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Corning Schools Doing Self-Study

By Martin Toombs Southern Tier Editor

Corning — The Corning Catholic Schools are among 18 in the diocese that will be conducting a self-study this year.

The self-study, Sister Anne Michelle McGill, SSJ, of the diocesan Education Office explained, is designed to help schools "pinpoint their own strengths and weaknesses."

Sister Anne Michelle recently spent a day in Corning explaining the procedures to Sister Ann Miller, principal of Catholic School North and South, and to the faculty of the schools.

Sister Ann Miller explained that the schools were selected

by the diocesan office to participate in the program this year. It should be a beneficial process, she said, noting that "I think that when you take time to reflect on your program" it can benefit the whole school.

A self-study was done in the schools about four years ago, but two years ago, Sister Ann and seven teachers joined the faculty, and more changes have occurred since. The study should help new and old faculty by providing them with a more complete view of the school's curriculum, sister said.

"I would look upon it as a major undertaking," Sister Ann said, commenting that she expects it to take three or four hours a month in

meetings after school to complete.

The self-study is not the diocese's attempt to check up on schools, Sister Anne Michelle assured the teachers, but a program designed to help them.

She cited as advantages the formal discussion among the teachers, increasing awareness of what is being taught at all grade levels.

The program also can initiate "action steps," she said, where the faculty work to improve weaknesses they discover.

She also warned the faculty to be realistic when seeking solutions, keeping in mind the

cost and practicability of their suggestions.

Sister Anne Michelle also assured the teachers that the self-study will not be forgotten. She said that the plan is seen as a three-year cycle, in which the study would be used as a reference for two years after it is completed.

The discussions necessary to complete the study can be "very uniting among the faculty," Sister Anne Michelle said, and often the "spirit is better" among faculty after it is completed.

In addition to teachers, parents, priests, school board members and students will be asked to participate in the study.



Sister Anne Michelle (right) explains the school self-study plan to the teachers from Corning Catholic Schools, North and South. Next to her is Sister Ann Miller, principal of the schools.

Chemung Network Into Second Week

Elmira — The second week of programming offered by the Chemung County Catholic Network begins tonight.

All programs in the 36-show series are from 7 to 7:30 p.m. over TelePrompTer cable television's channel 4.

Tonight, Wednesday, Oct. 10, and next Wednesday, Oct. 17, Father John Powell, SJ, will continue his "Free to be Me" series. He will be dealing with such issues as the influence of others and of Christianity on a person's freedom.

Friday, Oct. 12, a program

titled "The Healer" will be presented. Produced by the Maryknoll Fathers, the show contrasts ancient rites and religious customs with traditional forms of Latin American Catholics.

And Monday, Oct. 15, "Belfast Black on Green" will be presented, a story of trust in the setting of troubled Northern Ireland.

Anyone who wants a program guide for the series can get one by sending a stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope to Chemung County Catholic Network, PO Box 207, Horseheads, NY 14845.

Nursing Explorer Post Forming

Elmira — St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing is organizing a nursing Explorer Post and is seeking high school students possibly interested in a career in nursing to join.

The Post met for the first time Sept. 26, with about 30 interested students attending, according to Thomas Costello, the Post's advisor.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Dunn Memorial. Costello noted that membership will remain open; high school students may join at any time.

AIM Meets

Auburn — Focus on Hunger will be the theme of the Oct. 11 meeting of Auburn Interfaith Ministries (AIM).

Special guest will be Dorothy Haasigan Campbell, coordinator for hunger programs in the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse (United Presbyterians).

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

Two student nurses at St. Joseph's, Mary Amoroso and Mary Ann Fabian, will be working closely with the Post, which will be chartered as an Explorer Post by Scouting, USA, formerly known as Boy Scouts of America. Explorer Posts are for high school boys and girls, and are usually dedicated to a particular interest, in this case, nursing.

Post meetings are planned for every other week, and a variety of programming will be available through the resources of the nursing school and the hospital, Costello noted.

Organizers hope the Post will provide first hand learning experiences in a variety of nursing specialties. Such exposure should help students decide whether or not nursing is a career they may wish to pursue, Costello explained.

Once the Post begins operating, he noted, he expects the members will make the decisions concerning the type of programs they wish to participate in. He added that any members who wish further involvement will be able to join the junior volunteers at the hospital.

St. Mary's Corning Installs Workers

Corning — St. Mary's Parish installed its parish council, lectors, ushers, religious and school teachers, altar boys, choir and other parish volunteers at a Mass Sunday, Sept. 30.

Father Michael Hogan, pastor, explained that the parish liturgy committee planned the Mass to recognize all those who serve the parish, rather than install the groups separately.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan participated in the ceremony, and reminded those present of St. Paul's letter to Corinth on the various gifts members of the Christian community had there. Paul urged the Christians not to be concerned with which gift was most important, but to use their gifts well.

"We all have gifts," Bishop Hogan said, noting that "I've



Bishop Hogan shaking hands with one of the many lay persons who will serve St. Mary's, Corning, Parish in the coming year during the installation Mass Sept. 30. The other priests are Father Michael Hogan, St. Mary's pastor, and Father James Peters.

yet to find someone who is not gifted." The challenge, he said, is to get persons to use their gifts in service.

Bishop Hogan commented that when Pope John Paul II was installed as pope, he spoke several languages during the ceremony, evidence of his "gift of languages." Not everyone has such a gift, he

said, but everybody can have the "language of love."

On his trip to Corning that morning, Bishop Hogan noted, he observed the beauty of the countryside, commenting that "nature proclaims God's love for us."

And, he pointed out, even

the small, scrub brush becomes part of the beauty of the whole. He called on individuals to "open yourself" to the Lord, and be part of the Christian community.

Bishop Hogan also led the congregation in applause for Father Thomas Brennan, pastor emeritus, on his 75th birthday.

Right to Life Convention Held

Auburn — Mr. & Mrs. Frank McKay and Mrs. John Pelc represented the Cayuga Right to Life Committee at the New York State Right to Life Convention held at Suffern, N.Y. recently.

McKay, state coordinator to the national committee's Voter Identification Survey, headed a workshop on the project.

Some 400 conventioners from across the state attended. Author Erma Clardy Craven gave the opening address to the assembly. Father William Smith and Dr. Joseph Stanton spoke on the in-vitro fertilization and fetal experimentation programs.

CDA Begins

Auburn — Court Auburn of the Catholic Daughters of America launched its 1979-80 season at a meeting September 25. The Eucharist was celebrated by Father Clarence Gardner, pastor of St. Alphonsus at 6:30 p.m. and catered dinner and business

Bushnell Named To Hospital Board

Elmira — William S. Bushnell was elected to the St. Joseph's Hospital Board of Directors at a board meeting Wednesday, Sept. 19.

A native of Sherrill, Bushnell is a graduate of Utica College.

He is president of the

Elmira Savings Bank and maintains affiliations with several national and state banking organizations. President of the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce, he also is a member of the Elmira College Council, Elmira Neighborhood House Board of Directors, Arnot Art Museum and the Southern

Tier Regional Housing Council. He presently serves as chairman of the foundations-corporations committee of the Development Council of St. Joseph's.

The father of three daughters, Bushnell resides with his wife, Dolores, on Deerfield Road.

Evangelization Seminar Scheduled

Horseheads — The Legion of Mary Southern Tier Curia is sponsoring a program on Evangelization Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Horseheads Holiday Inn. The program will include

speakers, discussion and prayer. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the day's events finishing at 4:30 p.m.

Father Ignatius Lazzano of the New York archdiocese will be the keynote speaker. He is involved in Legion of Mary and youth work in New York City.

Also on the agenda are Raymond Lover of Rochester

an attorney active in the Legion of Mary, and William Peffley of Philadelphia, known to many as a composer of Marian hymns.

Those attending are asked to bring a lunch; beverages will be provided.

Stroke Recovery Is Topic

Elmira — The recently-formed Twin Tiers Stroke Club, developed by the Twin Tiers Rehabilitation Center of St. Joseph's Hospital and members of the American Heart Association, will provide a program Oct. 17 at 4 p.m. in the hospital's Doctors Meeting Room, Young W. Park, MD, will speak on "Rehabilitation of the Stroke

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