

Fr. Shamon Addresses Rel. Ed. Workshop

By Mary Ann Ginnerty

Auburn — Ministry and the nature of religious education were the topics of the keynote address given by Father Albert Shamon at the September 15 Religion Teachers Workshop here. Father Shamon is the pastor of St. Mary's Church in Waterloo.

The event, sponsored by the Seneca-Cayuga Religious Education Committee, took place at Holy Family School and featured Father Shamon's address and workshops on implementing the Christian message in the classroom.

Father Shamon extolled the teachers for their devotion to the ministry of teaching. He called upon the teachers to be a continuing example of faith and love and to gain inspiration from the reading of scripture. Teach, he said, not by preaching, but by example.

Father Shamon continued saying that most children are born into the Church and take it for granted. While their lives are filled with words like church, bible, rules of living, the task for the youngster is to make sense of all of the terms and concepts.

In elementary grades the focus is on teaching the truths of faith and the rules of the Church, he said. At the secondary level the teacher must give examples to help the adolescent make sense of it all. The task of the teacher, he added, is to begin to show

the students that the Mass and the Church are parts of a whole designed so that love and loyalty to the Church can flourish.

Loyalty to the Church and personal faith are crucial, he emphasized. The teachers' task is to promote this love of the Church and to instill a personal faith.

"Religious education is more than packing heads with knowledge. It is trying to awaken a personal faith and experience of the faith. When people begin to experience that faith, then this is what transforms lives."

Father Shamon said the emphasis in the classroom should be on experiencing Christian community. "The first step in building community is self revelation. You can't love what you don't know," he said.

Father Shamon called on the teachers to be leaders, not reactors. He said to take students where they are and to encourage sharing.

He added that religious education is no longer teacher focused with the students absorbing the lessons the teacher presents. The new methods of catechism accent the student because knowledge is not just transmitted but is translated into action. Father Shamon said catechetics today focus on experience and on building a love relationship with Christ.



Father Shaw, left, is shown here with Father Robert Ritz, CSB, during a recent prayer service at St. Francis.

Parish Plans Dinner/Dance

The Golden Anniversary celebration at St. Francis of Assisi parish will culminate this weekend with a special Anniversary Mass celebrated by Father Dennis Shaw, St. Francis' pastor. The Mass will begin at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7. All parishioners, past and present, and friends of St. Francis are invited.

Following the Mass a Dinner-Dance will take place at the Mapledale Party House, 1020 Maple St. Some 900 people have already made reservations for the event. Tickets are still available for those who wish to attend the

Dinner. They are available at the Mapledale.

Besides celebrating the Mass Father Shaw has invited several guest speakers including Father William Trott, a former associate; and Father Frank Lioi, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.

The final celebration was planned by the Anniversary Committee, headed by Michael Simonetti.

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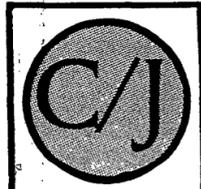
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Region Sets 'Town Meeting'

Bishop Matthew Clark will meet with the Tompkins-Tioga Regional Assembly on Oct. 17 at Holy Cross Church in Dryden. Bishop Clark will

celebrate Mass at Holy Cross at 7:30 p.m. and a "Town Meeting" type meeting will follow. The meeting will end at 10 p.m. All priests, sisters,

parish staff, parish council members and all others interested in regionalism are welcome to attend.



Calendar

24th ROCHESTER BACH FESTIVAL — Oct. 4, 5, 6, at 8:15. Opening concert performed on replicas of baroque instruments, at Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs St.; Friday, Christmas Oratorio, directed by Theodore Hollenbach at Asbury First Methodist, 1050 East Ave.; Saturday, The St. Matthew Passion, Hollenbach conducting, at Asbury.

FASHION SHOW, LUNCHEON — At Marriott Inn, W. Henrietta Road, Wednesday, Oct. 10, sponsored by Friends of Strong Memorial Hospital to raise money for furnishings in treatment and waiting areas. Festivities begin at 11:30 a.m. Tickets through 381-8844 or hospital's Volunteer Office.

PARENTS ARE PEOPLE TOO — Lecture by Mary Griswald of Family Counseling of Geneva, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. at Community College of the Finger Lakes, Canandaigua, lecture hall D214. Followed Oct. 12, 13, 19 and 20 by series of topics related to parenting. In-

formation: Community College of the Finger Lakes, Lincoln Hill Campus, Canandaigua 14424; (716) 394-3500, ext. 290.

OKTOBERFEST — In Cabaret Room, Shults Community Center, Nazareth College, Oct. 5, 9-11.

CARD PARTY — Sponsored by the Catholic Mission Guild, noon Oct. 10 at the K of C on Brooks and Thurston Roads. Luncheon will be served.

DIVORCED CATHOLIC GROUP — "Delaying a Second Marriage," a film by Virginia Clemente of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 7, St. Charles Borromeo school library, 3003 Dewey Ave. Discussion follows.

CLASS OF '69 REUNION — Bishop Kearney High School, Nov. 24, at Sweets Party House, 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$12.50 per person to Bishop Kearney, Class of 1969, 125 Kings Highway, Rochester, N.Y. 14617, by Oct. 22.

JAN DEGAETANI — Appearing with the Renaissance Band, Calliope, in program of Old English music, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 8 p.m. at Kilbourn Hall: \$5 admission.

EASTMAN WIND ENSEMBLE — Free concert, Friday, Oct. 5 at 8

p.m. in the Eastman Theater.

GLASS ART: DATELINE ROCHESTER — Glass works by artists from the Northeast, show opens Oct. 5 at the Pyramid Gallery, 1255 University Ave. Rochester. Admission: 50 cents.

LEBANESE DINNER — A gala evening with music and entertainment at Bishop Kearney High School, Saturday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. Reservations: 467-8925; sponsored by St. Nicholas Church.

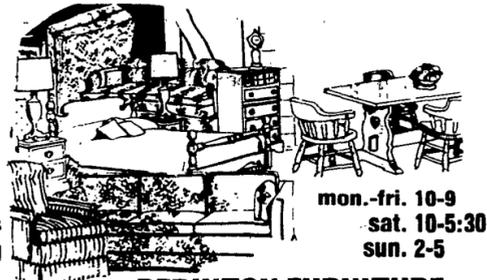
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER — Rochester annual convention, slated for Oct. 13 and 14 at Aquinas Institute; opens 11 a.m. on Saturday and at noon on Sunday. Participants asked to bring notebooks, pens, a box supper and wine and candles for Saturday night dinner.

GROUP 14621 CONVENTION — Third annual event, Saturday, Oct. 13, from 7 to 10 p.m. at School 22, corner Joseph Avenue and Zimbrich Street. Will feature workshops on community issues. Guest speaker, Councilperson Joan Hensler.

DON'T DRINK THE WATER — Woody Allen's comedy at Monroe Community College's Free Theater: Oct. 19, 20, 26 and 27 all at 8 p.m. No admission charge.

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