

Participants at the World Community Day prayer service sponsored by Church Women United at St. Vincent's, Corning, joining in prayer.

World Community Day Observed in Coming

By Martin Toombs Southern Tier Editor

Corning — Seventy women participated in the World Community Day observance at St. Vincent DePaul's on Nov. 7. The international day of prayer, begun in 1943, is sponsored in the United States by Church Women United, and in Corning by the local chapter of the ecumenical women's organization.

The prayer service for the event, annually prepared by a group of women somewhere in the world, was written this year by a chapter in Buffalo. "

In addition to the prayer service, the women heard a talk on the "Power of the Spirit in Our Lives," given by Fay Phair of Hornell.

Instead of refreshments, paper cookies and a cardboard cake were on display, in recognition of the millions

around the world who are unable to get enough to eat.

The prayer service dealt with the power of the Holy Spirit in history, traced through the Bible; in our lives, discussed by Mrs. Phair; and in Church Women United, as stated in the group's professed

Mrs. Phair discussed the need to teach the young about God and the Holy Spirit, demonstrating one way it can be done. She cut an apple in half, and pointed out that the seed, the flesh, and the peel are in themselves not an apple, but the three together are one whole.

She pointed out instances in the New Testament that illustrate the work of the Holy Spirit, and, she added, we don't know that the fortuitous events in our lives are not the result of the "Power of the . Holy Spirit in Our Lives.'

Deaths

Walter Nowak

Funeral services were held at St. Stanislaus Church for Walter Nowak who died at the age of 91 on Oct. 21, 1980. Mr. Nowak was one of those who constructed the church in

The main concelebrants Father Joseph Jankowiak, Father Alexander Stec, and Father Matthew Kawiak Sister Eileen Conheady, pastoral assistant, sang "Witaj Krolowa," a Marian hymn.

Mr. Nowak and his wife of 70 years, Stella, were to have been the "Special Honored Guests" at the Nov. 8 celebration of the Church's 90th anniversary of foun dation. The couple celebrated their wedding anniversary Sept. 17.

A lifelong member of the Holy Name of Jesus Society. Mr. Nowak also was a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society and was a frequent retreatant at Notre

Br. Valerian, OFM

Watkins Glen Funeral maintenance man when he rites were celebrated at the died Nov. 3, 1980 of acute Assumption Friary in Pulaski, Wisc., Nov. 6 and 7, for Brother Valerian Klodginski, OFM, who served the St. Anthony of Padua Friary here for the past eight years.

According to a notice by Father Joseph J. Drag, OFM, superior of the house, Brother Valerian, although hospitalized Sept. 18 for lung and heart illness, was back on 1 duty as a boiler and general - Voltage as a series

grandchildren.

died Nov. 3, 1980 of acute

myocardial infarction.

Dame Retreat House in

Besides his wife, Mr.

Nowak is survived by two sons, Joseph and Walter, five daughters, Viola Butterfield, Josephine Kazmierczak, Ceil

Sadowski, Florence Juda and

Genevieve Crewe; 22 grandchildren and 35 great

Canandaigua.

Born in Brenham, Tex., in 1915, Brother Valerian was invested with the Franciscan habit in 1945, and pronounced solemn vows four years later.

He served friaries in Wisconscin, Illinois and Michigan as well as New



Still Some Wheat in TV Chaff

Seldom a day goes by that one cannot find something new about the television industry that repulses and repells. From the so-called jiggle shows, which appear to be on the increase, through the exploitation of the hostage situation to gain in the ratings battle, to the most recent clinker of calling the presidential race before the polls closed, TV continues to demonstrate stunning insensitivity to viewers' needs and wants, if not the greater issue of the national good.

It is easy to get turned off permanently, particularly if you happen to live in a house of sports-minded buffs who, via the magic of cable, are able to discover some. athletic event or another nightly on the tube.

And it is even easier to get in the habit of badmouthing without noting that here and

there are pockets that redeem, delight and enrich. Granted, I haven't come across too many in recent months but that may be because I hadn't been looking for them.

It was my sister who called attention to the most recent production of Masterpiece Theater, a fivepart adaptation of Jane. Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," seen on Channel 21 on Sundays and repeated Thursdays.

The adaptation is superb. Miss Austen's characters, or some cases caricatures, brought to life in absolutely delicious (to use an Alastair Cooke word) fashion. Hopefully, it will be repeated. If so, I recommend it to every student who ever wondered why all the fuss about this 18th century author.

The series reminded this viewer at least how fortunate today's youth are thanks to the much maligned tube. Availability of old movies such as "Cyrano de Bergerac,"
"Rebecca," "Jane Eyre," to name but a very few, must enhance the reading experience.

Newer productions of 'Red Badge of Courage" and "All Quiet on the Western Front" convey an essence history books cannot match. Even the Bible or religious spectaculars, if falling short of what we might wish, still

serve to illuminate the times in a special way.

Now, more than ever, it is important to note that TV is not the vast wasteland so dubbed in the Sixties. Rather, it is a field of infinite variety. The trick: Separating the wheat from the chaff.



