



**Success!**

Terry Tiffany (right) takes papers from Ron Borelli during the annual Fall newspaper drive for the Holy Apostles-Holy Family sports program. School spokesperson Jean Borelli said of this year's drive, "What a success!"

**Cohocton Nuclear Freeze Group Notes First Year**

Cohocton — A nuclear freeze group, begun by an ecumenical gathering of clergymen here, will celebrate its first anniversary with a new name and with lay leadership. Father Eugene Sweeney, pastor of St. Pius V Church, and a prime member of the group, said last week.

People for Universal Nuclear Freeze will hold its annual community meeting, including a tureen supper, a showing of the film, "Last Epidemic," and a talk by Dr. Paul Frame, MD, 6 p.m.,

Sunday, Dec. 5, at Sturmer Hall at St. Pius V.

Father Sweeney said the evening will conclude with a prayer service for peace.

The first community meeting was held in December 1981. Father Sweeney said, and was attended by about 40 persons representing area churches. Last January residents from Perkinsville and Wayland gathered to discuss the topic, and embarked on a five-month series of study meetings.

**Pax Christi Sets Mass for Peace**

Geneva — A Mass for Peace will be celebrated by the Rochester branch of Pax Christi, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at St. Francis DeSales Church, 130 Exchange St.

Father William Spilly of the local Office of Human Development will preside. Pax Christi is an international Catholic peace movement.

Lee Strong, spokesperson for the Rochester group, said, "We've been spending the last year in prayer and self-education. Pax Christi Rochester is now ready to

become publicly active, and we decided that a Mass would be the best way to begin. Prayer is central to all that we do, and, of course, as Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the ideal form of prayer."

On choosing Geneva as the site for the Mass, Diane Augsburg, secretary of the Rochester group, said that it was the group's hope a central location would be more attractive to people from across the diocese, including the Elmira Pax Christi group.

The event is open to the public. Music will be provided by the Corpus Christi Folk Group.



**Asbury Asks for Clothing**

An appeal was issued last week for Courier-Journal readers' donations of winter clothing and blankets by the Asbury First United Methodist Church Storehouse.

The Storehouse is a community outreach program with 90 volunteers which distributes clothing, bedding and kitchenware free to local people in need, Barbara Cotnam, chairperson of the program, said last week.

She also said that "most referrals are from the County Social Services Department; second, the Catholic Family Center, and about 40 other local agencies."

James Maloney, director of the CFC, last week praised the Asbury program and cited its help in answering the needs of the poor in this area.

Ms. Cotnam said, "We have only a few blankets in our supply now and hope for donations to help keep people warm in the winter months ahead. We are also low on winter jackets, sweaters, boots, mittens and hats for ages one through teen."

"Please search your closets," she asked Courier-Journal readers, "for unused or outgrown children's winter clothing."

Items may be left on the porch of 1010 East Ave. anytime (if well wrapped); or inside the door 9 a.m. to noon, Mondays; 1-3 p.m., Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays; and 1-3 p.m., Thursdays.

She also singled out St. Rita's Parish in West Webster for its "generous contribution from their yearly clothing drive."

The Storehouse serves 5,000 persons yearly.

**First Friday**

Father John Hempel, pastor of St. Andrew's Parish, will celebrate Mass at 11:45 a.m., and speak to the First Friday Luncheon Club, Friday, Dec. 3, at the Knights of Columbus clubrooms on Thurston Road. The club's purpose is to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

**Religion In China**

What is the state of religion in China? Some estimate 3 million Catholics scattered among the billion people, but who can verify that? We know the Jesuits, Franciscans, Divine Word Missioners and other orders, including our own Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers and Sisters, did great work up to the revolution in 1949. Columban Father Aiden McGrath established the Legion of Mary in the 30s, and the Church flourished. But all this seems to have been destroyed with the 1949 Communist takeover.

While in Peking (Beijing), we visited "the Catholic Church." It was built in 1904 and seats about 500. There are some ten priests serving there, all Chinese. One who spoke English welcomed us. Everything is pre-Vatican II. Mass is in Latin and in the Tridentine Rite. A huge picture of Murillo's Immaculate Conception hangs behind the main altar. The priest said there are 30,000 Catholics in Peking. About 1,700 attend Sunday Mass, some from foreign embassies. We asked, "Are you free to practice the Catholic religion?" With prudence, he declared, "Religion is free in China. Of course we do not have any communication with the Vatican."

A week later I stopped at the beautiful Anglican cathedral in Hong Kong and picked up the parish "St. John's Review." It had a column on Article 35 on the proposed new constitution for Communist China, which read: "Citizens of the People's Republic of China enjoy freedom of religious belief... The State protects legitimate religious activities... No religious affairs may be dominated by any foreign country."

Methodist pastor Ewing J. Carroll commented: "This article appears to be directed towards three elements of religion in China: possible outside-Muslim interference in China's sensitive border

regions; continuation of the Vatican-Chinese Catholic Church tensions; and Protestant groups outside China actively engaged in Bible smuggling and other efforts to undermine the post-denominational stance of Chinese Protestant Three-Self-Movement (Self-Propagation; Self-Finance; and Self-Determination)." Sad as it is that Catholics are cut off from St. Peter and the center of unity, they do have a valid Mass and Sacraments, and the Communion of the Saints. And later I met a Methodist minister who told me he had attended an edifying Christian service in a small village where faith in the Lord is still alive, and he had given them some copies of the Gospel of St. John.

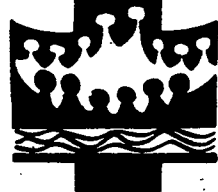
People ask, "What did you wear in China?" "Clericals, with the Roman collar," I reply. "This is a religious communication." Many tourists acknowledged the Church's presence as they saluted me kindly. However the clericals is a less evident communication in China where the Church is a little known entity. At Shanghai's "Friendship Store," I asked Mary Guidone of Port Byron to examine a man's sweater for me. Three female clerks, about 23, with Chinese-English dictionaries on hand, attended. One said: "This is your wife?" With proper indignation, Mary Guidone sputtered, "No! He's a Roman Catholic priest! They do not marry!" The girls had no idea of what the priesthood was or did. After discussion I asked if they knew of Pope John Paul II, and even wrote his name for them. Neither the pope nor the priesthood had ever entered the knowledge orbit of these intelligent girls.

For us who are accustomed to world news, it is hard to imagine a billion people whose news is restricted to the Party's offerings on radio, TV, newspapers, schools.

God grant that the overtures of Pope John Paul II to the Chinese government will someday be accepted, and our Lord will be known and loved by these loveable people.

**Insights In Liturgy**

By Sister Margaret Deegan, RSM



**Advent: Already And Not Yet**

The time of Advent focuses our attention directly on our faith time as Christians: the time of the already and not yet. In our human experience we hope for what we desire but do not possess. We long for what we want but do not already have. However, in our faith experience as Christians, we look forward to the coming of Christ while believing we already live in His presence. We express this mystery of our faith in the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy: "Christ is risen; Christ will come again." In other words, we live in the fullness of time — in the presence of Christ, while waiting for the fulfillment of Christ in His triumphant second coming. Instead of ending our hope, Christ's presence enriches it, strengthens it, and enables us to hope with joy, knowing for certain the Christ for whom we long is ours. Advent is the season in which we celebrate this real expectation.

This hope is not based on what we as Christians must or should do. Rather, it is based on God's faithful fulfillment of His promises. He promised to be near us, yet He often enters our lives in ways which we may not notice. He comes to us in nature, in our human experiences, and in the people with whom we come in contact. He may appear in

sudden joy or tragedy; in the face of a tired sales clerk or in a phone call from a friend. Perhaps He speaks to us in the simple inspirations to write to someone or to send some newly-baked "goodies" to a lonely neighbor. Advent, therefore, is a time of great anticipation and patient waiting for God's coming in His time and in His way.

How can we celebrate Advent? Let us be careful not to fall into Martha's mistake: "busy about many things." The one thing necessary is AWARENESS — believing in God's desire to come to us in small ways and in large, and looking for His appearance everywhere. We must prepare our hearts to be a dwelling place ready for Christ's arrival with a warm welcome.

In our families and in our parishes, let us begin to see one another as gifts from God. Two key questions can help us decide how to best celebrate the richness of this season: 1. How are we using silence and simplicity to convey our patient waiting and longing for the Lord? and 2. How are we using song and ritual to express our joyful hope and anticipation of the Lord who is here and is yet to come?

Let us be Advent people, ready to greet the Lord when He comes. Then our Advent celebrations will bring us to a greater awareness of Christian hope and lead us to the heart of the redemptive mysteries celebrated throughout the Christmas season.

At a meeting in July, for which the guest speaker was Rep. Stanley Lundine, the group selected its name; and since that time Wayne Hunt of Atlanta was named chairman and the group reorganized, Father Sweeney said.

Dr. Frame, a local physician, is a member of the Livingston County Medical Society, a group which backed the American Medical Association resolution that "recognizes the catastrophic dangers to all life in the event of a nuclear war and supports efforts for the prevention of such a nuclear holocaust."

Father Sweeney expressed pleasure at the growth of the group, particularly that the leadership of it has passed from clerical to lay hands.

Besides Father Sweeney, the founders of the group are Pastor David Almeaf, Rev. Dean Bembauer and Rev. Vern Schattner.

**Project SEED Hosts 100 for Thanksgiving**

A Thanksgiving dinner, hosted by Project SEED, drew more than 100 persons from across the diocese last week to the Edgerton Recreation Center, where they feasted on homemade foods and were entertained by Sheena the Clown and her puppet friend Koko the Kqala.

Residents from the two Catholic Charities community homes in Penn Yan and Lyons joined Rochesterians from private facilities, and from the Pinnacle Apartments and Southview Towers for the event.

Project SEED, under theegis of Catholic Charities, provides recreational programs for disabled persons and is considered unique in the area for its services.

According to the project's federal monitor, Ted Naylor of the Office of Human Services, "Project SEED is unique, for one thing, in that its programs are only for disabled recreation, and another, SEED is always ahead of its own goals and objectives."

Adele Carlson, the project director, said that the number of persons served by Project SEED is pressing the capacity of the program.

Ms. Carlson said that she relies heavily on volunteers and lists among them Lillian Ferra, Ruth Fransue and Maureen Havens.