

**Division of Education
Religious Ed. Field Offices
1983-84**

...and the Lord said: "I will be to you, to the Father, to the Holy Spirit and to the Church, as the Father is to the Son and the Spirit is to the Church." — Luke 10:1

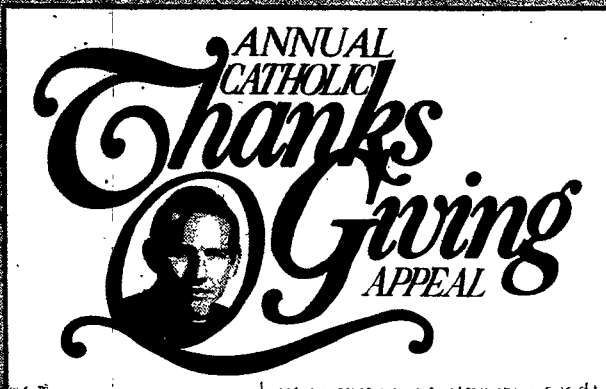
This quote from St. Luke could well be the motto of the diocesan field offices for religious education in Elmira and Geneva. Established for the Southern Tier in 1981 and for the Finger Lakes in 1983, the offices have been charged by Bishop Clark with the task of bringing the resources and services of the diocesan religious education offices to parishes in a 10-county area — an area that might have difficulty using them from the office located in Rochester.

The Southern Tier Office is located at 160 High St., Elmira, and serves Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tompkins and Tioga counties. It is staffed by Virginia Stanton, diocesan field consultant, and Joan Teeter, secretary.

The Finger Lakes Office is located at 21 High St., Geneva, and serves Ontario, Wayne, Yates, Seneca and Cayuga counties. Patricia Lawlor



Pat Lawlor



serves as field consultant, and Joanne Maher is secretary.

Both Pat and Ginny spend a major portion of their time traveling throughout their regions — visiting pastors and coordinators. There are two main goals of these visits: first to insure that each parish, no matter where it is located, has access to the resources of the diocese; and second, to put parishes in touch with one another for mutual sharing and support. This is an important need. As Isabelle Fay, religious education coordinator from St. Patrick's Parish in Seneca Falls, stated, "It's so good to have someone close by on whom I can call when I need help."

During the past year Pat and Ginny have helped conduct and coordinate catechist training and enrichment. In an effort to support volunteer catechists, both offices assisted in sponsoring days and evenings of recollection, potluck suppers and guest speakers. In addition, they worked directly with parishes requesting help in developing sacramental programs. In some cases, they helped set up sacramental preparation programs where none existed. In other cases, they worked directly with parents, giving them the opportunity to actively participate in the sacramental preparation of their children. It has been estimated that, in the past year, both consultants have traveled a total of 22,000 miles and have provided approximately 225 direct services to over 80 parishes in their regions.



Virginia Stanton, seated, and Joan Teeter.

The Finger Lakes and Southern Tier offices maintain a print resource library which contains religious education textbook series from all the major publishing companies, along with materials for sacramental preparation. Additional resources on such topics as liturgy, peace and justice, catechetics, theology, and spirituality are also available. In addition, the Southern Tier Office maintains an audio-visual library which contains a variety of films and filmstrips for use in parishes.

In the coming year, both offices hope to increase their consultative and sacramental preparation services. They will also work closely with parishes in the training of volunteer catechists and, in general, continue to assess and meet the needs of the area in the field of religious education. Sister Patricia Flass, coordinator of religious education at St. Mary's, Corning, sums it up when she says, "In my first year as coordinator in the Corning area, it has been very helpful and convenient to have a resource center so close by. They understand the particular needs of this area and have helped me with programs from Advent to Summer Vacation Bible School."

AT YOUR PARISH

St. Patrick

Seneca Falls — The annual summer festival for St. Patrick's Church, one of the largest of its kind in the area, will open 5 p.m., August 2, 3 and 4 behind the school on West Bayard Street. Featured at the event are dinners: ziti and meatballs on Thursday, fish fry on Friday and chicken barbecue on Saturday. Admission to the festival is free. The public is invited.

St. Agnes

Avon — The Rosary Society of St. Agnes Church recently announced the names of its officers for 1984-85. They are Pat Tuchrello, president; Joan Prinzi, vice president; Barb Barb Dougherty, secretary; and Ellen Brown, treasurer, according to Mrs. Harold Cole of the parish.

Pilgrimage

Father James Connolly, SJ, of the diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal, will lead a 12-day pilgrimage to the holy land Sept. 20-Oct. 1. Interested persons are asked to contact him at the renewal office 34 Monica St., Rochester, N.Y. 14619; (716)436-6252. Alternatively, those interested are asked to contact Catholic Travel Office, (301) 657-9762.

Reunion Call

Persons of the 1964 graduating class of Sacred Heart Cathedral School will hold a reunion Saturday, Sept. 29 at Stephen's Party House, 4370 Dewey Ave. Graduates not contacted by the reunion committee are asked to call Peggy Casey Zimmer, 865-3488; Ron La Force, 225-0761; Nora Carroll Elliot, 392-2977; Martha Kirkey Newell, 621-5938.

Precious Blood

A summer festival will be held at Most Precious Blood Church, beginning 6 p.m., Aug. 10 and 11, and 1 p.m., Aug. 12 at the church on Lexington and Stenson. Featured will be the food booth with such Italian favorites as pizza, pizza frita and tripe. Also served will be chicken wings with "Nick's special sauces." A macaroni dinner will be served in the school hall, 1 p.m., Aug. 12. Advance ride tickets are available for \$2, and will cover all three days. Entertainment includes a disc jockey on Friday and Saturday and live music on Sunday. Further information and discount ride tickets are available by contacting the rectory, 458-6079.

Holy Cross

The Holy Cross Prayer Group has scheduled its annual Beach Mass at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13, at 288 Beach Ave. Parking for the charismatic Mass is available at Ontario Beach Park. Those attending should bring lawn chairs. In case of rain, Mass will be at the Ontario Beach Park Pavilion.

Advisory

The Courier-Journal is legally restrained from publishing notices of any games of chance or the prizes won for such games.

Guardian Angels

Henrietta — The Queen of the Americas Guild of the Guardian Angels Church holds a perpetual novena in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:30 p.m. each Monday. The public is invited.

The guild also sponsors a First Saturday program which includes a 9 a.m. Mass, recitation of the rosary, 15 minutes of meditation, acts of reparation and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and a hymn to Our Lady of Fatima, on the first Saturday of each month. The hour-long event "is in reparation for our sins, world peace and the conversion of Russia," according to Phil Drexler, president of the guild.

St. Patrick

Corning — A call has been issued by St. Patrick's Church to crafts persons to assist with the November St. Patrick's Bazaar. Particularly noted were those who knit, sew, crochet, and

macrame. Also organizers are asking for donations of yarn, fabric, baskets, dried flowers, and ribbon. Further information is available from Georgianna Watkins, 524-8476.

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