

# COURIER-JOURNAL

## Southern Tier-Auburn Geneva

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### 50th Anniversary

A group of students, parents, graduates and the president of the Chemung County General Education Board presenting the gifts during the Mass marking the 50th anniversary of the St. Casimir's school building. The Mass also marked 76 years of Catholic education in St. Casimir's Parish. Celebrating were Father Henry Adamski, St. Casimir's pastor, Father Richard O'Connell, Ss. Peter and Paul Pastor, and Father Robert Hammond, Notre Dame High School chaplain.

### Fifth Walkathon Raises \$6,409

Elmira — Approximately 650 walkers raised \$6,409 according to the latest results from the fifth annual Walkathon sponsored by the Chemung County Catholic School Board Oct. 13. Participating in the walk were students of the board's four schools in Elmira, and St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads.

Students sold \$1 tickets to sponsor the walk from St. Patrick's Junior High to Notre Dame High School, a distance of more than three miles.

Mary Durocher, co-chairperson for the event, reports that of the total, more than \$6,100 was raised by students from the Elmira schools. She noted that final totals will take some time to compile.

The school winning the award for the most tickets sold per child was St. Mary's, Elmira, she noted, and St. Patrick's Junior High won the award for the best increase when compared to last year.

### TV Series Continuing

Elmira — The fourth week of the programs being offered by the Chemung County Catholic Network begins tonight.

Wednesday, Oct. 24, and Wednesday, Oct. 31, Father John Powell, SJ, continues his "Free to Me" series.

Friday, Oct. 26, a family therapist and author, Virginia Satir, explains how to

strengthen family life by improving communication skills.

Monday, Oct. 29, a presentation on child battering will feature Elizabeth Ashley and Bill Bixby.

All programs are broadcast from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on TelePrompTer cable channel 4 in Chemung County.

### Auxiliary Sale At St. Joseph's Nov. 1, 2

Elmira — A chance to do some early Christmas shopping will be available at the Christmas Sale sponsored by the St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary Thursday, Nov. 1, and Friday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Doctors Meeting Room.

A large selection of handmade items such as sweaters, mittens, baby sets and ceramics will be available, as well as a variety of toys, Christmas decorations, crafts and homemade baked goods including fudge, breads, cakes and cookies.

Parking is available in the Market Street parking lot adjacent to the hospital's front entrance. Mrs. Giuliana Calderone is chairperson of the annual event.

### Legion Curia Meets To Discuss Evangelization

By Martin Toombs  
 Southern Tier Editor

**Horseheads** — Evangelization was the theme that brought more than 50 people to the Holiday Inn here from the Legion of Mary Southern Tier Curia Saturday, Oct. 13.

Those attending heard three men: Father Thomas McGarry, from the Bronx; Raymond Loyer, a Legion member from Rochester, and William Peffley of Philadelphia, a composer of Marian hymns.

The day's program opened with the rosary, and members also prayed the angelus at noon.

Father McGarry, chaplain at St. Barnabas' Episcopal Hospital and the spiritual director of the Legion of Mary North Bronx Curia, was the keynote speaker.

In addition to the hospital, Father McGarry said, he also is chaplain at two nursing homes, one of which has a Legion of Mary praesidium. The group has 23 active members, he reported; the president is 88 years old, and the oldest active member is 95.

The group operates a little differently, he noted, as their work is entirely within the home. They visit ill

residents, he said, and help the chaplains and others with language difficulties, as several are bi-lingual.

It was Pope Paul's Apostolic Exhortation on Evangelization that sparked the Legion's making evangelization a top priority, Father McGarry said. The word "evangelization" makes some people uncomfortable, he observed, as they think it's a Protestant term. But it is "gospelizing," he said, "getting the gospel out." He added that Pope John Paul II called his visit to the United States evangelization.

While conversions had dropped to a trickle in the past few years, Father McGarry noted, now they are increasing, and more are becoming interested in the Catholic faith.

While in the United States Pope John Paul stressed the traditional teachings of the Church, Father McGarry pointed out, and, throughout his trip, drew thousands to hear him. For several years the Church has concentrated on showing how Catholicism is like other religions, he said; possibly what is needed now is "for the world to be told what makes Catholics different." It is the differences, he stated, that may attract potential converts.

Practical questions

concerning the Legion's efforts to reach unchurched people were discussed during the question and answer period that followed.

Father Bartholomew O'Brien, spiritual director of the Southern Tier Curia, asked Father McGarry how members can evangelize "without calling up the rectory and asking them to do it."

Answers offered by Father McGarry and a few participants pointed out the need for members to do as much as they can with a potential convert. Father McGarry noted that there is a time when the priest must become involved, but that much of the preparation can be done by a Legion member.

Father O'Brien also noted instances when Legion members have conducted one-to-one instructions in the faith, emphasizing that more members are capable of such work.

The discussion also turned to the difficulty of getting Legion of Mary groups set up in certain parishes. Members cited reluctance on the part of pastors to give their approval for the organization of a local praesidium. Several of those speaking noted that they belong to a praesidium that operates from a neighboring parish as their own parish does not have one.

### Committee Heads Named

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Elmira — Committee chairmen were assigned and a presentation was made concerning a money management fund at the Chemung County General Education Board (CCGEB) meeting Oct. 11 at St. Anthony's.

Named by board president Martin Tracy to head the Personnel Committee again this year was Thomas Santulli, St. Anthony's delegate. J. Alan Wright of Our Lady of Lourdes will head the Finance Committee; Jerald Meeker of St. Mary's the Registration and Public Relations Committee; and Thomas Klotz of St. Patrick's the ad hoc Future Planning Committee. Mrs. Mary Klotz and Mrs. Mary Durocher will chair the Ways and Means Committee.

Tracy also announced that he has resigned his position as St. Patrick's delegate, with Klotz taking his place. Tracy will serve as a non-voting board president.

Later in the meeting Tracy announced the formation of an ad hoc committee to study the feasibility of further consolidation of schools. Tracy emphasized that no decisions have been made, and that the committee, which will include board officers,

committee chairmen and the business manager, will be open to all suggestions concerning what approach they should take. The committee's formation is in response to a call last spring during budget discussions by parishes for a lowering of parish assessments, and to reduced enrollments.

Tracy said that the plan calls for the committee to offer a progress report at the November CCGEB meeting, and a final plan at the December meeting. The committee's recommendations could be voted upon in January, he said.

John Donahue, who works in the Elmira office of the First Albany Corporation, explained the Money Management Fund his company offers. Money deposited with the fund is available without restriction,

he explained, and pays interest at a floating rate which currently is near 11 percent. Although not a guaranteed deposit, he explained, the fund's prospectus lists its investments, which are in well-established companies, banks, and government bonds.

After discussion, the board approved a motion calling, first of all, for Gail Callahan, business manager, to place \$10,000 in a bank certificate of deposit, and for her to establish a Money Management Fund account. The motion also called for the board president to be the alternate signature on the account.

The board also discussed plans for Catholic Schools Week, and for the Walkathon.



### Benefit Dinner

The third annual Benefit Dinner for Blessed Trinity School, Auburn, was held recently at Riordan's Restaurant. Shown above are members of the Blessed Trinity School Board posing with school principal Sister Walter Anne O'Malley.

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