

# Buffalo Diocese Aids Area Parish Renewal

Victor—More than 60 parishioners at St. Patrick's Parish have recently spent eight nights in a parish renewal program new to the diocese. The program, known as "Mission," is an ongoing part of many parishes in the Diocese of Buffalo, according

to Duane A. Pancoast, a spokesman for the St. Patrick's group.

The week-long event was led by Jim and Nancy Johnstone and Dan and Judy Domanski. The two couples had previously made the

program at St. Catherine's Church in West Seneca. They were assisted by more than 40 laypeople from St. Catherine's who either commuted or took vacation time to participate, Pancoast said.

In addition, four diocesan clergymen from Buffalo conducted liturgies and gave talks. The four are Msgr. David Gernatt, pastor of St. Catherine's; Father Leonard Biniszkiwicz, his associate; Father John Aurelio, chaplain at the West Seneca Developmental Center; and Father Bernard "Corky" Mach, originator of the program.



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eight evenings together learning more about themselves, how they fit into God's Church and what God expects from them, they begin sharing as a community, as did the early Christians. The result is a more active parish.

"The Renewal program," Father Mach said, "is a modern version of the Church's traditional Mission. Many of the group dynamics techniques used in Cursillo, Marriage Encounter and other renewal programs are coupled with traditional devotions such as Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, a Reconciliation Service and two celebrations of the Eucharist. Themes of the eight nights cover such subjects as: Who am I? Who is Jesus? Who is the Church? What is Prayer and the Word?"

"Renewal," said Mrs. Johnstone, "was created to help build the parish community. When people spend

She claimed that the enthusiasm generated in the renewal group is very long lasting because participants in the program identify themselves with their parishes and continue to serve their own parish communities.

She noted that the effect was demonstrated at the St. Patrick's event by the presence of parishioners from St. Catherine's and from St. Gerard's in Buffalo.

The closing Mass was concelebrated by the four Buffalo priests who had been with the group all week as well as Father Joseph Scharmach, pastor of St. Gerard's, and Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, retired Bishop of Rochester.

## Sisters to Attend LCWR Meeting

Two Rochester Sisters of Mercy will attend the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) Assembly in Philadelphia next week. The two are Sister Mary Judith Heberle, major superior of the local sisters, and Sister Michael Lappetito, executive director of the Federation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

president of the LCWR, will convene the assembly Aug. 24. The findings of two studies will be revealed at the conference, one a summation of interviews on the lived experience of nuns in this country, the other on the experience of both lay and religious women as doers and receivers of ecclesial ministry.

The LCWR is the official link between women religious in the U.S. and the Sacred Congregation for Religious in Rome.

They will join more than 600 other leaders of U.S. religious congregations. Sisters Theresa Kane, RSM,

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

## Discipline, With Love

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Lk. 13:22-30. (R1) Is. 66:18-21. (R2) Heb. 12:5-7, 11-13.

School is opening soon, so I would ask all parents and teachers to reread the second reading, study it, digest it and live it. Believe it or not, it's about discipline.

For two generations now Professor Letem B. Brats has promoted a laissez-faire attitude toward discipline without love. A brat is a smart boy who does not smart where he ought to smart — one who is always on his best behavior.

Now Prof. Letem B. Brats spawned the theory of never correcting a child when he is wrong, because if you tell a child he is wrong, he may develop a "guilt complex." Prof. Letem B. Brats, of course, has no children of his own, but he has written books on how to bring up children. His greatest contribution to the domestic and academic world is the new idea that a child should never be corrected. Prof. Letem B. Brats has a dog. But he will not allow that dog to jump all over the furniture, nor allow it to bring bones into the house. He has even insisted that the dog be housebroken. But not children. He advocates they be let run wild. Prof. Letem B. Brats insists on disciplining a dog, not a child. "Monkeys is not the cwaziest peoples!"

Permissiveness at home at school — schools without walls, open classrooms — has not just been a failure, it's been a disaster! The irreverence, lack of respect, vandalism, irresponsibility, etc., are evidence.

The problem both parents and educators face is, "How can we demonstrate to children we love them and at

the same time control their actions so as not to inhibit their emotional development."

To seek a solution we might ask what is discipline? What is love? Are the two incompatible? One of the finest books on the subject is Dr. Dobson's "Dare to Discipline." What a fine text for a core group in Marriage Encounter or a parent-teacher study group.

Dobson quotes Dr. Glasser who draws a distinction between discipline and punishment. Discipline is directed at the objectionable behavior of a child; punishment is directed at the child. Discipline is something done for the child; punishment is something done to the child. Punishment is deeply resented by the child, for it is an expression of anger and hostility. Discipline is not resented, for it is an expression of love. "I love you too much to let you behave like that."

Another important distinction for disciplining must be made between childish irresponsibility (like leaving Dad's powersaw out in the rain) and wilful, haughty disobedience, like "I will not!" "Shut up!" When a child is disobedient, the discipline must be immediate and more than yelling, pleading or empty threats. Rather action must be used to get action. Like applying the board of education to the seat of learning! This is based on Thorndike's law of Reinforcement: "Behavior which achieves desirable consequences will recur." If it achieves undesirable consequences it will not recur. The scriptural basis for all this is the second reading. There, the author of Hebrews pictures God as a father who disciplines us, because he loves us. At the time it may seem hard, but later "it brings forth the fruit of peace and justice to those who are trained in its school."

## Ecumenical Classes Open Registration

For the second year, St. Augustine's Church and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church are offering a joint series of religion classes for all age groups. All sessions, for those from pre-school age to adults, run from 11 a.m. to noon each Sunday, for a 25-week period beginning Sept. 21.

## 'Grease Ball' Benefit Set

Corning — In conjunction with the Corning Summer Theater's production of the Broadway musical "Grease," the Corning Hospital is sponsoring a "Grease Ball 1980" Friday, Aug. 29, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The cast from the "Grease" presentation are expected to make appearances at the fund raising event, scheduled for the Corning Hilton Inn. A Binghamton-based band specializing in 1950's music, "Grease Release," will perform.

Tickets for the dance, at \$20 per couple, will be available in a special booth adjacent to the Summer Theater Box Office, or from the hospital's Community Relations Department.

## Rap Session Scheduled

Elmira — A Rap Session for divorced, separated or widowed persons is being sponsored by the Elmira Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics Sunday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Christian Living Room at St. Patrick's School. Included will be an explanation of the Beginning Experience Weekend. Persons of all faiths are welcome.

Registration will take place the weekends of Aug. 23-24 and 30-31 following the respective services at the churches.

The program is coordinated by Mrs. Evelyn Kirst of St. Augustine's and Father Richard Comegys of St. Stephen's.

## School Opens At St. James

Hornell — Classes for 34 freshmen students at St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing began Aug. 11.

The class, 31 women and 3 men, reported to the education center for registration and orientation Aug. 7. They were welcomed by Loretta Haeefe, school director, and Sister Mary Rene, hospital administrator. Miss Haeefe introduced members of the faculty and staff, and, with Mrs. Mary Jane Sass, coordinator of student affairs, reviewed the nursing program.

## Business In Diocese

Richard W. McGrath and Edward F. Thaney, both CPAs have joined the firm now known as Sammons, Walker, McGrath and Thaney. Thaney, a parishioner at the Cathedral is a graduate of Niagara University. McGrath, a parishioner at St. Michael's Church, is a graduate of St. John Fisher College, where he also is a special lecturer in the accounting department. In addition, he is the director of the finance committee of his parish council.

## Dance-athon To Aid MD

Elmira — There will be a 10-hour "dance-athon" at St. Anthony's Parish Hall to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Saturday, Aug. 23, sponsored by the Tri-Parish Youth Project.

The dance-athon will begin at 10 a.m., and run until 8

p.m., and is open to any high school students. Registration forms can be picked up at St. Patrick's Rectory, or can be obtained at the door. There is a \$3 registration fee. The first 225 persons to register will get a T-shirt commemorating the event.



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Some people believe that the viewing of the dead human body as a part of the funeral is only morbid entertainment for curiosity seekers. Most people who feel this way are unaware of the healing value involved in the viewing — or perhaps they are unusually uncomfortable in this situation.



However, for the bereaved — who are often attempting to deny the death of their loved one — confronting the fact of death by viewing the body is most important. Denial is natural reaction to the death of someone close to us — but if this denial is continued, it can be mentally damaging. The viewing of the body is an important step toward accepting the fact of death.

There are no simple ways to work through the days and weeks after the death of a loved one. But there are steps that can be taken to help release grief and emotion — and, through our years of experience, we are familiar with many of them. If we can answer for you, at any time, please call any member of our staff.

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