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### Shows Provide Evangelization, Education

By Martin Toombs  
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Elmira — A task force of 14 persons has made it possible for cable television viewers in Chemung County to see 18 hours of special programming this fall.

The Chemung County Catholic Network (CCCN) will provide programs three evenings a week for 12 weeks. On Mondays, selected programs from the Paulist Press series "Insights" will be shown. The shows focus on such topics as child battering, world famine, communication in marriage and trust.

The Wednesday evening program features Father John Powell, SJ, noted author and theologian, in two of his filmed series, "Free to be Me," and "The Family." Friday evenings offer a variety of topics including marriage, retirement, spiritual rebirth, and the charismatic movement.

The broadcasts, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Oct. 3, will be presented over TelePrompTer channel 4. Those wishing a program guide may receive one by sending a stamped,



## Chemung County Catholic Network

self-addressed business-size envelope to Chemung County Catholic Network, PO Box 207, Horseheads, NY 14845.

The diocesan Office of Education has worked with the task force, to purchase the time and get permission to broadcast the shows that will be presented.

One of the group's chairpersons, Hilda Stebbins of Horseheads, explained that the series is an attempt to make adult education readily available.

"We need to be exposed to those things that allow us to expand the frontiers of faith," she said, noting the task force's hope that the series will provide the impetus for such growth.

The advantage with television, she said, is that it

"does reach more people" than many other programs. It is "difficult to gear a program for different people," she said, and then expect them to drive to where it is offered. The television programs being offered are varied, she said, providing three styles of programming on three different evenings, making it possible for many to take advantage of them.

Mrs. Stebbins added that

the task force's work really is a progression from activities that have been occurring in the area for the past 10 years. The Christian Formation Board of the Southern Tier is one of the financial supporters of the television project, she pointed out.

Father Theodore Centala, a Carmelite at the Waverly monastery and a chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital, is the other chairperson.

He emphasized the change brought about by Vatican II which says that the Church is the "people of God," and includes those not practicing a religion. There are 80 million unchurched persons in the country, he said, and the Church has an obligation to reach out to them. CCCN is an attempt to do that.

Since Vatican II, religious educators have become more aware of the need for continuing growth in faith, he said, which means that adult education is important.

Father Theodore pointed out that neither the committee nor the diocese intends to set up a "Church of the Air." Questions may be sent to the Network, he explained, and will be referred to the correct person to answer it, which many times will be the local parish.

Father Theodore noted that they really don't know how many will watch the shows, but 24,000 households are connected to the local cable system, he said, making the programs available to 90,000 persons.

Other members of the task force are Sister Bernarde, St. Patrick's pastoral assistant; Father Albert Delmonte, St. Anthony's pastor; Richard Grady, Sally Ryan, Joette Knott and Virginia and Aloysius Stanton of Horseheads; Marge Nurnberg, Ronald Hoodak, and Robert and Maryanne Hain, of Elmira; and Sister Jane Geiger from the Pastoral Office in Rochester.

### Open House Draws 1,000

Conesus — More than a thousand turned out for the open house at the Hemlock Lake Holistic Health Center last weekend. The former seminary for the Society for the Divine Word, the building has been remodeled to function as a year-round health spa.

patient services and a natural food restaurant.

In addition to such medical facilities as a laboratory, chiropractic treatment rooms, x-ray equipment, the center has recreational facilities, out-

### Septemberfest Slated Sept. 29

Elmira — "Septemberfest" will be Saturday, Sept. 29 from 1 to 7 p.m. on the grounds of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Sponsored by the Our Lady of Lourdes School Parent-Teacher Organization, there will be fancy homemade items, and food. All proceeds from the events go to benefit Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School.

### Alumni Dinner-Dance

Hornell — Plans have been completed for St. Ann's School's fourth annual Alumni Banquet and Dance. The event will be at the Knights of Columbus on Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. This year the 25-year class of 1954 and the 50-year class of 1929 will be honored. The guest speaker will be Father L. John Hedges of St. Helen's Parish, Greece, an alumnus of St. Ann's. Toastmaster will be Henry Burke, Hornell City Court Judge. Any alumnus who has not received a letter from the association and is interested in attending should contact Mrs. Roseann Moretti O'Connor, 66 Jane St., Hornell.

## CCGEB Elects Officers

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Elmira — Martin Tracy, long time Chemung County General Education Board (CCGEB) member, was elected its president Sept. 13 at the regular board meeting at St. Anthony's.

Elected to serve as vice president was Thomas Santulli, St. Anthony's. Secretary-treasurer is Sister Joan Cawley, St. Patrick's principal and principal's delegate to the board.

Tracy, St. Patrick's delegate, replaces Lawrence Stephens, who completed three years as president and was unable to hold the office again.

Stephens thanked the board members, especially those who served as committee chairmen, and the pastors for their assistance during his tenure.

Enrollment figures were announced, showing that 888 students began the school year in CCGEB schools; 198 at Our Lady of Lourdes, 263 at St. Mary's, 195 at St. Casimir's, and 232 at St. Patrick's Junior High. The total represents a drop of 23 from last year, or 2.5 percent.

Gail Callahan, business manager, noted in her report that three teaching positions were eliminated for this year because of the anticipated enrollment drop. That resulted in first and second grade classes at St. Mary's of 32 students. Mrs. Callahan read two letters to the board from a parent and from the teachers of first and second

grade who were upset with the situation. Santulli pointed out that the maximum class size of 32 had been agreed upon by the principals. The matter was referred to the Personnel Committee.

Two issues involving the public schools were raised at the meeting. Sister Marilyn reported that the city school district failed to get federal funding for its gifted and talented program, and as it is proceeding without it, the students in Catholic schools will not be allowed to participate. She said that she would continue to watch the situation.

Sister Joan reported that although the Catholic schools have been getting films from

### Women's Day Set at Corning

Corning — "Reach Out" will be the theme of the second annual "Growing with Christ" program sponsored by the women of St. Patrick's Parish Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish hall.

Leading the program will be Dorothy A. Dobson, a social worker for Monroe County who is active in teen and religious programs.

Mrs. Theresa Pierotti will be the guest soloist. Babysitting will be available.

the local district's media center for several years, a messenger dropping off film orders was told that non-public schools could no longer use the films. The situation may be a misunderstanding, she noted, and will be investigated further.

Members also discussed the annual Walkathon, which will be Saturday, Oct. 13; a committee looking for new sources of funding; promotion of Catholic Schools Week, which begins Oct. 14, and the possibility of a homily on Catholic education being offered in all parishes; and heard the report that nine families got tuition assistance totaling \$1,375 from the diocesan tuition assistance program.

### Meeting Oct. 3

Elmira — The Ladies of St. Casimir's Rosary and Sacred Heart Society will meet Oct. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the school for a Harvest Supper. They will discuss their upcoming craft night and bake sale.



### Welcome

Rev. Robert Lester, pastor of Park Congregational Church, presents a pitcher of water as a "sign of our common baptism" to Father Daniel Holland at his installation as pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, Elmira. The ceremonial presentations also included the keys of the church, a stole, a Bible, sacred oils used in the conferral of sacraments, and bread and wine. The presentations followed Father Holland's pledge to serve the parish, and the pledge of the parish, made by those present, to support him in his work. The installation took place at Mass Saturday evening, Sept. 15.

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