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Father Daniel Holland, St. Patrick's pastor, speaking to the Stewardship volunteers at their first training session Oct. 6. The session was conducted at St. Casimir's School due to a plumbing problem at St. Patrick's.

Parish Unity Set As Stewardship Goal

By Martin Tombs
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Elmira — "We've put a lot of time into it, but I think it's worth it."

That is how Beth Darmstadt, a co-chairperson of the

ND Plans Art Show

Elmira — Notre Dame High School will be the site of the First Annual Art Festival to benefit the school of Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., sponsored by the Notre Dame Booster Club.

Many of the area's crafts people will exhibit and sell their wares; organizers note the opportunity for some early Christmas shopping at the event.

There will be artisans working on macrame, oil painting, weaving, spinning, tole (painting on metal), woodcarving, quilting and other crafts.

Homemade foods will be served all day, including chicken soup, cakes, pies and fudge. There also will be a

'Growing with Christ' Program Scheduled

Corning — The third annual ecumenical "Growing with Christ Day" sponsored by the Patricians, a women's auxiliary at St. Patrick's Church, will be Sunday, Oct. 19 at St. Patrick's School from 1 to 5 p.m.

The first year's theme was "Reaching In," dwelling upon a personal relationship with Christ. The second year's was

DCG Plans R&S Dance

Elmira — The Elmira Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics Group is sponsoring a Round and Square Dance Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Auditorium. There will be a \$2 donation.

The following day, Sunday, Oct. 19, the group will be participating in a diocesan Mass for divorced and

St. Patrick's Parish Stewardship Drive, summed up the project which has occupied her and other parish volunteers since a decision to launch the program was made by the parish council last spring.

Dr. Walter Ervin, the other

wine and cheese booth, and an Italian speciality corner, which will feature sausage, bread, ciambotte and cannoli.

All booths will be indoors, except for some of the children's activities, which will be on the "loop," weather permitting.

There will be sign marking the proper entrances for the festival. Also, mother's helpers will watch and entertain children free of charge. Children will have the opportunity to make sock-puppets, paint and participate in other activities.

There will be an admission charge of 50 cents. Musical entertainment will be provided all day. Mass will be offered at 5:30 p.m. for those interested.

"Reaching Out," concerning how the relationship with Christ extends outward to minister to the needs of others. This year the theme will go full circle, with "Reaching In... to the Kingdom of God." The program will have a special emphasis on prayer as the Kingdom of God.

All women are invited.

separated Catholics and their families at St. Mary's, Canandaigua, at 2:30 p.m. Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be the celebrant; a reception will follow. More information can be obtained by calling 733-6831, or 562-3696.

And on Sunday, Nov. 2, the Elmira DCG will sponsor a rap session in the Christian Living Room at St. Patrick's School at 7:30 p.m.

co-chairperson, noted that he would "like to see the parish come together more as a unit," as a result of the drive.

And during the first training session for the 160 volunteers who will make the stewardship calls to 850 parishioner homes Sunday, Oct. 19, Father Daniel Holland, pastor, emphasized that the program is not a door-to-door census, but St. Patrick's parishioners calling on fellow parishioners to see what they are able to do for the parish, and what the parish is able to do for them.

Mrs. Darmstadt noted that she hopes the program will "take us back to the days when the parish was a parish family and we all worked together doing God's work on earth."

She also noted that the parishioner response has been excellent; the drive will involve about 180 volunteers.

Michael Tarby, a parish council member, noted that the council had long been concerned with unifying the parish, and adopted the stewardship program after having discussed other methods.

If the first training session was any indication, the program already has been successful in bringing together the workers. Discussions during the break in the program became so lively that the organizers had difficulty getting the workers back to their seats for the second half of the program.

Fund raising is not the purpose of the drive, Dr. Ervin noted, commenting that the "treasure" portion of the stewardship program is "de-emphasized to the point of non-existence," reduced to a statement on the card that the parishioner will continue to support the parish financially.

Dr. Ervin noted that involvement is the goal of the project.

Due to the response of the volunteers, each will have to make only four or five calls on "Stewardship Sunday."

Hypnosis to be Discussed

Elmira — The mystery of "Hypnosis in Medicine" will be the topic of the second in the fall series of "To Your Health Seminars" at St. Joseph's Hospital. Dr. Murray Polsky will be the featured speaker Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Doctors Meeting Room.

The seminar will explore the use of hypnosis, the subject of much misconception among health care consumers. Hypnosis is a frequent topic of conversation in connection with weight loss and the ability to quit smoking. A full explanation of these applications as well as the application of hypnosis in a medical practice will be presented.

Dr. Polsky, a widely-known Elmira psychiatrist, will be appearing on the "To Your Health" series for the second time. His first appearance packed the house in March of 1979.

Each "To Your Health" seminar is presented by the Community Relations Committee of the Development Council of St. Joseph's Hospital and is free and open to the public. Reservations are not necessary, but due to the popularity of the sessions, can be made by calling the Community Relations Office at 733-9137.

A series of hypnotic

demonstrations involving eating, smoking, alcohol and pain will be included in the session.



Abby Collins and Brian Heffron enjoying a stint in the "kitchen" of the Immaculate Conception pre-school program.

Memorial Helps Start of Pre-School

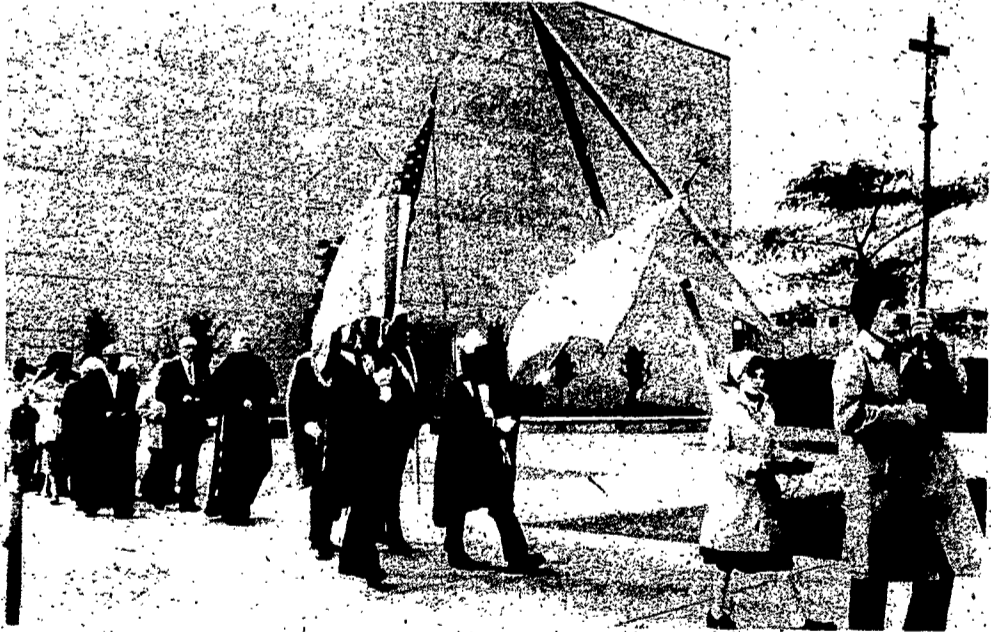
Ithaca — Immaculate Conception School has successfully launched a pre-school program this year, in rooms decorated partially through a memorial to a former student.

One of the two rooms used by the program is prominently labelled the "David Longo Room," in memory of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Longo, Immaculate Conception parishioners. David, who attended Immaculate Conception, died in 1976 at the age of 14.

Luisa Scalia, who sold baked goods to start the memorial fund, and David's parents decided the re-decoration project would be a fitting memorial to their son, noting that he attended a nursery school and enjoyed the experience.

The memorial, along with donations of other parish families of toys and furniture, has made it possible for 30 children to participate in the COPE program at the school. The four-year-olds attend three days a week, either Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

It was a family friend, Mrs.



Rosary Rally

About 75 persons participated in the annual Rosary Rally in Elmira Sunday, Oct. 5. Shown are the marchers as they walk along Water Street praying the Rosary, heading for Ss. Peter and Paul Church where they participated in a dedication to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and benediction. The also heard a talk by Father Patrick Seelman, TOR, St. Mary's associate pastor.

Political Responsibility To Be Topic

Elmira — The Chemung-Schuylers Regional Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a workshop on political responsibility Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m., in Ss. Peter and Paul School.

Titled "Speaking Truth to Power," the program is offered as an opportunity to "work together as a Christian community to understand the degree to which our present economic, social and political

structures are responsible for poverty, injustice, racism and hunger."

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