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Women Spend Day Learning to 'Grow With Christ'

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Corning — Dorothy Dobson led 50 women of St. Patrick's Parish in an evaluation of their actions and motivations at the "Growing with Christ" seminar Oct. 9.

Mrs. Dobson, of Rochester, told those attending that they needed to come in touch with themselves before they could successfully reach out to others.

She also encouraged them to look at the 10 commandments and their lives.

For many people, "all earthly riches have become their god," and their search for wealth has pushed out all concern for God or others, she said.

The commandment not to kill, she pointed out, doesn't apply only to murder; "we can kill people a little, day by day, by sheer oppression." This is done if we "kill their self-worth, take their dignity

from them," she explained.

And while some don't think they violate the commandment not to steal, Mrs. Dobson asked how many have towels taken from hotels, or have brought goods home from their job without considering it stealing.

Another problem she has observed, she commented, is that many think the commandment to "honor thy father and mother" is "something for the youth to be guided by."

She noted that she is an adult protective worker for the Monroe County Social Services Department, and she often sees parents who have been abandoned by their children. "All they want is some time, some time from the children they reared," she said. The problem, she observed, could be that the 1970s has seen an "emphasis on children," and parents have "made gods" of their children.

As for keeping the

Sabbath, Mrs. Dobson commented, "that has almost gone out the window." While Sundays once were a time for prayer, quiet and families, now "that special day is the same as the other six days of the week."

Christ's second commandment, to love thy neighbor, is often abused, she stated. We are "so quick to make allowances for ourselves," but come down hard on others. People can forgive their own children, she said, and we should "try, somehow, to have a similar compassion for our neighbors."

But while calling on the women to examine their lives, she reminded them that it "does not give one the privilege to be judgmental about others."

Mrs. Dobson listed problems facing society, including drugs, teenage pregnancy, and alcoholism, and said that "if we care, we must get involved."

"We cannot care about



Dorothy Dobson speaking to the women at the "Growing with Christ" seminar at St. Patrick's, Corning.

God unless we care about His people," she pointed out.

And through the use of role-playing, she initiated a discussion on how a Christian should respond to others' problems. Several suggestions on how a person can be aware of others' needs, and how best to

respond to someone in need, were raised.

Several participants and Mrs. Dobson emphasized the value of prayer, both with a person in trouble, and for them. She also noted that she thinks it is important to pray for what is best, instead

of a specific result.

In the afternoon, the women participated in group discussion. The day ended with a prayer service.

The seminar was the second annual offering, sponsored by a group of St. Patrick's women.

Renewal Week Scheduled

Horseheads — "You, too, are being built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit."

Those words from Ephesians 2:22 will be the theme of a week of personal renewal and re-dedication by parishioners of St. Mary Our Mother as the parish prepares for the dedication of its new church.

The Week of Renewal, Oct. 21-27, will give parishioners

an opportunity to spiritually re-dedicate themselves through five services sponsored by various parish organizations and coordinated by the parish liturgy committee.

Joette Knott, liturgy committee chairperson, said the initial idea for the Week of Renewal was suggested by Father John Firpo, associate. Father Firpo also suggested the theme that will be used.

Mrs. Knott noted that the organizations sponsoring the services have planned them. The services will be:

•A communal penance service with general absolution, Monday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by renewal and prayer groups.

•A special service for teenagers, Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Youth Committee.

•Rosary and benediction, Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Legion of Mary. The service will be followed by a transfer of the statue of Our Lady to the new church.

•Mass of healing: Anointing of the Sick, Thursday, Oct. 25, at 5:15 p.m., sponsored by the Human Development Committee.

•Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Nocturnal Adoration Society. The service will be followed by a procession to the new church and a placing of the cornerstone.

All services will be in the parish's present chapel.

Explaining the Week of Renewal, Father Bartholomew O'Brien, pastor, said "Our new building stands as a special kind of image of the Church itself, which is God's temple built from living stones, that is, from you and me. Before we dedicate our new church building, we should re-dedicate ourselves."

A prayer written by Father Firpo will be used during the renewal services and the dedication of the new church, Nov. 10.

St. James, Waverly Celebrating 25 Years

Waverly — St. James School will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a Mass, reception and dance Saturday, Oct. 20. The events are being conducted in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week.

At noon there will be a Mass concelebrated by Father

Edward Foy, pastor, Father Richard Kinsky, diocesan school superintendent, and former pastors and associate pastors of St. James Parish.

A reception in the church hall will follow the Mass. Present and past students, priests, sisters and lay teachers will have the opportunity to get reacquainted. Anyone connected with St. James School is welcome to participate.

That evening, there will be a social hour from 8 to 9 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Sayre, Pennsylvania, followed by a dance and midnight buffet. Music will be provided by the "Down Under" band.

Any past students who have not received an invitation and would like to attend should telephone 565-9967 or 565-8661.

Discernment Workshop Set

Corning — There will be a discernment workshop sponsored by the Southern Tier Charismatic groups at St. Mary's House of Prayer Saturday, Oct. 27. The workshop will open at 9:30 a.m., and close with Mass at 3 p.m. All are welcome. Those attending are asked to bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided.

Nutrition Class

Elmira — A prenatal nutrition class for all soon-to-be parents will be offered at St. Joseph's Hospital in the Doctors Reception Room Monday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. The class will consist of a lecture, film, and discussion period.

Fund Raiser

Corning — St. Patrick's Parish is sponsoring a fund-raising event to benefit the parish heat fund Friday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Slide Show, Retreat Planned

Elmira — The Schuyler-Chemung Divorced, Separated and Widowed Society will present a slide program at its next meeting, Sunday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Patrick's School gym. Sister Kathleen Kircher, director of ministry to the divorced and separated for the Rochester diocese, will show her slides of Israel.

The group also has scheduled a full-day retreat for Saturday, Nov. 17, which will be given by Father William Trött, St. Augustine's, Rochester, pastor, and Sue and Frank Staropoli, directors of the diocesan Family Life Office.

Five Earn Diplomas

Elmira — Commencement exercises for the class of 1979 of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Radiologic technology were conducted Friday, Oct. 12, in the Little Flower Chapel in

Wayne Receives Editorship

Former RapAround coordinator, Michael Wayne, has been appointed editor, for the 1979-80 school year, of the Corning Community College newspaper, "The Crier."

He is a graduate of Notre Dame High School and while in his senior year was editor of the school's newspaper, "The Maryleaf." He served as a Courier-Journal RapAround rep in 1977-78. At CCC he is majoring in Business Administration, is a member of the student government and on the Financial Aid Request Committee.

Television Series Begins Third Week

Elmira — The third week of shows presented by the Chemung County Catholic Network over TelePromPTer channel 4 begins this evening. All shows are carried on the cable system from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

Tonight, Oct. 17, and next Wednesday, Oct. 24, Father John Powell, SJ, will continue his "Free to be Me" series.

Friday, Oct. 19, a show will be presented in which Arlo Guthrie, folk singer and composer, talks about America's musical tradition. The show also is interpreted in sign language.

And Monday, Oct. 22, a

dramatic show dealing with communication in marriage will be shown. The cast includes Larry Pressman, Sharon Farrell and Lou Antonio.

Alcoholism Seminar

Elmira — W. Richard Hamlin, instructor in anthropology at Mansfield State College, will speak on "Cultural Factors in Responses to Alcohol," at an alcoholism seminar in St. Joseph's Hospital's Doctors Meeting Room Thursday Oct. 18 at 12:15 p.m.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Social Work-STARs Department at St. Joseph's, 733-5519.

Thrift Shop Now Open

Elmira — The Human Development Thrift Shop is now open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shop is in St. Peter and Paul school building, 160 High St., Elmira.

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