

# Diocesan Charismatics Host 400 at Upstate Weekend

Seneca Falls — More than 400 representatives attended the Upstate New York Diocesan Leadership Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, hosted by the Diocese of Rochester at Eisenhower College here recently.

Delegates represented the dioceses of Albany, Buffalo, Ogdensburg, Rochester and Syracuse.

The keynote address of the weekend was given by Tony Cushing of St. Paul's Parish in Allentown, Pa., and co-author

of the Living Christian Community series. Cushing replaced Bishop Matthew H. Clark, who was unable to attend because of illness.

Cushing's topic, "A Journey of Faith," detailed the Franciscan asceticism of the purgative, illuminative and unitive "ways."

Father James Connolly, the Rochester charismatic liaison with the diocese, on the day following delivered a homily on exploring the Lord's love that He might deal with the problems and compulsions

which break His power in one's life.

That evening Cushing addressed the topics patience and faith, the primacy of grace and the mercy of God.

Another speaker, Father James Brassil, director of Magnificat House, a diocese-sponsored house of prayer and spiritual renewal in Manhasset, L.I., said that man needed to recognize his neuroses in order that God may heal them. The priest then led the group in healing prayer.

## Fr. Hogenkamp PACE Director

Father Leon J. Hogenkamp has been appointed director of the \$2.5 million Plan Assuring Continued Educational Excellence at the Jesuit college preparatory school. McQuaid already has received more than \$800,000

## PACE Director

in gifts and pledges toward the PACE goals of improved instructional, financial and physical plant resources.

Father Hogenkamp will be returning to McQuaid after a year of sabbatical study. He formerly was principal.

## Insights In Liturgy



## An Open Letter

Dear Parish Liturgy Committees:

This past spring I began a study of parish liturgy committees. (You probably remember the yellow form with all the questions!) This study was begun for many reasons: (1) to update the Liturgy Office's mailing lists; (2) to attempt to discover the state of affairs of liturgy committees throughout the diocese; (3) to assess the needs of committees in order that we might design programs that would be useful to you. I am grateful to those of you who took the time to complete the form and help me with this study. Your responses were most helpful and will certainly enter into any planning that we do for future programs.

For the most part we fulfilled our first purpose. Our mailing lists are pretty well complete and the chairperson of every committee in the diocese should soon receive our program schedule for 1981-1982, followed closely by a new publication of the Liturgy Office that will be sent each month.

The second purpose is more difficult to accomplish. I certainly have a sense of who you are and what you are doing. Yet, a piece of paper is a far cry from the flesh and blood people it talks about. Perhaps this year you might invite me to sit in on one of your meetings to see you all in action and learn from you. If I don't get many invitations, I may be writing more letters inviting myself! Some of you suggested that we gather liturgy committees together to share ideas, successes,

failures and one another. I will try to do this during the coming year informally in various regions.

The third purpose of our study of parish liturgy committees is the development of helpful programs of formation and instruction that the committees themselves see as necessary. I must be honest with you and admit that a specific program for parish liturgy committees is only in the thought stage. The schedule for 1982-1983 will include an enmeshment of those thoughts mingled with your own in a concrete program. However, there are several workshops in our present schedule that answer the needs you expressed. For those of you that find the assembly (the people in the pews) a difficulty, Father Robert Hovda will offer two sessions dealing with the celebrating community and its role in our worship experience. These sessions will be most helpful if you bring some of your celebrating community with you! Some of you asked for assistance with Ordinary Time, all those Sundays outside the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons. Workshops offered in both the Southern and Northern Tiers of the

diocese will concentrate on just that. The formation workshops for lectors and special ministers of the eucharist will continue. Grayson Warren Brown will be with us in October to speak to the music side of our liturgical experience. And we've even designed a workshop for ushers this year! The details for all these and more will be coming to you by the end of August.

One reason we hesitate to offer more specific workshops for parish liturgy committees is the Ordo Missae Study. In our diocese we have over 50 parishes participating in this study — a worthwhile adventure but a time consuming one. The experience of study and evaluation should have unlimited value in those parishes and we would rather not add more meetings to already full calendars. For those committees not part of the study, I highly recommend the use of the study booklet, The Mystery of Faith, as an educational tool. If you are interested in obtaining copies, please contact the Liturgy Office.

Sincerely,  
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