



Swing Your Partner

A chuck wagon hoedown is planned for 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7 at McQuaid High School. There will be a ranch style barbecue followed by square and round dancing. Committee members coordinating the event are: Carol Soucie, Claire Dailey, Elaine Hebert (sitting), Lillian Degnan, Jo Arpaia, Monica Sheron, and Pat Driscoll, (standing).



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3 Work in Appalachia

For the sixth consecutive winter, men from colleges across the country traveled to Appalachia during the holiday break to give their time and energy to making life easier for the poor, the elderly, the sick and other unfortunate people.

The program was sponsored by the Glenmary Home

Missioners, who have run similar programs in the summer for 26 years. The winter program was initiated in 1975 in response to requests from students.

The volunteers worked from Lewis County, Kentucky, for two weeks — each man contributing one week. Working some days as late as

11 p.m., they received no pay. They came from 21 states, 35 dioceses and 39 colleges.

Taking part from the Rochester diocese were Martin Carney of Rochester, a St. John Fisher College student; Don Campanelli of Rochester, a University of Buffalo sophomore; and George Dermody of Retsof, a St. John Fisher College senior.

Union Springs Notes Unity Week

Union Springs — St. Michael's and the United Ministry Churches here celebrated each day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with an hour of Christian Fellowship, bible

study and prayer.

Leaders of the Jan. 18-25 observance were Linda Zach, Michael Foulke, Dennis Zach, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reohr, Tim Kirkpatrick, Marie

Herrling, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Koon, Tom Eldred, Mrs. Paul Herrling, Jean and Dick Hudson, Terry and Jim Lawton, Mr. and Mrs. John Prave and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wojcilewicz.

Sr. Jane Marie Mulligan, SSJ



Viewpoint. Sisters Reflect

Ministering To Elderly

The Mission of early apostolic congregations of religious women called Sisters was to perform all the spiritual and temporal works of mercy, serving the dear neighbor. Today the Sisters at St. Ann's Home and the Heritage recognize the need to serve the elderly in an institutional setting as a fulfillment of that mission.

Ministry to the elderly at St. Ann's Home and the Heritage includes providing a Christian setting for this most important stage of life in which the elderly can function as independently, productively and happily as possible. Three levels of care are provided: one at the

Heritage, where a resident is relatively independent; and two at St. Ann's Home, an Intermediate and Infirmary level of care.

The Sisters, along with a dedicated staff in every area, provide services to meet the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of the elderly. They recognize that each resident has his or her own unique capabilities and gifts, which, with encouragement and fostering, he or she can continue to develop, use and share.

In carrying out this ministry, each Sister adds a spiritual dimension to her work since she, sustained by prayer and life in community, witnesses to Christ and the Church as a Sister of St. Joseph. She has the

tremendous opportunity of performing many of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy along with fulfilling the responsibilities of her position.

At the present time, Sisters at St. Ann's Home serve in the following positions: Administrator, Director of the Environmental Services and Laundry Department, Resident Services Coordinator at the Heritage, Receptionist at the Heritage and St. Ann's, Sacristan and Eucharistic Minister, Staff Nurses, Unit Clerks and Volunteer.

The Sisters who live on the 10th floor at St. Ann's Home believe that their presence is important to the residents. Their nearness gives the residents a sense of security and caring, and the Sisters the opportunity to visit residents and pray with them frequently at the Eucharist.

Sister Jane Marie Mulligan, SSJ, is staff nurse at St. Ann's Home.

Teresa of Avila's Father Jewish, Publication Says

Washington (RNS) — Teresa of Avila, one of Catholicism's leading saints and a declared doctor of the Church, was part Jewish, says a new American publication of her Carmelite order.

Information about the famed 16th Century mystic and author, published for the first time in the United States, reveals that her grandfather and father were of Jewish ancestry and went through the Spanish Inquisition's ceremony of being "reconciled" to the Catholic Church in Toledo 30 years before the saint's birth in 1515.

The research by Father Teofanes Egidio, a professor of history at Spain's State University of Valladolid, is contained in the first volume

of Carmelite Studies, an annual review started here in anticipation of the 400th anniversary of Teresa's death in 1582.

Father Egidio reports that sworn statements of Teresa's "racial purity" and freedom from Jewish or Moorish blood were included in 1610 in the final process prior to her canonization as a saint — but omitted in earlier witness from her own relatives — and these statements were repeated by her biographers until recently.

Then in 1944, a researcher came across the records of a 1520 tax suit involving the saint's family, the Cepedas, which included testimony from the Inquisition in Toledo that Juan Sanchez, a wealthy silk merchant, and his sons

had done a "public penance" as "Jewish converts" during a grace period in 1485.

After his conversion, Sanchez changed his name and moved from Toledo to Avila. About 1500, he also obtained a certificate of "hizquia" — pure and noble blood — from the Spanish court which was reaffirmed in certificates obtained by his sons some years later.

Perhaps the most famous women in Spanish history after Queen Isabella, Teresa de Cepeda is revered both as a religious reformer and as one of her country's greatest writers. Her books are studied both for their mystical content and their literary style.

Father Egidio believes that "Teresa's social attitudes are often overlooked by her biographers." In particular, he says, the saint's racial background helps to explain her often caustic attitude toward Spanish society and her insistence on equality among the Carmelites.

He also quotes one of Teresa's close associates, Ana de San Bartolome, as writing that "before the saint died some of those who are called Israelites were received" as members of Carmelite monasteries.

FOCUS ON EUCHARIST

Focus on the Eucharist will open with evening prayer and a Mass at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1095 Joseph Ave. Father Salem Faddoul will celebrate an 8 p.m. Mass following which there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

NYSCC Sets Goals

The New York State Catholic Conference (NYSCC) has listed the plights of the financially impoverished, the elderly, and the disabled as its top priorities in 1981.

Programs that will help in these three areas are now being formulated by the NYSCC, and the conference's executive director J. Alan Davitt said that all three problem areas will be acted upon equally.

The plight of the poor will be dealt with in terms of educating "clergy, religious and laity" on the nature of those living under the poverty line, and "their (clergy, etc.) responsibility for support" for these issues, Davitt said.

The NYSCC's goal for the elderly is "to help the aging population lead meaningful lives, to make life worth living for all. This will include involvement in the 1981 White House Conference on Aging and involving older persons in Church and society activities," Davitt said.

An NYSCC release described the problems of the mentally frail and developmentally disabled as one that will "be a continuing problem for years to come and was significantly singled out by Governor Carey in his address to the legislature. "Here the Conference hopes to help all citizens realize that mentally and physically disabled people must not be cast aside and hidden from sight; to make it known that they can live in our neighborhoods and contribute to our culture," the release said.

The NYSCC will also continue its work with issues dealing with family, health care, life issues, minorities, alternatives to incarceration, and voluntarism, the release said.

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