



Father Robert MacNamara teaching the Preparation for Life course at Arkport High School.

## Clergy Teach Arkport Class

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Arkport — A "Preparation for Life" course at Arkport High School being taught this semester was organized so that when discussing purchasing a car, a car dealer was invited to speak; a real estate agent spoke on purchasing a home; and an insurance agent on insurance.

When it came time to plan the Marriage and Family Living section of the course, the class's teacher, Steve Lee, turned to local clergy for their advice. During the discussion came the suggestion that the clergy teach the section themselves.

So, following a presentation

to the Arkport School Board on how the classes would be taught, Father Robert MacNamara, pastor of St. Ann's Parish, Hornell, which includes the town of Arkport, and three other clergymen took the responsibility for instructing the two classes of seniors taking the course.

Assisting Father MacNamara was Rev. Daniel Evans of the Burns Community Church. Teaching other sections were Rev. Jeff Crawford of the Arkport United Methodist Church, and Rev. Ernest Butler of the Arkport Presbyterian Church.

Father MacNamara explained that the clergymen used their experience in counseling couples for the course and avoided ad-

vocating a specific set of values.

Father MacNamara's section involved marriage, and focused on areas of friction in marriage, and some of the issues surrounding responsible parenthood.

Problem areas he cited included in-laws, jealousy, and the inability of the partners to agree on such issues as alcohol, drugs, religion, a concept of morality, and parenting.

Rev. Crawford began the section with six classes on love and dating, followed by five classes on marriage taught by Father MacNamara and Rev. Evans. Rev. Butler concluded the series with classes on death and dying.

## From 6 to 101, Wheelers Hustle for Hospital Fund

Elmira — Mrs. Anna Huffmaster, age 101, was the adult wheelchair division winner at the first annual Fund Run sponsored by the Twin Tiers Rehabilitation Center at St. Joseph's Hospital May 17, raising more than \$7,000.

And what did Mrs. Huffmaster have to say about the thrill of victory? The resident of St. Joseph's Skilled Nursing Unit noted that she completed one lap, although she had urged the nurse who pushed her not to do that much, as she knew the nurse was not feeling well.

About 185 runners, walkers and wheelers took part. They

traveled a quarter-mile track in whatever way they could and raised money through pledges. Trophies were awarded in several categories but special recognition was given Mrs. Huffmaster and David Dougherty, winner of the youth division.

Young Dougherty of Gano Road in Montour Falls completed five laps. He is all of six.

Harry Ash, who directed the project, was pleased with the results, reporting response from the community, schools, business, industry, the families of the center's clients, the volunteers involved and the Rehabilitation Center staff.

## St. James Volunteers Receive Awards

Hornell — An Appreciation Tea was conducted May 16 by St. James Mercy Hospital to honor the 104 volunteers who donated 8,765 hours of their time to the hospital during the year ending April 30.

Sister Mary Rene, administrator, welcomed the group, thanking them for loyal and valuable services voluntarily given.

Certificates of appreciation went to volunteers who gave from 10 to 99 hours of service. American Hospital Association award pins were presented those giving 100 to 499 hours. And 500-hour

American Hospital Association award pins with service bar for additional hours went to those with more than 500 hours of service.

Sister Rene presented Carl Robertson, who serves as the hospital volunteer director, with an award for 869 hours of service. Robertson, assisted by William Huber, presented the other awards.

Receiving awards for more than 300 hours of service were: Vaughn Gardner, 718 hours; William Huber, 471 hours; Mrs. Eileen Hammond, 378 hours; and Mrs. Gladys Bumgardner, 324 hours.

Ash also noted that further pledges are possible by calling 733-6541, ext. 518.

## Hope Lodge To Offer Special Cure

The American Cancer Society has announced that the Daisy Marquis Jones Hope Lodge opened on Monday, May 19. Hope Lodge, located at 1400 N. Winton Rd., is designed to provide a solution to financial and travel problems by offering short term lodging at no cost to cancer patients.

The program "gives patients the opportunity to know others in the same situation," according to a release.

## Canal Study

"The History of the Erie Canal and its Branches" is the title of a non-credit course being offered this Spring at Monroe Community College. The course, now underway, will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-9:30 p.m., until June 12. It will deal with the geological and glacial history of the state necessary to produce the Erie Canal," according to a release.

Two field trips with transportation provided will be scheduled to study canal era buildings, locks and information. Those interested may call MCC Office of Continuing Education, 275-9310.

## St. Mary's, Bath, Taking Census

Bath — Working under the theme "Overlook No One," St. Mary's Parish will be conducting a parish census Sunday, June 1, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Parishioners will visit more than 4,000 homes in Bath, Savona, Kanona and Avoca villages and rural areas.

The parish has been divided into ten regions for the census, each headed up by a section leader. Making the calls will be 125 volunteers.

Father Peter Bayer of the diocesan Office of Pastoral Planning has been assisting St. Mary's in preparing and administering the census drive, and he will handle the computerization of the data collected.

A census was last taken in the parish in 1970. Currently 660 families are registered. The census data will aid the parish in determining how it can best serve the needs of the community in the coming years.

Serving as section leaders

are: Betty and Larry Ryan, Rita and Robert Denno, Rachael and Andrew Hopiak, Shirley and Tony Conser, Carol and Al Hall, Betty Orcutt, Mike Congdon, Mary Smith, Alberta Carey and Freida Fiordo.

Coordinating the drive are Father Richard Tormey, pastor; Karol Anders, Paul Hazzard, Ray Fratarcangelo, Donald Hand, Nancy Caron, Olga Keefe, Carol Czajkowski, Margaret Hand, Margaret Curran and Helen Rhubar.

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