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Southern Tier Liturgy Honors Bishop McCafferty

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Elmira — Those attending the Memorial Mass at St. Mary's May 4 came here because we believe Bishop John McCafferty has gone to the Father. Father Thomas Wheeland said in his homily:

Father Wheeland noted that there is a "unity of faith" which "binds us to the bishop" and "binds us together."

Father Wheeland, associate pastor under Bishop McCafferty at Holy Rosary and at Sacred Heart Cathedral, told the 150 persons attending the Mass that during the days following his death, he had had many people tell him of the effect Bishop McCafferty had had on their lives.

And Father Wheeland, an

Elmira native who also was the bishop's secretary, told of the bishop's comments on his time in Elmira, serving as vicar to the Southern Tier from September 1968 through January 1972. He loved the people of Elmira, Father Wheeland said, although he missed not having the close contact with them that would have existed in parish work.

The bishop would tell, he related, of the time the "Rochester bankers" came to Elmira to close Notre Dame High School, and the school's Board of Governors said, "No."

And he also recounted the gains made by the formation of the Chemung County General Education Board, which operates the Catholic schools in Elmira. What work he did on that effort, Father Wheeland noted, wasn't noticed by the public, as he would have served his role by supporting the work

of others from behind the scenes.

And each year, he noted, he would get a call from Sister Remegia, St. Joseph's School of Nursing director, asking him to officiate at the school's graduation. Wheeland noted that it was one of the few events that would cause him to change the schedule at the cathedral.

"One thing he would not have liked," Father Wheeland said, is "me standing here tonight talking about him."

He also related how recently, when Confirmation was celebrated in the cathedral parish, Bishop McCafferty was unable to perform the ceremony, so it was conducted by Bishop Clark. But Bishop McCafferty left his sick bed to speak for a few minutes to the class, he related, telling them what he felt for them,



Twenty priests from across the Southern Tier concelebrating the Mass in memory of Bishop McCafferty.

and urging them to live their lives to the fullest.

The following day the bishop told him, Father Wheeland said, that he probably had done too much by going to the church, but that he felt it would be the last time he would speak

from the pulpit, which it was.

Father Wheeland noted that the bishop clung to life, not to delay death, but in order to live life as completely as possible.

"His greatest love was the Church," he noted, and he

was always willing to speak up for the Church.

Father Wheeland concluded by noting that "any tribute we offer" to Bishop McCafferty would be nothing "unless we go out of here determined to live in the spirit of love."

Music, Animated Films Featured at Notre Dame

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Elmira — Two former students and a former teacher returned to Notre Dame High School May 3 as featured performers in a program marking the school's 25th anniversary.

One of those students left the stage with something he had left Notre Dame without in 1963 — a diploma.

Joining them were three current students in performances for the more than 500 persons who attended the three-hour evening of entertainment.

John Hall, organizer of the successful rock group Orleans, which had several records rank high on the national sales charts, returned to his high school with his new band, The Reactors, for its debut.

An enthusiastic audience cheered the new songs he and his wife, Johanna, have written, and those they wrote that were hits for Orleans.

During a break in the group's set, Sister Mary Walter Hickey, Notre Dame principal, surprised nearly everyone in the house when she presented Hall with the high school diploma he had never received.

Hall left Notre Dame at the end of his junior year in June, 1963, and entered Notre Dame University as a freshman the following year.

Sister Mary Walter noted that when checking his permanent record card, she found that he was 14th of 172 when he withdrew, and, she noted, English 101 at Notre

Dame University would be sufficient to satisfy the remaining requirements he needed for a valid diploma, which she then presented to him.

Hall is involved in the Musicians United for Safe Energy, and his new group's name, The Reactors, and some of the songs they played at Notre Dame show his interest and perspective on energy issues, which he also discussed between songs. One new song the group played is titled "Plutonium Is Forever."

John Canemaker, class of '61, who has gained a reputation as an animator and a historian of animation, showed some short films he has done, including one that is unfinished, and answered questions.

Canemaker, who graduated from Notre Dame as John Cannizzaro, recalled that he made his first movie, ironically titled "Animation, Its History and Uses," while a Notre Dame student.

Canemaker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cannizzaro, live at 1050 Magee St., Elmira.

Also appearing was former English and science teacher Roger Hartman, now business manager for the Tri-Cities Opera in Binghamton. Hartman, who has played leading roles in several operas, sang several selections, accompanied on the piano by Notre Dame junior Tom Kahler.

Two other Notre Dame students, Kerry and Sean Sutton, a junior and sophomore respectively, also performed, demonstrating

Irish folk dances which they perform in competitions. The brother and sister have earned 60 awards for their skills.



JOHN HALL



ROGER HARTMAN

Mass, Supper Scheduled

Elmira — The Elmira Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics Group is sponsoring a 4 p.m. Mass followed by a pot luck supper Sunday, May 18. Mass will be in St. Patrick's Church, with the supper in the church hall. Children are welcome. Those participating should bring their own table service and a dish to pass.

Bazaar June 1

Elmira — St. Cecelia's Annual Bazaar will be Sunday, June 1, from 1 until 10 p.m. on the parish grounds at 950 Lake St. International foods, games, and music will be part of the event. A chicken barbecue will be served in the church hall. There will be no admission charge.

Catholic Women Invited

Ithaca — A "ladies luncheon" sponsored by PEACE has been scheduled for Saturday, May 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception School.

Advertised as an event for all Catholic women of Tompkins County, the sponsors hope to establish a group of women who will support each other in their faith. Babysitting will be available for preschoolers. Participants should make reservations by May 15 by calling the Immaculate Conception Rectory, 273-6121. Participants are asked to bring a dish to pass; there also will be a \$1 per person charge.

St. James Marking Hospital Week

Hornell — St. James Mercy Hospital's celebration of Hospital Week began Sunday, May 11, and will continue through Saturday, May 17.

The theme this year is "We're America's Health Team," focusing on the "We" to point out that meeting the community's health needs is a responsibility to be shared by hospitals, health care professionals, human service agencies, business, government agencies and individual citizens.

Daily events have been planned, according to Edith McGuckin, public relations director. Sunday was Patients' Day, with all patients and those who receive Meals on Wheels getting tray favors and a dessert. Monday was Students' Day, honoring students of the School of Nursing and the School of X-ray Technology.

On Tuesday, Doctors' Day, physicians were presented bouquets. The Women's Board observed the week with a meeting in DeSales Hall followed by a tea recognizing board members for outstanding service. The MacDonald Guild had a dinner meeting and installed new officers for the 1980-81 season. And students, employees and their families

attended a roller skating party.

Wednesday, Employees' Day, a treat will be served during coffee break on each shift. Joint Educational Training (JET) "graduation" will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. in the hospital cafeteria, when certificates for continuing education will be awarded to employees who completed JET courses during the past year.

Visitors' Day will be Thursday, with refreshments served. In the evening, employee volleyball teams will compete in Lincoln School gym. Friday is designated as Volunteers' Day, with a recognition program in DeSales Hall starting at 2 p.m.

The week will close Saturday when employees, students and their families participate in the first annual Hospital Week Spring Marathon at James Street Park Saturday evening. 48 employees will be honored for their length of service at the Tenth Annual Awards Banquet at the Hornell Country Club. Also, the "Employee of the Year" will be named.

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