung County Catholic Network is co-chaired by Father Theodore Centala of the St. John of the Cross Monastery, Waverly, and Hilda Stebbins of Horseheads.

In establishing the task force, Father Lewis Brown, director of Religious Education for the diocese, asked the group to view the project as utilizing the media for purposes of evangelization and education.

"The traditional means of religious education has served, and will continue to serve, the Church," Father Brown explained. "The electronic media presents the Church with an opportunity to provide 'continuing education' for a broader base of regular Church-goers as well as for those Catholics who, for some reason, have become alienated from the Church, and to all persons of all faiths who are interested in the 'Good News'."

This cooperative project is being funded by the diocesan share of the National Communications Collection, from funds for local adult education programming, and from the diocesan Religious Education Office.

Although the programming can only be viewed by Chemung County residents on the TelePrompter system, cable television provides a wide viewing audience potential at a cost consistent with funds available.

"We are hopeful that those on the cable system will invite non-cable subscribers to their homes to both view and discuss these religious programs," Mrs. Stebbins said. "In this way, and through study groups, we may be able to reach a significant segment of the county population."

The 12-week series will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., beginning Wednesday, Oct. 3.

The Monday telecasts (beginning Oct. 8) are selected programs from the Paulist Press award-winning series "Insights." The programs focus on such current topics as child battering, world famine, communication in marriage, trust and courage. This Hollywood-filmed series features casts which include Bill Bixby, Jack Klugman, Walter Matthau, Ed Asner and Carol Burnett.

Nine of the 12 Wednesday evening presentations will feature Father John Powell, SJ, noted author and theologian, in two of his series: "Free to be Me," and "The Family." Both series are based on the principle that personal growth depends on a person's "vision" of reality.

Friday evenings offer a variety of topical formats including a program each on marriage, retirement, spiritual growth and the charismatic movement.

Program guides, listing the dates, programs and descriptions, may be obtained free of charge by sending a stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope to Chemung County Catholic Network, PO Box 207, Horseheads, NY 14845.

### Aquinas Center Opens in Hornell

Hornell — St. James Mercy Hospital's new Aquinas Center, for psychiatric day treatment services, was the scene of an open house Sept. 13.

The center's program will provide rehabilitation services for clients residing in the community.

The facility has been named for St. Thomas Aquinas, who stressed the unity of mental and physical health — "A sound mind in a sound body," and for the late Sister Mary Aquinas who served the hospital for more than 50 years.

The center has four remodeled rooms on the first floor of the former Washington School on Main Street in Hornell. The center also makes use of the gymnasium.

The Aquinas Center is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Farewell Mass For Fr. R. Murphy

Elmira — There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving and farewell reception for Father Richard Murphy at Notre Dame High School Sunday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m. Father Murphy, chaplain at Notre Dame for the past three years, has just begun his new duties as chaplain at Cornell University. The Mass will be in the school auditorium.

### Flea Market

Elmira — St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary is conducting a Flea Market and Rummage Sale Thursday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Doctors Meeting Room of St. Joseph's. Proceeds will be used to support hospital projects.

Services provided include evaluation and counseling, social work, psychological, nursing, occupational therapy and recreational therapy with emphasis on the team approach in dealing with each client's problem.

Some programs available are: daily living skills which help the client to be as independent as possible in dressing, diet, grooming and use of medication; nutrition counseling, cooking instruction, menu planning and weight control; and community competence, which includes such things as public transportation, library, supermarket bank and laundromat.

Also available will be vocational evaluation and training through activities such as sewing, furniture refinishing, wood working and other arts and crafts; reading remediation and social services to help the client be aware of his or her legal rights and responsibilities.

Included are leisure activities such as picnics and sports, field trips to museums, state parks and cultural events.

The Aquinas Center is directed by Rose Feuchtwanger, MD. Staff members are Mrs. Emily McGuigan, OTR, administrative coordinator; Margaret Allegrucci, RN; Martha Joseph, COTA; Frank Graziano, MSW; Marcia Clarke, secretary-receptionist, and Charles Bertram, driver-maintenance.

The center is operating with the approval of the state Department of Health, the state Department of Mental Hygiene, and the Steuben County Community Services Board.



The kindergarten class during a game at the end of the day.

### St. Patrick's School Adds Kindergarten

By Martin Toombs  
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Owego — St. Patrick's School greeted its first kindergarten class when school opened this year.

Twenty students and their teacher, Mrs. Susan Dixon, began the full-day kindergarten program this year in the school's former cafeteria, which was renovated and decorated for use as a kindergarten by parish volunteers during the summer.

Previously students at St. Patrick's attended public school for kindergarten, and then transferred to St. Patrick's for first grade. The addition of the kindergarten will eliminate the need for a transfer.

St. Patrick's also extends to one more year the religious training available to residents of the area. Visitors to the new room would quickly recognize it as a kindergarten, and then, by the prayers on one wall and other decorations, know that the students would be learning more than the three Rs.

The full-day program also was intended to be of interest to parents, as it provides more instructional time than a half-day program would.

On the third day of school, the students were involved in a variety of activities, including writing their names, and showing their ability to recognize shapes, colors and numbers. Some students worked quietly; others sought attention frequently, as the young ones were becoming accustomed to the new surroundings.

### Deaths

#### George Bragg

Elmira — Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for George E. Bragg in St. Peter and Paul Church Sept. 12. Mr. Bragg, 64, died Sept. 8.

his tenure on the housing authority, 400 units of public housing were opened in Elmira.

Mr. Bragg also was the first black to run for Elmira mayor, in 1973.

Mr. Bragg is survived by his wife, Theodora; daughters Vera and Roxanna of Elmira; granddaughter Michelle of Elmira; and sister, Mrs. Emily Williams of Bronx, N. Y.

A past chairman of the Elmira branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, he also had served as a board member of Catholic Family Services. He also was a member of Local 604, the United Auto Workers, the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations for Elmira, the Elmira Neighborhood House board of directors, and American Association of Retired Persons, and the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

### Parent's Classes Announced

Elmira — A series of eight classes for parents of teenagers will begin Wednesday, Sept. 19, as part of the Parent Education Discussion Series at Arnot-Ogden Memorial Hospital.

The series is designed to help parents gain insight into the behavior of their adolescents. Topics will include physical and emotional growth, values, communication and difficult behavior.

A fee is charged. Parents may register by calling Community Relations at Arnot-Ogden, 737-4454.

### Fall Festival

Elmira — The Our Lady of Lourdes Parent-Teachers Organization Fall Festival will be Saturday, Sept. 29 in the parish hall. All are invited for fun and games.

### Card Party Sept. 20

Elmira — St. Mary's Rosary-Altar Fall Card Party will be Thursday, Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Marian Center. Committee chairman is Mrs. Willis Larrabee; committee members include Mrs. James Coletta, Mrs. Anthony Bellizia, Mrs. Hellen Hossen, and Maria Frizzi.

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