

Auburnian Named National Editor

Auburn — Thomas D. McNabb of Auburn has been named editor of the National Hibernian Digest, the official national publication of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

McNabb has had a wide and varied association with AOH. After becoming a member in 1955, he became actively involved in all jurisdictions of the organization. Starting as treasurer of the John F. Kennedy Division in Auburn in 1956, he served as treasurer four years, division vice president for one term and division president for seven terms.

On the state level, he has served as organizer, director, chairman of immigration,

secretary, vice president (two terms) and president, 1975-77.

Nationally he has been organizer, vice president and president from 1978 to 1980. From 1980 to 1982 he served as national chairman of the Pro-Life Committee.

He is a trustee of Holy Family parish; a member of the parish choir, Religious Education Committee, a former member of the Blessed Trinity School Board and was chairman of the Holy Family Parish First Annual Thanks Giving Appeal.

He is on the board of the Cayuga County United Way and a member of the Auburn



THOMAS D. McNABB
Democrat Executive Committee.

He is married to the former Bridget Breen of Ireland, has three daughters and a son, and is employed as the City of Auburn safety inspector.

Parish Council Elected

Horseheads — New officers of the St. Mary Our Mother Parish Council have been elected.

Serving as president will be Virginia Denroche. She succeeds Richard Pirozzolo, who served two terms in the post.

Mark Ruocco will be the vice president.

NFP Plans Info Session In Canandaigua

A Natural Family Planning Information Session will take place from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 24, at St. Mary's School Library, 95 N. Main St., Canandaigua. The session is free and open to the public.

The information session had previously been scheduled at Thompson Hospital.

An NFP class will begin Tuesday, Oct. 5, at St. Mary's in Canandaigua. Enrollment is limited to six engaged or married couples. Private instruction is also available. Pre-registration is required from Rochester NFP. (716) 464-8705.

Liturgy Meetings Scheduled

The diocesan Office of Liturgy has sponsored three Evenings of Reflection for liturgical ministers of the Eucharist, musicians, ushers, presiders, lectors and liturgical planners.

The sessions are planned Sept. 22 at St. Helen's, Rochester; Sept. 28 at St. Mary's, Corning, and Sept. 30 at St. Alphonsus, Auburn.

Genesee Country Lists New Hours

Mumford — The Fall schedule will go into effect this week at the Genesee Country Museum here.

The museum will open at 10 a.m. daily and close at 4 p.m. weekdays. Weekend hours will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. These hours will be in effect until the museum closes for the season on Oct. 11.

Korean Adoptions Group Sets Forum

An informational meeting on the subject of Korean adoptions will be held 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Brighton Town Hall.

The meeting, sponsored by "Love the Children," an agency which deals exclusively with Korean adoption, will focus on adopting children less than a year old.

According to Marty Cardona, local caseworker for the Quakerstown, Pa., based organization, "At this time we are very much in need of families for infants under a year old."

According to an agency release, children are placed from infancy through 14 years. Expenses are approximately \$4,800, including home study, post-placement services, Korean agency fees and airfare. Couples are expected to travel to Quakerstown when a child has been selected for them in order to review the history, see photographs and sign a placement agreement.

"The majority of the children we place are infants under the care of Eastern Child Welfare Society in

Korea. The children are usually cared for in foster homes between birth and arrival in the U.S. Many older children in orphanages are also waiting....

"Applicants must be couples married at least three years. Childless couples have top priority, although we

place with families having children. For infant placements, applicants should be between 25 and 40 years," agency material stated.

Further information on the program is available by calling Marty Cardona, 223-5847, or Marilyn Fitzpatrick, 334-5708.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

The World Crucifies

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mk. 9/30-37. (R1) Wis. 2/12, 17-20. (R2) Jas. 3/16-4/3.

Hardly 50 years before the birth of Christ, the faith of the Jewish community living in Alexandria was being shaken by the cultural, scientific and social flourishing in the city. A Hellenized Jew — one who spoke Greek and wrote in Greek — took his pen in hand and compared the final end of the good and the bad.

Relying heavily on Second Isaiah, he begins, "Happy is the virtuous one." Then he goes on to probe, not the perennial question, "Why do the good suffer?" but instead the question, "Why does virtuous life cause the wicked to react with such violence?" By virtue, the writer didn't mean being goody-goody. He meant being upright, honest, just. Why is such a one harassed and derided by the wicked, godless and hypocritical?

Archbishop Sheen once wrote that the world crucifies two kinds of people: the very bad and the very good. They very bad, like to two thieves on the cross, because they disturb the peace of society; and the very good, like Christ crucified between them, because He disturbed the peace of the soul of the wicked. That's what our Hellenistic Jew also said in his book of Wisdom, "He (the virtuous man) is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training." And so he is persecuted. And so Jesus foretold that He also would "be delivered into the hands of men who will put him to death."

But the author of Wisdom encourages his loyal brothers to help them not to cave in under the assaults of the wicked. He did this by pointing out their final end, "Let us find out what will happen to him."

Anyone who is tempted to

cease striving for good because of the prosperity of the wicked ought to meditate on Psalm 74. The Psalmist starts off with praising God. "How good God is to the upright... Then he pauses a moment and reflects, "But you really aren't so good to the virtuous: I suffer affliction day after day and chastisement with each new dawn." Whereas for the wicked, "I saw them prosper though they were wicked. For they are in no pain... They are not afflicted like the rest of men..." The Psalmist, in effect, says, "What gives, O Lord? Is it in vain that I have kept my heart clean?"

In this crisis of faith, the Psalmist went to church, and, sure enough, God enlightened him. "It (understanding the prosperity of the wicked) seemed to me too difficult, till I entered the sanctuary of God and considered their final destiny." There you have it! The Wisdom author arrived at the same answer: judge life by the end. The wicked, are "on a slippery road; you hurl them down to ruin. How suddenly they are made desolate! They are completely wasted away amid horrors." Their lives are as a dream.

An early Christian writer, Lucius Lactantius, wrote a book "On the Deaths of Persecutors." He aimed at encouraging Christians to persevere in their faith by pointing out that the strange, bizarre deaths of the persecutors of Christians evidenced the judgment of God on their wickedness. God never abandons the virtuous in the end. And it's the end that counts.

This was precisely the way Jesus handled His coming death. On the way to His death, three times, like the tolling of a funeral bell, He told His apostles He must suffer and die. But always, each time, He pointed out this was not the end: "After his death, he will rise." Christ does not end in the tomb; the Christians' life does not end in suffering and death, but in resurrection. Alleluia.

Business in Diocese

The mortgage banking business of Sibley Corp., a real estate financing firm, has been bought by the corporation's principals. Sibley Corp. is a mortgage correspondent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., Union Mutual Life Insurance Co., Mutual of New York and 35 other institutional investors.

The firm's principals are Stephen B. Ashely, president; Victor P. Hadeed, executive vice president, and E. B. Meader, board chairman.

Hadeed has been chairman of the Financial Advisory Board of the Rochester diocese and a board member of the Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation.

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it's volunteer citizens, working together, who determine how the money is spent.

We thought everyone knew that. Our citizen review committee is made up of 48 tireless volunteers who see to it that the money goes to help where it is needed most. Talk about unsung heroes!

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