

'Queen of Americas' Group Being Planned

A Queen of the Americas Guild is being organized at Guardian Angels Church in Henrietta.

The guild was first established as a national organization at Mt. St. Mary's College three years ago to spread devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe as patroness of the Americas, and to promulgate statements made to Juan Diego in the 1531 apparition at Mount Tepeyac, Mexico. Diego is also being promoted as patron of lay people.

Since the Henrietta guild will be the first in the diocese, it will be named Tepeyac I.

The first meeting of the guild will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 17, at Guardian Angels Church, following novena prayers and benediction. All interested persons have been invited to attend.

Further information is available by calling Harriet Beiter, 334-2912; or Stella Masuzzo, 334-5516.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Dining Across The Diocese

On Tuesday, July 21, Father Robert Kress and I began our annual safari to visit priests of the diocese. We began with a cup of coffee at 10 a.m. at Rush, furnished by the 91-year-old cox, Nellie Helmer.

A call to Dansville brought Father Joseph Larrabee to the phone with a cordial "Come to lunch. Father Andrew Teuschel is away, but I will be glad to see you."

He was a good host. Onward to St. Ann's, Hornell, 20 miles south. Father Paul Gibbons was in Rochester. Father Robert MacNamara in research. Father Louis Sirianni gave us a welcome and beds for overnight. Then off to Rexville, 25 miles away, to see the ruins of the church recently destroyed by lightning. However, it was insured for \$486,000. We met some parishioners who were both suspicious and apprehensive about the Bishop's office in Rochester. "We want a new church, but we don't know what they're doing in Rochester."

Returning to Hornell, we found that Father Leo Mans of St. Ignatius was away convalescing from surgery. Father Leo Ward was supplying. He had invited the neighbors, Fathers Thomas Burr of Canisota, Eugene Emo of St. James and Sirianni for 6:30 p.m. dinner, which made it convenient to meet briefly with the four local clerics.

After Mass on Wednesday, off to Bath. Father Albert Ryan was convalescing from a second heart attack in early July, and was happy to have us. Retired Father James O'Connell was tearing around like a colt, running the parish. To cry "priest shortage," and at the same time to retire experienced men willing to continue, does not make much sense to many people.

After lunch, on to Painted Post where Father Walter Wainwright is settling in as the new pastor; and where Father Harold Rogers, retired, is living near the church in a neat apartment with an ingenious Mass.

chapel. Corning is only three miles away. Fathers Thomas Brennan and Joseph F. Hogan were off with a senior citizens tour. Father Michael Hogan was at his weekly meeting with St. Ambrose's Father James Marvin. Father Patrick Seelman, recently assigned to St. Vincent's, was off to his ailing parents. Father John Brill was home, glowing from a recent Hawaiian trip, saying, "Wonderful opportunities to do apostolic work." Father George Heyman, now at St. Mary's, showed us the great reconstruction underway, recently pictured in the Courier-Journal.

It was now 5:15 p.m. "Let's go to Mt. Saviour and pick up Brother Sebastian Mahar. He went on our first pilgrimage to the Holy Land." The monastery is atop a great hill near Elmira. The monks now have 400 sheep with a shepherd from England in charge. Monasteries like Our Lady of the Genesee and Mt. Saviour have frequent transients who oftentimes are off-beat characters. However, we found an on-beat transient, Father Michael Perry, chaplain of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, who acted as receptionist. He elucidated about his work: "I will not marry any student in college. Marriage is too serious. It is almost impossible to have a successful marriage and do the school work." Brother Sebastian came.

We went to the famous Marretti's in Elmira, six miles away, for an Italian dinner; and returned Brother Sebastian to Mt. Saviour at 8 p.m. Vespers time.

On the return trek we recited the third rosary and listened to two of Jesuit Father Bernard Basset's cassette conferences. Father Basset has just completed a new set of conferences based on Cardinal John Henry Newman, who is not the Bohemian bishop of Philadelphia. St. John Neumann. When I told Father MacNamara, who is a Newman buff, about the Basset set, with alacrity he said, "Order me a set at once."

Our diocese considers the unity of priests so important that it has assigned Father James Schwartz full-time to accomplish this togetherness. Our safari to the south is in that spirit.



A sketch of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Information Sessions Scheduled

Empire State College has scheduled public information sessions throughout August at the college's centers in Rochester and Canandaigua.

College representatives will be on hand to answer questions about the college's unique and individualized programs which can lead to an associate or baccalaureate degree. The sessions are open to the public free of charge.

The Empire State College Center in Rochester, 8 Prince St., has scheduled sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 4; noon, Thursday, Aug. 6; 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 12; noon, Monday, Aug. 17; 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 19; and 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 25. Interested persons should

call 244-3641 for an appointment or further information.

The college's center in Canandaigua will have one session at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Community College of the Finger Lakes, Lincoln Hill Road. Interested persons should call (716) 394-1110.

FOCUS ON EUCHARIST

Focus on the Eucharist, devotions of the Blessed Sacrament, will be led by Father John O'Connor beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Rites include evening prayer, rosary, Mass and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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