



Rotary Party

The Irondequoit Rotary Club sponsored the 10th annual Rotary Party for the residents of St. Ann's Home and The Heritage. Above, Charlie Tantillo, master of ceremonies, busses Mrs. Kathlyn Shailer during the festivities. Another highlight was the performance of the Sweet Adelines, a female barber shop group from Williamson, N.Y.



Pro-Life Funds Awarded

More than \$14,000 was distributed by the Human Life Commission last week to organizations in the diocese whose prime concern is helping women with distressful pregnancies choose

life," according to a Human Life release.

The money, collected during Respect Life Sunday, was distributed to some 15 organizations who work with pregnant women who may

choose abortion without the agency's help.

The Human Life Commission was formed in response to the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Plan on Pro-Life Activities issued in 1975. The bishops called for a three-pronged effort (Educational, Pastoral and Legislative) in facing life issues of abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, the handicapped, live fetal experimentation and the death penalty. The Commission will provide speakers to schools, clubs, etc., on the sacredness of life at every stage.

Monies collected this year went to Birthright of Rochester, Birthright of PennYan, Corning Pro-Life Line, Birthright of Owego, Got a Friend (Wayne County), Birthright of Auburn, Birthright of Seneca County, Birthright of Canandaigua, Birthright of Ithaca, Respect Life (Avon), Southern Tier Justice and Peace (Chemung County).

Other New York State and local Right to Life organizations who applied for funds for educational purposes also were given grants totaling \$2000.

For further information on the work of the Human Life Commission, those interested may contact the Department of Justice and Peace, (716) 328-6400.

Irondequoit K of C May Form 'Squires' Group

The Irondequoit Council of the Knights of Columbus will meet with young boys and their parents at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 2, in Christ

the King School hall, to discuss the formation of a Columbian Squires Circle.

Such a circle is a junior organization of the Knights of Columbus. Membership is open to Catholic boys between 12 and 17. The nature of the circle's activities are spiritual, athletic, social, civic-cultural and service. They are planned, organized and conducted by the squires themselves.

Father Donald McCarthy, CSB, associate pastor of Christ the King Parish, will act as spiritual advisor. Adult supervision and guidance will be provided by six counselors headed by Dr. J.R. Bosco.

MORE EFFECTIVE LIFE

An Effective Living Seminar will be held at the Cenacle Renewal Center, 693 East Ave. April 10-12. The seminar includes lectures, reflection, and discussion of attitudes and habit patterns, and presents a technique for changing negative habits such as destructive self-criticism. Further details are available from the Cenacle (716) 271-8755.

BLUE ARMY VIGIL

The monthly vigil of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima will be held at 9 p.m. Friday, April 3, at Holy Rosary Church. Fathers Charles Adams and John Poluikis will officiate.

A second meeting, to organize the circle, will be held the week following. Further information is available by contacting Father McCarthy (716) 266-1288; Dr. Bosco, (716) 5445491; or David Zimmerman (716) 266-4757.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Hope Is The Core Of Life

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Jn. 11:1-45. (R1) Ex. 37:12-14. (R2) Rom. 8:8-11.

We Americans assume life progresses. We take it for granted that the future will differ from the present and the past. Our history has been a march to newer and better things. Perhaps that is why it is hard for us to understand the ancient peoples among whom the Hebrews lived. For the ancients, life was cyclical — a wheel which turned round and round. Season followed season. Birth, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, old age and death. That was all — an ever-repeated cycle.

The Hebrews, however, saw life differently. For them life was linear. It looked ahead to better days, to a Messiah. For the Hebrews there was a future. That is why they were an optimistic people, a people full of hope. This hope sustained them through great national disasters like famine, exile and captivity.

No passage in the Old Testament better expresses this hope than the one from Ezechiel, which is next Sunday's first reading. Ezechiel says that the dead bones of the present will give way to new life. Graves will

be opened and God's people will be led back to their cherished homeland.

The works of Jesus portrayed this same kind of hope in the future. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Later, Jesus will raise Himself. Death was not final for Jesus. He reached beyond the grave to new life.

St. Paul tells the early Christians that the Spirit of God lives within them. Even though their bodies die, their spirit will live on.

Both the Old and the New Testaments open up a whole new vision of life for mankind. It is a vision opened always to the future. The future is a better time, a time to be hoped for, not dreaded. Life on earth can be better.

Life hereafter will be better. This is our hope. That is why Christianity has to be, before all else, a religion of optimism and hope. We are called to be not only a people of faith and love, but also a joyful people with a future.

Nowhere is Christianity's deepfelt optimism more clearly expressed than in the sacraments. Every sacrament has a look toward the future. Each sacrament promises a better life and the means to obtain it. The Eucharist is a banquet that points to the heavenly feast. Baptism is a call to become a new creation. Confirmation

offers the strength and courage to live the baptismal promises. Penance is all about the future: it symbolizes a turning-point, a new beginning. The sacrament of Anointing promises healing. Ordination is a call to service and to lead the community to a brighter future. Matrimony promises love, peace and joy to spouses and the family to be. All seven sacraments focus on the future as well as on the present.

The future of the world will be in the hands of the children of today. What the world will be like will be determined to a great extent by the lives which the children of today live. We can help today's children. We must. For so much future lies in their hands.

In Waterloo we have started a Dare to Care Program. Its purpose is to help parents and teachers to confront the problems of drugs, alcoholism, premarital sex attacking the children of today. This Lent we have been sponsoring a seven-week series called "Focus on the Family," by Dr. James Dobson. This program can be put on by any parish or community. Each week, a one-hour length film is shown followed by open discussion. The films may be rented from Council Films Library, 716 James St., Syracuse, N.Y. 13203; phone (315) 422-0363.

Hope is the core of Christian life. Instead of wringing our hands in despair over the seeming decline of morality in media, schools and country, the Christian sets out joyfully to do something about it all!

FIRST FRIDAY

Father Joseph M. Jankowiak, pastor of St. Stanislaus Church, will preside at Mass and be the speaker for the April 3 meeting of the First Friday Luncheon Club. Mass will be celebrated at 11:45 a.m. in the Knights of Columbus building at the corner of Brooks and Thurston. The program closes at 1:15 p.m.

HELPS ATLANTA

The Lend-A-Hand Fund of the Gannett Rochester Newspapers will contribute \$1,000 to the Atlanta Investigative Fund. In addition, the papers will serve as a clearing house for donations to that fund. Persons wishing to donate should send contributions to The Atlanta Fund/Gannett Rochester Newspapers, 55 Exchange St., Rochester, N.Y. 14614.

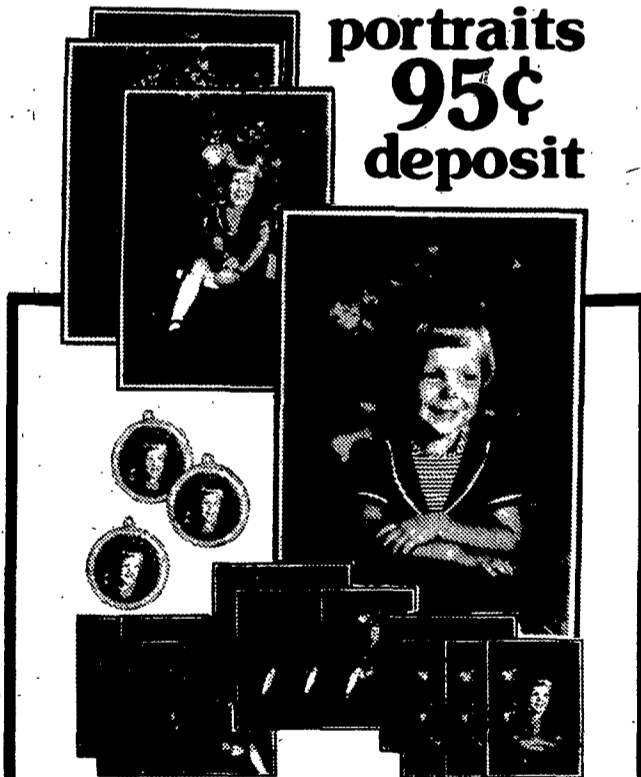
EL SALVADOR

A panel of speakers representing divergent views will lead a discussion of the implications of the political and military situation in El Salvador for Americans at 8 p.m. tonight, April 1, at Temple B'rith Kodesh.

Business in Diocese

Robert J. Malone, a graduate of St. John Fisher College and an alumnus of St. Bernard's Seminary, has been named a principal broker for King Arthur Real Estate. He will be the general manager of the firm's office on Chili Avenue. He is a parishioner of St. Augustine's parish.

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