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### CCGEB to Launch Recruitment Drive

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Elmira— The committee studying the feasibility of further consolidation of the Elmira Catholic schools gave its final report at the Chemung County General Education Board (CCGEB) meeting at St. Anthony's Dec. 13.

The report, given by Martin Tracy, board president and convener of the committee, calls for a continuation of the current four-school system,

and looks to "a vigorous, aggressive enrollment program" to make "full use of all existing buildings."

Tracy noted that there was agreement among priests, principals, and parents that further consolidation should not be done, and acceptance of the need for a strong recruitment drive.

The committee also recommended that the Future Planning Committee provide the Finance Committee with estimates of income

reasonably expected from its projects for the coming school year; that a five-year budget be developed; and there be a substantial tuition increase.

The recommendations conclude by stating the need for "wholehearted cooperation of parents, pastors, principals, faculty, committees and board to insure success of plans."

Tracy added that he "can't emphasize too strongly" the need for cooperation. Now that the decision has been

made not to close a school, he noted, he hopes those who expressed a willingness to help recruit students when they thought a school closing would occur will follow through and aid the system.

The board also had an extensive discussion of the establishment of pre-school programs at St. Mary's and St. Casimir's schools, as was approved at the November meeting. The program would be similar to that in operation at Our Lady of Lourdes.

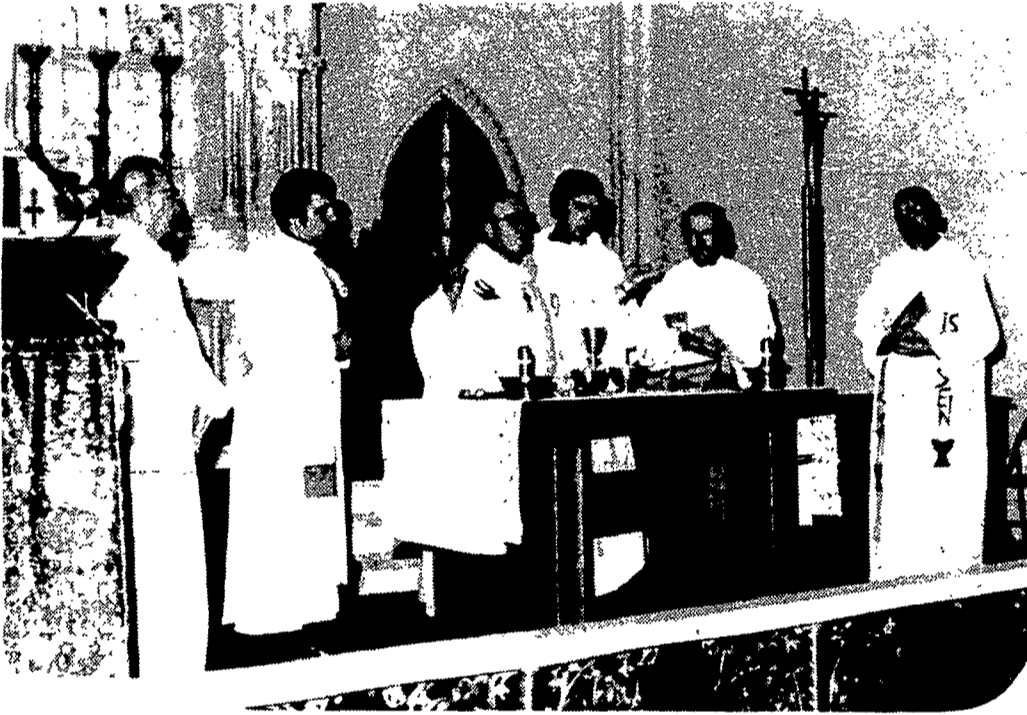
While some board members were pointing toward a January or February opening of the pre-school classes, the building principals noted reasons that the program couldn't be set up properly before September. The principals were not at the November meeting, as they were participating in a principals workshop.

After hearing the principals, the board defeated a motion authorizing the Registration and Public Relations Committee to begin

enrolling students for a Feb. 3 start-up.

The principals did express their interest in having pre-school programs at the two schools; as the issue now stands, the principals have authorization to begin the programs anytime after Jan. 1, 1980.

In other action, the board approved motions concerning projects to cut heating costs in the buildings it operates, and heard a report on proposed fund-raising events from the Future Planning Committee.



### Memorial Mass

A memorial Mass for Archbishop Fulton Sheen sponsored by the Chemung-Schuyler Region was celebrated Saturday, Dec. 15 at St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira. The 100 persons who attended heard Father Joseph Egan eulogize the former bishop of Rochester. Shown above are the concelebrants, Fathers William Burns, Albert Delmonte, Richard O'Connell, Paul McCabe, regional coordinator; Robert Kanka and Raymond Wuest.



### Singing Poinsettias

Members of the St. Patrick's School, Owego, kindergarten class played the parts of poinsettias in a local florist's shop as their part in the Christmas pageant presented to parents Dec. 14. The play traced the discontent of shopkeepers with the pressures and commercialization of the holiday, but came to the conclusion that they didn't really see anything of Christmas until they attended midnight Mass at St. Patrick's, and saw the Nativity scene acted out, which was the final scene of the play.

### Gifts Acknowledged By St. Joseph's Hospital

Elmira— St. Joseph's Hospital acknowledged two gifts in ceremonies Dec. 17 at the hospital.

The Thomas Atkins Memorial Fund donated a urodynamics analyzer, used to evaluate bladder muscle tone. The instrument has been placed in the hospital's Emergency Services Department in what will now be known as the Thomas W. Atkins Urodynamics Laboratory.

A microprojector for instructional use was donated through the estate of Loretta Mulcahy in memory of her brother, Cornelius O'Dea.

Relatives of the persons in whose memory the gifts were made were among those attending the event.

In 1957, when Dr. Atkins established his urological practice in Elmira, he employed a procedure, a cystometrogram, to measure the muscle tone of the bladder. Before his untimely death earlier this year, he established a fund for the purpose of updating that testing process. Although Dr. Atkins didn't live to see his dream of a urodynamics laboratory at St. Joseph's realized, the laboratory named for him opened Dec. 17.

According to Dr. Edgar Sanford, urologist and director of the new Atkins Lab, the analyzer "in a very short time," usually from one-half to two hours, "enables us to detect the cause of a wide range of urologic problems."

"Having the Atkins Urodynamics Laboratory in operation will greatly enhance the quality of urologic care in the Elmira area," Dr. Sanford stated. "It means that people can have complex urologic disorders objectively diagnosed, appropriately managed and can have the studies done near home."

entire classes of medical students to view a slide at once as it projects the magnified image onto a screen. Dr. Goryun

Nigogosyan, laboratory director, demonstrated the machine's usefulness to those attending the dedication ceremonies.



Pat Considine, left, Priscilla Atkins and Rev. David Durham listen as Dr. Nigogosyan explains the uses of the microprojector donated to St. Joseph's Hospital. Mrs. Considine was an employee of the late Dr. Atkins, Priscilla's father. The projector's donation was acknowledged at the same ceremony as the donation of the urodynamics analyzer given in the name of Dr. Atkins.

### Hospital Decoration Prizes Awarded

Hornell— The Supply, Process and Distribution Department of St. James Hospital won the hospital's Christmas decorating contest in judging Dec. 14.

The department's entry, titled "A Night Before Christmas," featured a "living room" complete with stockings, a snow-paneled Dutch door, and a mouse watching Santa's boots appear as he comes down the chimney.

Other hospital departments receiving awards were Pediatrics, Nutrition, Housekeeping, the Aquinas Center, Purchasing and Radiology.

Judging was done by four members of the hospital Women's Board and the MacDonald Guild.

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