



Showtime at BK

The Bishop Kearney Alumni Theater Guild is rehearsing for "Grease" to run Feb. 2,3,4,5 at the school. BK alumni in the musical are from left, Linda Pringle, Laurie Alvarez, Kellie Burke, Lorraine Accorso, Patty Accorso, Sue Rowland, and Teri Damico. The show is directed by Tom Vazzana with music by Dan Burke and choreography by Tom Giancurcio. The Guild raises money for local charities and the high school. For ticket information call the school at 342-4000.

Pope Tells Opus Dei: Spread Your Message Throughout the World

Rome (NC) -- Pope John Paul II Jan. 15 met world leaders of Opus Dei, an international association of priests and lay people, and urged them to spread their message "in every direction of the human and created world."

The pope held the 25-minute meeting during a pastoral visit to a Rome parish and youth center operated by Opus Dei priests.

"I hope that you who are Opus Dei become ever more Opus Dei and take Opus Dei in every direction of the human and created world," the pope told 32 of the group's regional leaders from 30 countries.

"Perhaps in this formula there is the theological reality, the essence, the nature itself of the vocation of the age in which we live, and in which you have been called by the Lord," he said.

It was the first meeting between the pope and most of the group's regional leaders, according to the Rome spokesman for Opus Dei, Giuseppe Corigliano.

He said the leaders were meeting in Rome "by coincidence" at the same time of the parish visit.

Three of the leaders were from the United States, the only country to have as many as three regional leaders, Corigliano said. He identified them as Father Larry Cuts of California, Father Raphael Camano of New York and Father Jack Solarski of Texas.

Opus Dei, with a membership of more than 70,000 lay men and women and 1,500 priests in more than 80 nations, works for the Christianization of society through members who develop their spiritual lives while maintaining their jobs in secular professions. The organization has been the subject of criticism in articles published in England and the United States. The criticism focused on Opus Dei's alleged secrecy and supposed efforts to form a ruling elite within the church.

"Opus dei" is Latin for "God's work." The visit to the Parish of St. John the Baptist, founded 20 years ago in a poor neighborhood of southern Rome, included a Mass attended by 3,000 parishioners.

Father Thomas Bride To Speak on Pastoral

Father Thomas R. Bride, chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich, Conn., will speak on the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response," the weekend of Feb. 4 and 5 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 549 Humboldt St.

He will speak at all the Masses that weekend and again at an open meeting in

the Parish Center, 7:30 p.m., Sunday.

Father Bride, as secretary to Bishop Daniel P. Reilly, is privy to the background, testimony, disagreements and developments as the drafting of the document progressed. Bishop Reilly was a member of the War and Peace Commission which drew up the pastoral.



FATHER BRIDE

Kinship Names 1984 Officers

Bath -- A. John Peck of Corning was elected president of Kinship Group Home Program, Inc., at its sixth annual meeting here.

Merrill Frank of Hornell was elected vice president; Betty Lou Salmon, Bath,

secretary; and George O'Brien, Cohocton, treasurer.

Newly appointed to the board of directors of the private, voluntary child care agency were Jack Lisi, Steuben County Sheriff; Father Philip Billotte, associate pastor of St. Patrick's in Corning; Shirley Bixby, Steuben County Cooperative Extension agent; and Paul Pickering of diocesan Catholic Charities.

Ms. Paula List was honored by the board as

Kinship's Employee of the Year. She has been on the staff of Kinship House in Tyrone for the past two and a half years. She was cited for her "outstanding contributions and dedication to the children and staff of the agency."

Kinship is an affiliate of Catholic Charities.

Major services include group homes for adolescent boys and girls, the Steuben County Detention Home and child abuse and neglect preventive services.

Meetings Set On Pastoral On Peace

The diocesan Office of Continuing Education is planning the second topic of its program series: "Conflict Resolution Techniques" based on the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response."

John Engels and James Ramerman of the adjunct faculty of St. Bernard's Institute will be the presenters.

The program will be presented from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14, at St. Anne's Hall, 1600 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester, and Thursday, Feb. 16, at St. John the Baptist Hall, 325 Lake St., Elmira.

Coffee and tea will be served but participants are asked to arrange for their own lunches. A previous reading of the pastoral letter is advised but not essential. Those attending are asked to bring a copy of the letter for discussion purposes.

Fee is \$5 and all are welcome.

Elks Honor Protective Agencies

The Webster-Fairport B.P.O. Elks #2396 will sponsor their 14th annual awards dinner, honoring outstanding members of police, fire and ambulance agencies, at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 2 at Sweet's Party House.

Recipients of this year's awards are: Jeffrey Kleinhammer, Monroe County Sheriff's Department; Thomas W. DePrez, New York State Police; Floyd Schilstra, Webster Police; Robert Holmes, Perinton Volunteer Ambulance; William Batting, Irondequoit Volunteer Ambulance; Gayle Shaver, Ontario Volunteer Emergency Squad; and Joan O'Gorman, Union Hill Ambulance.

Recipients from fire agencies are: Patrick J. Morris, West Webster; Ivan Masclee, Fairport; Elwood Baker, Lincoln; William Milke, Macedon Center; Guy L. McGowan, Penfield; John Van Apeldoorn, Union Hill; James Burlingame, East Rochester; Lee K. Drechsler, Ontario; and Samuel Wilson Jr., Webster.

Tickets are \$11 per person and available at the lodge, 1066 Jackson Road, Webster, or by contacting Phil or Bonnie Travis at 671-2345 after 5 p.m. The public is invited. All proceeds go to the State Elks Cerebral Palsy Fund and youth programs sponsored by the Elks.

Fashions Arrive At Aquinas

The Aquinas Parents Association will present a fashion show at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12. Aquinas students will model the gowns and tuxs and Lauren Dixon will be commentator. Fashions will be presented by: Caren Charles, Little Folks Shops, Floral Artistry, Victorio's Tux Shop, and Irondequoit Bridal.

There will be a donation of \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

People Have Rights

Why does a Catholic high school in Rochester have a Baptist teaching religion, a religion teacher who talks about reincarnation, and a chaplain who says that students don't have to go to Mass if they don't want to?

A. I hope there is no such Catholic high school. Catholics pay a lot of money to send their children to Catholic schools, with the expectation and intention that their children will be given orthodox Catholic doctrine and practice. About 13 and 20 years ago, we did have a lot of funny stuff in our schools, but I think things have settled down to authentic Catholicism. Certainly, the "Catechetical Directory" put out by U.S. bishops in 1978 has had a good effect on catechetics. As Father Wrenn, dean of studies at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie and director of the Catechetical Institute of the Department of Education of the Archdiocese of New York, said, the document calls for the "reappropriation of a structured, coherent content and outcome oriented approach to handing on the truths of the Faith. During the recent past,

these were sorely neglected."

Then last January, the head of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Ratzinger spoke in Paris and Lyon, France, what may be the most important document on religious education of this century. I suppose the Fancy Dons in catechetics have resented his praise of the catechism, but that important book is returning. What does he say? "A fundamental and grave mistake was the suppression of the catechism together with the claim that every genre of the catechism has been superseded and surpassed. The break with a transmission of the Faith as the fundamental structure and enterprise drawing upon the sources of an entire tradition has ended up by fragmenting the proclamation of the Faith." Although the catechism was suppressed by many religious educators, the grass-roots people often found the catechisms and have used them to educate their children. If there are aberrations in any schools, they should be protested to the principal, to the school board, to Bishop Matthew H. Clark, to your pastor. The people have rights!

HOWEVER, be sure your facts are right! Quite often things are reported out of context, or are unfactual.

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