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Award Winners

Earl Ballard Jr. of Endwell and Charlene Lang of Troy, Pa., received the first Marie Generas Awards from Bishop Matthew H. Clark at the St. Joseph Hospital nurses baccalaureate last Friday in the Dunn Memorial Little Flower Chapel in Elmira. The awards provide an incentive for continuing the academic program. Forty were graduated the next day in ceremonies in Ss. Peter and Paul Church. Father David Gramke, pastor of St. John the Baptist and St. Cecelia parishes was speaker.

Msgr. Leo Schwab Dies, Elmira Pastor, Chaplain

Elmira — Funeral rites for Msgr. Leo G. Schwab, pastor emeritus of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, who died, at the age of 90 and a day, June 10, 1984, at St. Joseph's Hospital where he had been for nearly two years. Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey presided at the Mass of Christ the High Priest June 13 at Our Lady of Lourdes. Father Donald Schwab, Catholic chaplain at Rochester General Hospital and Msgr. Schwab's cousin, preached the homily. Bishop Matthew H. Clark presided and preached at the funeral rites the day following.

Schwab, was born June 9, 1894. He attended Blessed Sacrament School, and the diocesan seminaries. He was ordained June 9, 1918 by Bishop John Grimes of Syracuse in Rochester's old St. Patrick's Cathedral. He served the following parishes: Immaculate Conception, Rochester; St. Patrick, Elmira; St. Thomas Aquinas, Leicester. He founded Our Lady of Lourdes parish here in 1940, and served as its pastor from then until his retirement in 1969. He was elevated among the monsignori in 1958.



MSGR. SCHWAB

He was dean of the Chemung-Schuyler Deanery, served as an officer of the Elmira Catholic Family Service, chairman of the Chemung Catholic School Board and was active in Elmira Council 229, Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree.

we know it -- without him, for his vision and guidance were largely responsible for bringing it into being and nurturing its development." The editorial continued: "He is resigning as pastor while still in good health, so it is to be hoped and expected that he may enjoy a long and interesting retirement." He did. In 1972 he took on the role of chaplain to the cloistered Dominican Monastery of Mary the Queen, seeing the nuns there through the devastating flood which swept the area in the wake of Hurricane Agnes.

At the time of his retirement in 1969, the Elmira Star Gazette editorialized, "His has been the firm hand on the helm as the parish (Lourdes) was formed out of the western section of St. Patrick's parish ... There might never have been a Lourdes parish -- at least as

Anniversary Mass for Bishop

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has invited the people of the Diocese of Rochester to a celebration of his fifth anniversary of installation, 7:30 p.m., June 26, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The event will include Mass and a reception.

Charities Airs Mental Health Care Concerns

In a report to Gov. Mario Cuomo and Monroe County Executive Lucien Morin, diocesan Catholic Charities has called for several improvements in the quality of mental health care in Monroe County.

The Charities report, entitled "Serve Them Better," is based on a public forum on the quality of community and institutional mental health care in the county which took place last December.

That forum convened top area mental health officials.

According to William Privett, associate director of Charities, 110 people attended, at which 26 people commented on issue papers Charities had requested from county, state and other local mental health planners and providers.

According to a letter to Gov. Cuomo and Morin from Robert J. Burke, Charities past president, "Ample testimony was presented concerning deficiencies in services for 22,000 mentally ill people in the 'formal system,' and the 100,000 or more said to be in need at some point in their lives."

The report includes assessments of the mental health delivery system from such people as Robert Vogel of the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency, J. Barry Jesmer, director of the Monroe/Livingston Mental Health Demonstration Project; and Martin Von Holden, executive director of the Rochester Psychiatric Center.

In particular, Vogel stated: "... the existing mental health care network fails to work as a system due to inadequate system organization, lack of system-wide

planning, and financing mechanism that provide inappropriate incentives. And, if the current integrating mechanisms do not work well, there are a number of forces which will stress the network even more in coming years."

Jesmer is quoted as saying: "... many critical issues and problems were identified including lack of coordination among components, conflicting mandates, conflicting funding sources and cash flow problems, lack of usable information for planning, management and evaluation..."

And VonHolden said, "... currently the Rochester Psychiatric Center is barely adequately staffed to meet minimal needs, with most of its resources focused on chronically ill, long-term patients."

Based on such testimony, Charities is calling on state and county officials to re: back to the community to:

- Plan better services for young people;
- Increase its supply and range of housing alternatives and job opportunities;
- Expand services to older people;
- Improve services for the increasing Rochester Hispanic population; and to
- Promote long-range planning for a variety of mental health services.

Listeners at the December forum, on Charities behalf, were Father William Graf, Dr. John McIntyre, Assemblywoman Pinny Cooke and Burke.

Privett said, "Top mental health officials and experts in this county cite problems which hurt the elderly, children and adolescents,

Hispanics, those who are entering the system for the first time and those who are long-term chronic patients, those served in the community and those in the Rochester Psychiatric Center.

He said \$80 million is spent each year in the county for mental health care.

Privett also said he hopes community groups will begin to come together to advocate with responsible state and county officials for improvements in the availability and types of mental health services.

He said, "Although the governor and county executive have not yet responded to the report and recommendations, Charities is hoping that an annual report on progress on its recommendations can be issued to the community."

"We don't expect the problems to be resolved in a year, but we do hope that we can have a better grasp of how state and county government hope to move in the areas of our recommendations,

He said that county mental health planners have collaborated for three years on a new integrated mental health system which would move between 300 and 500 patients from Rochester Psychiatric Center to community-based care.

Privett noted that while Charities is supportive of the principles and goals of the new system, several safeguards are being suggested to protect patient rights, to provide for testing of the new system before large-scale patient movement, and to enhance public accountability and family and consumer advocacy opportunity.

Vets Raise Funds to Aid Transplant Candidate

Perinton Memorial Post 8495 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, is spearheading a fund drive to raise the \$200,000 necessary for Ruth Bauer to have a liver transplant.

Mrs. Bauer, a victim of a liver disease that can only be cured by transplant, is a member of St. Patrick's Church in Macedon.

A \$25-per-couple roast beef dinner is slated for June

16 at the Fairport VFW to aid in the fund drive.

To date, members of the post and Mrs. Bauer's relatives have raised \$5,000 in donations.

Persons wishing to contribute to the effort are asked to make checks payable to "VFW-Bauer Transplant Fund," and send them to Fairport Savings & Loan Assoc., 45 S. Main St., Fairport, N.Y. 14450.

In addition, merchants in the Victor, Palmyra, Macedon and Fairport area are displaying donations containers on their counters.

Further information on the drive is available from Ellroy F. Schutt, chairman of the fund, (716) 223-6552.

The post has also received permission from the state VFW to solicit donations from posts and auxiliaries throughout the state.



Fr. Carbone



Fr. Kelly



Fr. Lammiman



Fr. McNamara



Fr. Newcomb



Fr. Tobin

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