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All in the Family

More on That Mt. Morris Cookbook

From the mailbox:

Two letters on the same subject arrived recently. One was from a Southern Tier reader asking if the information needed to order the Mt. Morris Historical Society Cookbook could be repeated, and the other from Dolores Scura, president of the society, telling us how well the latest printing of the book has sold.

Elizabeth Scaptura of Watkins Glen wrote: "A few weeks ago you had particulars about an Italian cookbook prepared by a group in Mt. Morris. I am eager to obtain a few copies and hope you'll supply me with the information. Thought you'd like to know that one of our favorite Italian dishes is Rigoletto a la your directions."

The head of the house who devised the recipe enjoyed reading that last line. Elizabeth, and we are happy to pass on the cookbook data one more time since proceeds are being used to restore the mansion of the founder of Mt. Morris.

Write to Mt. Morris Historical Society, 14 Main

St. Mt. Morris, N.Y. 14510. The cost is \$4.75 which includes postage and handling.

The letter from Dolores was a thank-you for the first column. "What a beautiful article about our cookbook. We received 45 orders within two days after the paper was published, 90 orders within the next week.

"The town was all aglow with the nice publicity. Restoration of the Gen. William A. Mills mansion is coming along very well."

Cooking Italian is obviously in! Not that it ever was out, but more and more people are realizing the benefits: inexpensive, delicious, nutritious.

On a recent blustery weekend, we spent part of an afternoon making homemade noodle dough, the first such effort for us. For more than a year a hand-cranked pasta machine has been tucked away in the cupboard — a gift from my parents.

The first batch was okay, but not spectacular. "Not as thin as great-gram's (she cuts hers by hand)," said our son. The machine which has graduated slots for thickness proved a great diversion for his sisters who kept experimenting. Next time: cannelloni!

Family Court Workshop

The Family Court Task Force of Church Women United invites anyone interested to attend a workshop from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 19, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 17 S. Fitzhugh St. The workshop will include

the kinds of cases the court handles, a flow chart of a case, a visit to the courtroom, court projects and volunteer opportunities.

Reservations must be made by March 17 by calling 454-1813.



Marilyn Tripp, principal of St. John of Rochester School, along with students Steven Canali, Julie Swagler (in front), Catherine Disson, and Mark Garland prepare for registration week, March 2-6.

Week of March 2-6 Registration Time

Parents of prospective students will have the opportunity during the week of Feb. 23 to investigate the Catholic education for their children at St. John of Rochester School, 10 Wickford Way, Perinton. The

week's activities will include a Mass for students and their families at 9 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 22; an information night and slide presentation, 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 23; classroom visits, 10-2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24; guest

Apostolic Delegate Begins New Duties in U.S.

By Julie Delaney Religion Today

Washington — In an attempt to define a changing Vatican style of diplomatic leadership in the United States, the new apostolic delegate in Washington, 58-year-old Archbishop Pio Laghi said he will follow the style of Pope John Paul II and "go forward" as a vital and cohesive "link in the chain which connects Rome with America."

Archbishop Laghi, an archetype of Vatican diplomacy, reflects not just Rome, but the larger tone of conservatism sweeping the U.S. and the vast, global membership of the Roman Catholic Church.

Sidestepping the issue of liberation theology and grassroots activism, Archbishop Laghi said the threefold task of the Church is "to announce, denounce and serve."

The Italian-born archbishop was one of the five papal representatives in Puebla, Mexico. In Puebla, liberation theology emerged as one of the key issues.

"The task of the Church is to announce, give light, and warmth. I'd like to follow the style of the Pope, move around and forward. I will go

'Dial-A-Mom' Offers Assurance

Corning — It's 3 a.m., your baby has been crying for an hour and you are at wits' end. You need reassurance and some motherly advice on how to calm your baby so you both can get to sleep. Unfortunately, your mother lives in another city, and it is 3 a.m.

Sound familiar? This and similar situations are as



Archbishop Pio Laghi, right, chatting with Pope John Paul II during an earlier Vatican visit.

forward. I understand the religious and ecclesiastical situation," Archbishop Laghi said at a press conference at his headquarters on Embassy Row.

Archbishop Laghi replaces Archbishop Jean Jadot who is the head of the Secretariat for Non-Christian Religions in Rome. Jadot was instrumental in the appointment of scores of pastoral bishops in this country, and undoubtedly, also the appointment of his successor.

Many observers of Rome and the American church

expect a more conservative direction with Archbishop Laghi in Washington.

Aside from a diplomatic stint in the 1950s, the archbishop is virtually unknown in the U.S., and anonymity from a vocal standpoint usually is the case with sensitive Vatican appointments.

Moreover, Vatican diplomats walk a diplomatic tightrope in a divisive, ecumenical audience ignited by international politics. Human clerical politics also will come to his attention with appointments of new bishops.

In his new role here, Archbishop Laghi will have to be a man for all seasons, and religions, in the midst of a flock of Christian, Moslem and Jewish people.

The archbishop is the former apostolic nuncio to Argentina. He has served also in New Delhi, Jerusalem and in Palestine.

Archbishop Laghi is casual, informal, open and somewhat easygoing — a departure from the formality that comes with the trappings of an archbishop's office.

His traditional collar outlines an esthetic face and he described his unassuming priestly garb as a style of "international dress" at the inauguration of President Reagan.

Archbishop Laghi is the proponent of the low-key model of Vatican diplomacy. Nevertheless, he occasionally is substantive and weaves his way around questions leaving the spirit of outspoken democracy to the bishops and theologians.

Commenting on the struggles of the Catholic Church, the archbishop focused on positive aspects of conflict rather than the overriding divisions among Roman Catholics, on church doctrine such as birth control and women priests.

"The Church is alive among youths," he said. "Young people are eager to be in the Church and are a source of renewal of the spirit of human life. There's a real sharing for the growth of what the Church should be able to give them."

"Another problem of the Church today is to meet the desires of people, and challenges," he added. Archbishop Laghi emphasized that the spirit of the ecumenical council ought to be integrated into the "American way of life."

"My mission here is, frankly, the beginning and continuation of the mission of not, Jadot, but Laghi," he said.

Probably most interesting in the future will not be Archbishop Laghi statements on international problems; instead, the distinctive direction of the Christian/non-Christian ecumenical scene as it relates to international holy wars and religious division might be the key issue at hand.

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