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CCGEB to Appeal to Parents

Elmira — The Chemung County General Education Board will be going to the parents of its students.

Following action at the board's Jan. 14 meeting, the Long Range Planning committee will proceed with a plan for a letter to parents and sessions for parents on the system as its stands and its future goals.

The letter was presented by Thomas Klotz, St. Patrick's representative. The board approved his continued work

on the effort, and authorized work on a direct fund appeal to parents for the coming school year.

The board also approved sponsorship of "Fundarama '82" at a date to be announced. The system sponsored the first such carnival last June.

The board also scheduled a training session for its members for Saturday, March 13, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The session will be conducted by Sister Roberta Tierney, diocesan Education Division director.

Martin Tracy, board president, also reported on correspondence he had with the bishop's office concerning possible aid to Catholic schools from the amount pledged to the diocesan Thanks Giving Appeal in excess of the goal. He said it doesn't appear such a distribution will take place this year.

Sister Patricia Carroll, St. Patrick's principal, suggested that Tracy ask that the money be used to increase the amount of diocesan tuition subsidies which are available.

The board also discussed publicity and other arrangements for Catholic Schools Week and its registration drive for the coming school year.

Nurses Complete Seminar

Hornell — Twelve members of the nursing management staff at St. James Mercy Hospital recently completed a 15-hour "Managing and Being Managed" seminar.

The sessions were given at the hospital by Ann Ayers, RN, of Norayer Nursing Resource Services.

The seminar was a study of concepts of nursing management, strategies, and responsibilities of the practicing nurse. It covered the study of management theory, and explored clinical situations, sharing of personal experiences and discussions of effective strategies.

Registered nurses who completed the course are: Ellen Stephens, Constance Shephard, Mary Palmesano, Nancy Khork, Jean Wesley, Dolores Head, Mary Smalt, Rose Hirt, Marilyn Feenaughty, Diane Constantino, Elaine Adam and Mary Margaret Hill.

St. James Adds Records System

Hornell — A new medical records system has been installed at St. James Mercy Hospital.

The dictating system provides a better way for physicians to dictate reports for the patient records and more productive ways for the typist to transcribe the dictation.

The equipment uses advanced electronic technology. Dictation may be given through any telephone, inside

or outside the hospital. The dictation is stored in the medical records department where the transcriptionist receives information on a video console.

On the telephone, using a simple method of dialing, the physician enters his or her identification number and type of report, and then dictates. The equipment permits the physician to reverse and listen to the dictation or to contact the medical records department while dictating.

Newark Center Blood Drive Successful

Newark — Eighty-one pints of blood were collected at a drive sponsored by the Newark Developmental Disabilities Service Office on Jan. 20 at the Developmental Center gymnasium. The drive also attracted 65 new donors.

Norman Brust, of the center, coordinator of the blood drive, said, "This was an excellent way for the community and NDC to work together on a very worthwhile project." Brust also stated hopes for two drives per year in the future.

Family Life Workshop Scheduled

The Office of Family Life will sponsor a workshop titled "Marriage Alive" from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road.

The program is designed for married couples who want to examine how their self-image builds or detracts from the marriage relationship.

The workshop will be broken into four parts: "I am I," "No Man is an Island," "Human Sexuality," and "Reconciliation." Moderators for the program are Jim and Lita Gillette.

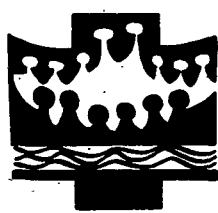
Cost of the workshop is \$5 per couple and pre-registration is advised by Feb. 24 by contacting the Family Life Office at 436-5450, or the Gillettes at 637-2747. Bring your own lunch; coffee will be provided and soft drinks will be available.

BK Parents Schedule Winetaster

Parents of the Bishop Kearney High School hockey team have scheduled their second annual Winetasting Party from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14, in the school cafeteria.

Fruits, assorted cheeses and breads will be served, and there will also be door prizes.

Insights
In Liturgy



By Msgr. George A. Cocuzzi

Permanent Diaconate: An Introduction

On April 17 this year, Bishop Matthew H. Clark will ordain 24 men to the order of deacons.

Ordinations to the diaconate are routine for the Church. Nonetheless, the ordination on April 17 will have extraordinary significance for the diocese: the men to be ordained are not aspiring to the priesthood, but entering the diaconate for its own sake.

The worshiping assembly gives us insight into the nature of the diaconate, for worship is the primary source of any lived theology of ministry. This has been exemplified in the history of the Church with respect to

the laity: during that period when the assembly was passive and mute, that same assembly had little or no say in the life of the Church. To take away one's liturgical function is ultimately to change that person's role within the Church community.

The styles of liturgical functions which belong to the deacon of themselves (apart from ministering certain sacraments), may be summarized under four headings: 1) assisting the presider (bishop or priest) of worship; 2) assisting the assembly at worship; 3) proclaiming the word; and 4) most characteristically, offering prayers and petitions in the name of the people and for their intentions.

These reveal the essence of the deacon: he is the one with diakonia (service) to both bishop/priest (as presider) and assembly (as gathered community); in the proclamation of the word and the intercessions, he articulates the ministry of charity and justice of which he is enabler, agent and sign within the community.

The deacon, then, is not a substitute priest, much less a more important acolyte. He is a minister in his own right who, by the laying on of hands, has entered a per-

manent order of the Church to fulfill certain functions, and in fulfilling them helps complete a picture of the Church in which diakonia is a permanent and institutionalized dimension.

What is meant by ordaining men to the diaconate is that within the hierarchical structure of the Church there is an order which is permanently given over to a ministry of service. The diaconate, if we reflect on the liturgy, is the public ministry which mediates the Church to the world, and which strengthens the Church through prayer and service.

Msgr. George A. Cocuzzi is diocesan director of the Permanent Diaconate Program.

Business in Diocese

Father John A. Boland, SJ, former rector and president of McQuaid Jesuit High School, has been appointed associate director of development at Le

Moyne College in Syracuse. The 53-year-old New York City native was ordained in 1958.

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