

Kolping Society Sets Christmas Mass in German

The annual German Christmas Mass, sponsored by the Catholic Kolping Society, will be celebrated 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 2, at St. Boniface Church on Gregory Street.

German-speaking priests will concelebrate.

The event features the use of the German language throughout and the singing of traditional German Christmas hymns.

Father William Amann, pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, will preside. Father John Gagnier of St. John the Evangelist Church in Greece will preach. In addition, a number of

Father Winfried M. Kellner is praeses of the Kolping Society. Miss Eleanor Schwind is president.

Bishop Announces Education Leaders

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has announced appointments to the Diocesan Board of Education. Members of the board are: Father Emmett Halloran, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo; Father Joseph Donovan, pastor of St. Marks; Claude Lester, director of Religious Education at St. John's on Humboldt Street; Sister Francella Quinn, principal of St. Mary's in Canandaigua; Peter Spinelli from Pittsford; F. Michael Stapleton, Auburn; Dolores Scura, Mt. Morris; Edgar

Prindle, Geneva; Pilar Vilar-Glassow, Rochester; Edward Schano, Ithaca; Joan Countryman, Honeoye Falls. Ex-officio members are Sister Roberta Tierney, director of General Education; Edwardine Weaver, superintendent of diocesan schools, and Mary Ann Binsack, director of the Religious Education Office.

The board will meet for an all-day training session, Saturday, Jan. 29.

Bishop Becomes Member of Alhambra

Bishop Matthew H. Clark became an honorary member of the Musa Caravan 25 of the Order of Alhambra at a dinner last Saturday night at the Diplomat Party House.

first time a bishop has become an Alhambra member since the organization's inception in 1911.

John Yanus, grand commander, said that it is the

The dinner also was in recognition of children with Downs Syndrome.

Battered Women Aid: The Number 232-7353

Alternatives for Battered Women is mounting its first intensive advertising and public relations campaign, consisting of newspaper advertising, a poster series, television slides for public service announcements and other materials.

to know that we're available 24 hours a day," said Phyllis Korn, executive director of ABW. "The holidays always heighten family tensions and tend to raise our expectations of each other. Financial burdens are higher and it can all add up to a crisis in a family with a history of violence."

The nonprofit organization offers a 24-hour telephone hotline to provide counseling and support to victims of family violence. In addition, the agency offers temporary housing for battered women and their children, group and individual counseling and referrals.

ABW's number is 232-7353.

"It's important for people

Cdl. Cody Cleared, Probe Finds

Chicago (NC) — Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago announced the end of an independent investigation into the financial dealings of his predecessor, Cardinal John Cody, and said it produced no evidence of wrongdoing by the late cardinal.

"The available data indicate that Cardinal Cody's total personal expenditures did not exceed the total estimated receipts," said Archbishop Bernardin.

These findings support the late cardinal's categorical denials of any improper use of church funds.

Sarah Child



All in the Family.

Decorating With Love

The Christmas ornaments and decorations are in place and a motley collection it is.

Years ago Sue Degen, a very talented and generous neighbor, showed me how to use her saw to cut ornaments from thin wood using patterns of angels, snowmen, reindeer and a host of other seasonal figures which were then painted.

Along with the 50 or so I did are another 10 of hers and together they adorn our tree — my primitive efforts along with her exquisite ones.

They have stood us in good stead over the years particularly when the children were very young and the tree was knocked over an average of three times a season.

This year the job of placing the ornaments on the tree fell to the youngest and me and as usual we took longer than we should have, as each necessitated a comment.

In addition to the wooden ornaments, we have acquired a few others — the needlepoint square of a black dog purchased the year we got Clementine, a little plum-colored bell from my sister, a crocheted snowflake starched to crisp attention, and a bevy of others that schoolmates gave to the children.

A lighted ceramic tree we bought early in our marriage is on a nearby table along with six, waxy, tiny angels,

each playing a different musical instrument.

The angels hung on the tree the first year but one was slightly melted by a tree light and with a slightly tipsy concertina player there was nothing to do but stand them in a semi-circle.

The original stockings I made of red and white felt the first year we had a baby have been replaced — the baby now being 17. In their place are beautiful crocheted stockings of green, red and white made for us by an elderly lady I once interviewed.

Under the tree stands the creche — beloved and worn. The 15-year-old liked to pick up the figures and bounce them off the stable wall a dozen or so years ago. Miraculously they all survived. The infant doesn't match the set. It's one I found in a flea market years ago for \$1. Not until I got it home and washed it off did I discover it was a Hummel.

The most recent grouping is four little china figures of the holy family plus angel from Mexico — replete with swarthy faces, black hair and turquoise robes.

And in the family room between two votive lights is the tiny wooden carved infant on his bed of straw which we bought in the religious articles shop in St. Peter's Square in 1978.

To someone else the collection would make small impression for it is neither expensive nor very grand. But each is handled carefully and lovingly. No mere ornaments, they are symbols of love shared and the basis of many memories to come.

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