

Bishops Expand Appeals Courts

In an effort to ease the workload occasioned by new canonical regulations that every decision made by diocesan marriage tribunals be reviewed by an appeals process, the bishops of New York State have appointed many new judges to regional appeals courts.

In the Diocese of Rochester alone, 36 diocesan priests have been appointed and trained and are now working in the court.

More than 50 cases are processed, and reviewed, each month here, said Father Robert O'Neill, officialis of the court.

Without expanding the regional courts, the state's bishops faced adding a 5,000-case workload on the appeals court of the Archdiocese of New York, Father O'Neill said.

The bishops named the new judges last July 1. In the Diocese of Rochester, intensive training had begun last spring, Father O'Neill said; and the 36 have been working at their tasks since Jan. 1.

Their decisions either confirm a tribunal decision, or order a new trial, Father O'Neill said.

All of the regional appeals tribunals are under the jurisdiction of Archbishop John J. O'Connor, and Msgr. Walter F. Kenny, of-



Appeals court members review cases. They are, left to right, Father O'Neill, Father Lum, Father Collins and Father Zimmerman.

officials of the Archdiocese of New York.

According to Father O'Neill, Msgr. Kenny's duties will be transferred to other state tribunal chiefs on a rotating basis.

Those appointed to the Rochester Regional Appeal Tribunal are: Fathers William Amann, R. Richard Brickler, James C. Burke, Thomas W. Burr, Peter

Clifford, Robert L. Collins, Donald J. Curtiss;

William Darling, Albert Delmonte, William J. Flynn, Ronald E. Gaesser, John Gagnier, William J. Gordinier, William Graf;

Gerard Hafner, John S. Hayes, Michael A. Huerter, Stephen R. Kraus, William F. Laird, James Lawlor, Christopher E. Linsler; William Lum, John A.

Lynch, John S. Maloney, Joseph P. McCaffrey, Robert J. Miller, John M. Mulligan, Bernard C. Newcomb, Gerald T. O'Connor;

John L. O'Connor, Robert F. O'Neill, Foster P. Rogers, Richard J. Shtatzel, Louis Sirrianni, Otto J. Vogt, Eugene R. Weiss and John Zimmerman.

AT YOUR PARISH

St. Anne

Palmyra — St. Anne's Parish Rummage Sale is slated this year for May 18 and 19 in the hall.

St. Helen

At a recent meeting of the human development committee of St. Helen's Parish, Paula M. Koerner was named chairperson and Daniel Holmes recording secretary. Accomplishments of the committee include food and clothing collection for the poor; helping the parish's unemployed; collecting food and Christmas gifts for the needy; providing companionship for residents at Westgate Nursing Home; a 400 percent increase in response to Operation Breadbox; sponsoring a Cambodian family; and educating parishioners about the U.S. bishops' "Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response."

Assumption

Fairport — Junior high schoolers from the Church of the Assumption will have a carwash, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 19 near Lum's.

Holy Apostles

A homecoming celebration for all former students, their spouses and faculty members will start with Mass at 5 p.m., Saturday, June 2, and followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in Holy Apostles School Hall. Reservations are made by May 19 by calling Oonah Devine, 254-6221; Lauretta Ford, 458-9756; or the rectory, 254-7170.

St. Stanislaus

Registration is now open at St. Stanislaus School for pre-schoolers through eighth graders. In addition, the school offers after school care with adult supervision. Interested persons are asked to call the school office for further information, 467-1472.

Old St. Mary

The staff and parishioners at Old St. Mary's Church will host delegates from Rochester's Sister Cities at the 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday, May 20. The worship service will include a Latin Gloria and brief prayers in the languages of the visitors. Cities whose delegates are invited include: Waterford, Ireland; Bamako, Mali; Caltanisatta, Italy; Rennes, France; Wurzburg, Germany; Krakow, Poland; and Rehovot, Israel.

St. Paul

Webster — Teenagers at St. Paul's Church on Hard Road will present a musical homily, "Sing Your Praise," 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 20. The program includes music by the St. Louis Jesuits, Amy Grant, John Michael Talbot, Andrew Weber and Tim Rice, Stephen Schwartz and others. The event is directed by Lisa and Steve Haehn.

St. Bridget

"Our Backs Are against the Wall," a play by Joyce J. Balkum, directed by Minister Lawrence Lee Evans, will be presented at 4 p.m., Sunday, May 20 at St. Bridget's Church. The program is free and open to the public. According to a parish release: "The play fosters the development of culture within our community, promotes Ms. Joyce Johnson Balkum as a writer and artist, and encourages positive relationships." The program is coordinated by the First Community Interfaith Institute, Inc.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Elmira — Cubmaster Robert Kurcoba reported that three Cub Scouts received the Parvuli Dei Award, the Catholic religious award. Those scouts are Jeff Sommer, John DiBerardino and Kevin Kurcoba.

Holy Spirit

Webster — The annual auction for Holy Spirit Church is slated for 7-9 p.m., Friday, May 18; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 19 in the festival tent. The May 18 event is a "silent" auction; the Saturday event a "live" auction. Both events will feature antique bisque dolls, used cars, dinners in local restaurants, crafts, calligraphy items, antiques, stoves, bicycles, furniture and special services. The public is invited to donate goods for the event. Further information is available from Betty Fleischacker, 671-7481; Louise Creatura, 671-5422; or Sandee Racee 377-2237.

Notre Dame Students Corner First Place

Elmira — Notre Dame High School students earned a first place trophy in the fifth annual Jets (Junior Engineering Technical Society) Invitational Teams Contest at Ithaca College Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Club, the Physics and Engineering Club and the Biological Sciences Club.

Competition included exams in mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, English and engineering calculation. Notre Dame team members in-

Mother of Sorrows

The adult education committee of Our Mother of Sorrows Church is sponsoring a presentation on "Can We Talk?" — Exploring the Topic of Communication in Marriage," 7:30-9:30 p.m., Sunday, May 20 in the church hall. The program will be given by Denie and Dee Stemmler, executive coordinators for Worldwide Marriage Encounter in Rochester, and members of the diocesan Marriage Preparation Steering Committee. The public is invited to the free event, which will cover such topics as listening, effective communication and lovemaking as a form of communication.

cluded: Joseph DeLeone, Karen Dingleberry, Siobhan Kelly, Jeanne Meyer, Rolf Mueller, Christopher Naseem, Linda O'Bryan and John Tarby.

Individual honors were earned by Rolf Mueller who took first place in chemistry; Jeanne Meyer, first place in English; and John Tarby, first place in physics.

Cenacle Feast Slated June 2

The public is invited to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Cenacle at a special Mass at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 2, with lunch. Father John Mulligan will be principal celebrant of the Mass.

A limited number of tickets are now available and are obtained by calling the Cenacle, 271-8755.

The day's program is sponsored by the Religious of the Cenacle and members of its Retreat League.

Father Thomas Kilduff Will Speak in Elmira

Elmira — Father Thomas Kilduff, a Discalced Carmelite associated with the Center for the Aging at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., will deliver lectures 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. May 22, 23 and 24 at St. Peter and Paul Church.

Father Kilduff has spoken throughout the country on the topic, "A Spirituality of Aging." He is recognized as an expert on the fears and difficulties of the aging process.

The morning conference opens with a Mass. Participants are asked to bring a brown bag lunch. Desserts and beverages will be provided.

Naples Churches Set El Salvador As First Topic

Naples — "Judge for Yourself," a program of the Naples Council of Churches, has established a series of six informational programs on issues facing the U.S. today. The forums will include such topics as Central America, relations with the Russian people and ecology.

The first in the series, a discussion by Robert Merlino and his wife Edith on life in El Salvador, will be 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 23 in the Naples Firehall.

Merlino is a teacher in the Honeoye Central School System. Mrs. Merlino is a native of El Salvador.

Merlino spent four years teaching in El Salvador, going there as a Peace Corps volunteer in 1976.

He has a broad background in both education and civil engineering.

Merlino will deal with a number of questions in his presentation, among them:

What is life like in El Salvador today? Are there indeed death squads? What is the significance of the latest election? Where does the U.S. aid to El Salvador go?

Following the presentation will be a question and answer period.

Gregorian Choral Sets Prayer-Concert

The Gregorian Choral, under the direction of Father Benedict Ehmura, last week issued an invitation to the public to a Prayer-Concert, 3:30 p.m., Sunday, May 20 at Holy Apostles Church.

The program, under the title of "What the Spirit Says to the Churches," will include Scripture and Gregorian Chants.

Holy Apostles Church is located at 530 Lyell Ave.

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