

Family Conference Delegates:

'All Family Members'

The four dioceses who have indicated their willingness to serve as delegates to the upcoming White House Conference on Families...

The Hollis are the coordinators for the Office of Family Life effort to encourage diocesan attendance at the two regional conferences prior to the national gathering.

The first regional conference will be held on Feb. 2 at State University of New York in Buffalo...

The four who have agreed

to serve as delegates, if elected at the regional hearings, are Ron Platten, Gladys Holloman, James H. Gillette, and Mrs. Ardis Dandino.

Platten and his wife, Judy, have six children between the ages of 10 and 21. He is an assistant financial controller for an international division of Xerox Corp.

Ms. Holloman is married and the mother of two children, aged 12 and 14. For the past four years she has worked in the Emergency Family Assistance Program of the Baden Street Settlement House.

Gillette and his wife Lita are parents of three children. He holds a doctorate in education and works at the State University College in Brockport as coordinator of recreation and intramurals.

and family. They reside in Brockport.

Attending the Ithaca hearing will be Mrs. Ardis Dandino, a member of the Family Life Committee of St. Alphonsus Parish in Auburn.

All families in the diocese have been urged to attend the regional hearing appropriate to their place of residence. Under the state plan, all the counties in the diocese with the exception of Cayuga and Tompkins are within the region of the Buffalo conference.

In addition to electing delegates to the national conference, the regional conferences are charged with developing position papers on a variety of topics dealing with the family and government.

Registration forms for the regional conferences are available at rectories throughout the diocese.



New president of the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild John Greisberger, Michael Telesca, new member of the board of directors, and outgoing president Joseph DeMaria.

Lawyers Form Unit To Aid Elderly

Judge Michael A. Telesca, surrogate of Monroe County, recently addressed members of the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild at its annual meeting on the subject of the lawyers' responsibilities to the community.

Following up on the theme of Bishop Matthew H. Clark at the 1979 Red Mass, Judge Telesca emphasized the continuing need for lawyers to volunteer their time and talents to helping those in need.

Following the talk, the new president, John Greisberger, announced the formation of a service committee to develop programs to assist the handicapped and elderly.

The guild, formed in 1976, has taken public positions in favor of responsible sex

education and has strongly criticized both the Planned Parenthood organization and the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency for advocating sex education and health programs without regard for ethical, moral and long-standing values.

Elected to the Board of Governors for 1980:

President, Greisberger; vice presidents, John J. Considine, William P. Polito; secretary, William D. McGinn; treasurer, Robert J. Hirsch; spiritual advisor, Msgr. James C. McAniff.

The board, Father Charles A. Bennett, John F. Burke, Ronald J. Buttarazzi, Mary Calabrese, John J. Conway, Joseph G. DeMaria, Robert J. Edelman, Joseph Eischette, Joseph G. Fritsch, Nicholas C. Gagliano and Michael A. Telesca.

On the Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

Hans Kung Not on the Itinerary

Is the Courier sponsoring a trip to Oberammergau?

Yes. The tentative plans are these: a 15-day trip which includes Lucerne, Switzerland; the Black Forest, Heidelberg, Cologne, Hamburg, West Berlin, with an excursion to East Berlin; Fr. Cuddy, Rothenberg, Munich, two nights at Oberammergau, and perhaps a bit of Austria. Of course, the Passion Play is the fitting climax.



When does the tour leave? Tentatively May 25, returning June 8. What is the cost? With gas prices exploded, boosting air fares, plus inflation worse in Europe than even in the States, it certainly will be more than a few years ago, and I suppose less than a few years to come.

Will you visit Hans Kung when in Germany?

What for? Even curiosity would not impel me to regard a priest entrusted with the teaching of Catholic doctrine who places himself above the Church. Several years ago the prestigious Karl Rahner declared Hans Kung had become a Liberal Christian, a non-Catholic. God knows, we who are simple Catholics have a right to correct teaching from the Church. I would rather receive my guidance from Pope John Paul and the Church's Magisterium than from the obfuscationists who contest them.

But Pope John Paul is

Polish! I read he is hemmed in by his limiting "Polish experience."

Well, that's the present anti-Roman party line, fostered by the N.C. Reporter. The anti-papalists within the Church in the States are plumping for an American Catholic Church in which the American experience is the instrument to instruct the Pope and the Universal Church. A bit silly, considering that John Paul has had the Nazi experience, the Communist experience, the poverty and suffering experience; considering that he lived in that internationalizing city of Rome for three years as a student, and much of four years as a member of the Vatican Council where his remarkable contributions were remembered by the non-Polish body which elected him Pope. These funny people who whine about the Pope's limited "Polish experience" seem to gaze in rapture at the "American experience," oblivious to the evidence that the American Experience has made a shambles of much of the Church in the United States. Witness the near empty convents, the seminaries and religious institutions sold to Fundamentalist Groups. Do read The Battle for the American Church by Msgr. George A. Kelly (Doubleday, 1979). On its flap we read: "For a decade since Vatican II the Catholic Church in America has been at war with an enemy so powerful that the outcome is still in doubt. That enemy is itself—more specifically, its vacillating bishops, its confused and declining membership, and a theology now riddled with contradictions and uncertainty. How has this happened? What can be done?" I think this book will be powerful in renewal of the Catholic Church in the United States.

Is the Courier having a tour to Ireland?

Yes. A very good one, for ten days the latter part of July. Watch the Courier-Journal for the advertisements which will give details for both Oberammergau and Ireland.

Parish Sets Family Programs

Holy Family Church will be observing the Year of the Family "in a big way." Mrs. Jean Bennett, parish religious education coordinator, said recently.

"Families are our concern, the need to strengthen the family unit," she said.

The parish will hold several programs for the year, she noted, including retreats for married couples, singles, young and old. In addition, she said, there are youth programs, family group programs, social programs and a special Lenten program. "We are really looking forward to a year of renewal, sharing and caring more," she said.

At the top of the agenda will be a special Mass celebrated on Jan. 27 by Bishop Matthew H. Clark. Following the Mass, a reception will be held in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Bennett commented: "What a wonderful year for our whole country to come together as a family! What we learn in a good family unit from our childhood years helps us to grow to larger kinds of grouping, a good sense of neighborhood and a pride in our ethnic backgrounds. We must set examples for the next generation to live by and be proud of."

Xerox Reports \$2 Million Given Locally

Xerox gave more than \$2 million last year to local colleges and community organizations, the corporation reported last week. Major grants went to the University of Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology and the United Community Chest.

St. John Fisher College, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and Monroe Community College shared in the contributions to education, which totaled \$1,169,000, the report said.

More than 50 community organizations received \$1,267,000—including a contribution of \$848,510 to the Community Chest. An additional \$1,275,000 was contributed to the Chest drive by Xerox employees in Monroe County. Rochester Museum and Science Center and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra received major contributions to their

capital campaigns, the report said.

About 188 Xerox employees took part as volunteers in 15 projects, with \$28,448 in financial support provided under the Xerox Community Involvement Program, the report added. One of the projects involved renovation of the Spanish Apostolate field office at 873-877 N. Clinton.

Holy Hour

A Holy Hour, sponsored by the Holy Trinity Chapter of the Peoples Eucharistic League, has been scheduled from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 11, at Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse. The Rev. Mr. Timothy McChuskey, will be the leader.

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