



Photos by Terrance J. Brennan

115 Attend Rehab Workshop

Hornell — Ninety health care personnel and 25 community members attended a Workshop on Rehabilitation Sept. 15 at St. James Mercy Hospital's Lincoln Annex.

Sponsored by the hospital's educational services and occupational therapy departments, the workshop was held in conjunction with the observance of National Rehabilitation Week.

The lecturers were Edith Lawton-Atkins, a professor of the Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine in New York City, and Dianne Trickey-Rokenbrod, head of the St. James occupational therapy department.

The morning session was for health care professionals, and the handicapped and their families were invited to participate in the afternoon session.

Among the topics covered were activities of daily living and architectural barriers, with an emphasis on helping the handicapped provide their own needs.

Youth Agency Notes 5 Years

The fifth anniversary of the Upstairs Youth Agency will be celebrated by a party on the evening of Oct. 2 at William Doud Post, 898 Buffalo Road.

The party includes a cocktail hour, a buffet dinner, a musical review of the past five years, and dancing to the Dick Barone Quartet featuring Christine Georger. A \$12 donation covers the evening with the exception of the cash bar. Reservations are made by calling the Upstairs Youth Agency, 436-0680 or St. Monica's parish office, 235-3322.

Teachers' Conference

More than 800 diocesan elementary school teachers and administrators from the Monroe County area attended the conference last Thursday, Sept. 23, at Bishop Kearney High School. Guest speaker at the session was Dr. Zacharie Clements, left, Professor of Education at the University of Vermont. The next day, on Friday, Sept. 24, another conference was held in Waterloo for the teachers of the Finger Lakes and Southern Tier areas.

Vatican Aid To WW II Jews Documented

By Jerry Filteau
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Despite fears of direct Nazi reprisals, Pope Pius XII and his aides made numerous, sometimes successful efforts to save thousands of Jews from extermination during World War II, an 11-volume documentary history from the Vatican's archives shows.



When Pope John Paul II agreed recently to meet with Palestinian guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat, leading enemy of Israel, an unnamed high Israeli government official made a widely publicized claim that the Catholic Church did nothing to save Jews from the Holocaust, the Nazi extermination of an estimated 6 million Jews during World War II.

The Vatican called that claim "an outrage to truth" that is contradicted by the public record of Vatican activity during that period.

The record does not definitively answer, but gives strong clues to the answers to such questions as: Could Pius XII have saved more Jews by speaking out publicly? Conversely, would any public statement have so enraged Hitler that it would have hampered existing efforts on behalf of the Jews, and brought harsher persecution down on the Church as well?

In a 1973 book on the Vatican during World War II, British historian Anthony Rhodes quoted Albrecht von Kessel, counselor to the German ambassador to the Holy See during the war, as saying: "We knew that a violent protest by the pope against the persecution of the Jews would have certainly put the pope in great personal danger, and would not have saved the life of a single Jew. Like a trapped beast, Hitler would have reacted to any provocation with extreme violence."

That fear was borne out by the Catholic experience in the Netherlands, where Catholic and Reformed Church leaders were warned by German occupiers not to speak out against the deportation of Dutch Jews, or members of their Churches who were of Jewish origin would no longer be protected. The Catholic bishops spoke out anyway in 1942 and 1943, and Jews who were baptized Catholics began to be deported.

In 1964, Cardinal Egidio Vagnozzi, a longtime Vatican diplomat who was then apostolic delegate in the United States said that for two years during the war he always had a packed suitcase ready in his Vatican apartment because the papal secretariat of state had ordered Vatican officials to be prepared for deportation to Germany at a moment's notice.

"The holy father had to judge according to the circumstances," Cardinal Vagnozzi said, and if he spoke out against Hitler's extermination campaign, he "was risking the safety of those Jews who had still escaped. At the time all the buildings of the Holy See in Rome were full of Jewish refugees."

In 1972, an American Jesuit historian, Father Robert Graham — one of a team of scholars called on Pope Paul VI to study and publish the Vatican archival record of its diplomatic activity in World War II — wrote that as early as 1941 the Vatican had evidence supporting a belief that Hitler planned to occupy the Vatican and expel the pope.

Father Graham, whose 15 years of work on the 11-volume "Acts and Documents of the Holy See Regarding World War II" makes him a leading expert on the question, has outlined a wide range of interventions by the Holy See and its representatives to save Jewish lives, prevent their internment in concentration camps, seek knowledge about the fate of those interned or deported, and get permission to assist those imprisoned.

Among successful efforts were the protection of thousands of Jews in Italy and in Hungary. Many other Church efforts failed, as interventions by Vatican diplomats were rejected or ignored by the Nazis.

But the "failures and lack of success take away nothing from the merit of the good intentions," Father Graham wrote in a 1980 article.

He said that the Vatican documentation also showed a "high degree of coordination and mutual understanding" between the Vatican and Jewish organizations during the war in efforts to save Jews.

200 Help St. James Start School Year

Waverly — More than 200 people attended the annual St. James School covered dish supper Sept. 16 to kick off the school year activities.

Sister Anne Michelle McGill was the speaker for the evening. She gave a presentation on the sex education program used in the schools, "Education in Love."

A short business meeting followed, and an election of officers took place. Colleen Talada was elected president of the Home School Association; Judy Smith, vice president; Sandy Fraley, secretary; Sondra Casterline, treasurer, and Sharon Lynch, public relations.

The association was informed St. James School has received more than \$1,500 from the State of New York for energy conservation projects in the school.

Several fund-raisers were scheduled. There will be a harvest festival Sept. 25, a chicken barbecue Oct. 2, and hot dog lunches at the school. The annual magazine sale began Sept. 23.

The fifth annual Valley Christmas Show will be Nov. 13 and 14 at the Ingersoll Rand Hall in Athens.

The school's first Grandparents' Day attracted 150 visitors to the school.

Nurses Earn Stripes

Hornell — Senior and junior students in the St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing were awarded stripes Sept. 19 at St. Ignatius Loyola Church.

The Arthur R. Forman Memorial Merit Scholarship Award and the Hazel Stewart Award were presented.

Receiving the Forman award was Beatrice Rahmow of Canisteo. The award of \$100 goes to a student "who has displayed a dedication to the profession for which she is training, and who has conducted herself in

the best interest of the patient."

Margaret Gray of Hornell received the Stewart award. The \$100 award goes to a student "who has demonstrated dedication to the pursuit of a career in nursing and has high scholastic ability."

Six juniors were promoted to the senior level, and 16 freshmen were promoted to the junior level.

Father Jeremiah Moynihan, hospital chaplain, gave the invocation and addressed the students.

"Nursing is a vocation dedicated to helping people get well," Father Moynihan said. "As nurses you will be called on to serve the needs of the people when they are ill. Comfort them and try as best you can to support them and help them get well."

"Jesus loves the sick. He came to heal all of us, but He has a special concern for those who suffer from any kind of disease. When you serve the sick and injured, take Jesus with you in your words and actions."

"Sometimes the sick can be demanding of us, and they may really test our patience. As nurses, you will have to accept, respect and love those whom you serve as best as you can and no one can do it alone."

Infertility to Be Subject of Meeting

According to Resolve for Rochester, infertility affects at least 10 million people in the United States. Testing can be confusing, the organization says, because often the man and woman are treated by different doctors in separate buildings.

To offer an alternative, Resolve will sponsor a discussion at its next meeting when staff members of Mid-New York Fertility will present "A Couple-Centered Approach to Infertility," from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at Salen United Church of Christ, 230

Franklin St. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Infertility is defined as the inability to conceive a pregnancy after a year or more of active sexual relations without contraception, or the inability to carry a pregnancy to a live birth. Seeking proper medical help is vital, says Resolve, as treatment leads to one or more pregnancies about 50 percent of the time.

More information about Resolve for Rochester or about its meeting Oct. 9 is available from Aggie at 271-1506, or Jan at 671-4110.



Renewal

A change of attire by Father John Aurelio is perhaps emblematic of the change of heart experienced recently by parishioners at St. Patrick's in Victor who have gone through the recent parish renewal. Father Aurelio, one of the developers of the program, is a priest of the Diocese of Buffalo, a well-known author and television personality, and chaplain to handicapped children. The renewal program has been conducted several times at the parish and has drawn diocese-wide attention.

