

Auburn Man Heads National AOH

Albany -- Thomas D. McNabb of Auburn was elected national secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at its 82nd biennial convention here recently. The AOH is the oldest Catholic lay organization in the United States, organized in 1836 in New York City.

McNabb has served in many capacities since becoming a member of the Auburn John F. Kennedy Division I in 1955. He has been national editor, national pro-life chairman, national president, national vice president, state president, state secretary, state director, state chairman of immigration and state organizer.

In addition, he has served as local president for seven terms, treasurer for four terms, and vice president. He

presently is local editor and chairman of Catholic Action.

He is vice chairman of the Cayuga County United Way Committee; a member of the Cayuga County Democratic Committee; treasurer of Local 806, Civil Service Employees Association; member of the finance committee of Blessed Trinity School; member of the Holy Family choir; member of the CSEA Region Political Action Committee, and a member of the CSEA regional planning committee.

McNabb is the Auburn city safety inspector and is married to the former Bridget Breen of County Kerry, Ireland. The couple has three daughters and two sons.

He says he will conduct the national AOH out of Auburn and also will direct the Washington, D.C., office.

GEM Gets Grant

Genesee Ecumenical Ministries has been awarded a \$5,000 grant by the Public Welfare Foundation, Inc. of Washington, D.C. for the Neighborhood Action Project.

The Neighborhood Action Project, established in 1982, is a partnership between GEM's Judicial Process Commission and a coalition of neighborhood groups under the auspices of the Lewis Street Center.

It is aimed at involving and supporting the residents of the Lewis Street area in conflict resolution in order to make the neighborhood a safer place to live and thrive.

The project's present focus is the establishment of a neighborhood-based mediation program implemented by neighborhood residents.

Direction and policy for the project comes from a leadership committee of 10 residents from the area and one representative of the Judicial Process Commission.

Open House Scheduled For Nurses

The Department of Nursing of Nazareth College will have an open house for registered nurses interested in the college's upper-level baccalaureate nursing program from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 22, in the nursing lab, Room 230, Smyth Hall.

Diploma and associate degree graduates of area nursing programs are invited. Other evening open houses are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 4, and Monday, Dec. 10.

Nursing department representatives will discuss admission requirements, curriculum design, opportunities for part-time and fulltime study and managing work, story and family responsibilities.

Nazareth's program leads to a BS in nursing.

Picnic

Make Today Count, a program of the United Cancer Council, will hold its annual picnic, 6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 27 at the Rochester Academy of Medicine, 1441 East Ave. All cancer patients and their families are welcome to the event for which The Golden Eagle String Band will play. Reservations are necessary and are made by calling the council, 473-8230.

Deadline

The Courier-Journal deadline for copy is noon on Thursday preceding Wednesday publication. The offices are at 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.



Three Win Scholarships

Three graduates of area high schools have been awarded scholarships by the Rochester Polish People's Home and the Michael Stanley Broki Foundations. The scholarships are \$1,000 each and are applied to college costs. The recipients are (left to right): Wieslaw Adam Herdzik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Herdzik, a graduate of Bishop Kearney High School, who will attend the University of Buffalo; Deborah Ann Sobieraj, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sobieraj, a graduate of Churchville Chili High School, who will attend the University of Rochester; Robert Andrew Sobolewski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Florian Sobolewski, a graduate of McQuaid Jesuit High School, who will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. This is the 30th year the awards have been made.

32 Frosh Join St. James Classes

Hornell -- Thirty-two freshmen have begun classes at St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing to become candidates for registered nurse licenses as the school reopened following vacation.

During orientation week beginning July 30, the freshmen Monday enjoyed a coffee and donut get-together with members of the administration, faculty and staff. Paul Shephard, associate administrator, and Loretta Haeefe, school director, welcomed them.

Miss Haeefe introduced members of the faculty and staff. Also speaking were Mark Beecher, Student Government Association president; Brian Smith, librarian, and Dr. Bradley Bowden, professor of anatomy and physiology. A fire safety

demonstration was conducted by David Smith, fire marshal.

On Tuesday, Rita Webb, RN, recruitment officer, explained hospital organizations and services and Sister Pat Prinzing, Quality of Work Life director, covered hospital history, tradition and philosophy.

During the rest of the week, freshmen were divided into three groups to receive library orientation from Brian Smith, Nursing I from instructors Othonia Viriay, Wendu Potter and Cesis Cruz, and anatomy and physiology science laboratory from instructor Joan Bowden.

A noon-time picnic for all students took place on the school lawn Friday and upper classmen conducted tours of

the hospital facilities. Classes began Aug. 6.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Responding To Scandal

A friend who is a strong, intelligent Catholic wrote a lengthy letter expressing his distress about the bureaucracy in the Church, and the recent allegations of shady financial dealings. He had just read David Yallop's invidious book against the Holy See, with the insinuation that Pope John Paul I was murdered by one of a possible six, including Cardinal Cody, who wanted him out of the way. The message, of course, insinuates that the Holy See with its wealth and bureaucracy has lost the spirit of Jesus of the Gospels. It would take too much time and research to reply adequately. Hence this limited response:

Dear (): Your long letter shows much thought. But I do not think anyone who knows history would question that terrible things have happened within the Church, done by Catholics: kings, princes and other laity; churchmen and Sisters. Are you familiar with Henri Daniel-Rops' "History of the Catholic Church?" He was a member of the French Academy, and wrote about 14 volumes of readable history. He presents the Church with all her warts and wrinkles and cancers, as well as with its charities and holiness and grace. But he always makes the distinction between the Divine and human elements of the Church.

Yes, I saw David Yallop, author of the book which disturbs you. He insinuates that Pope John Paul I was murdered. He was on some talk show. I have read a few reviews of the book, and conclude it is juicy enough to have a circulation. After all, the papers report that Penthouse sales went up eight million this past issue over the poor girl who was so indiscreet at the age of 17. I look forward to Judgment Day, when "all shall be revealed" to observe the many droolers,

and to note how they behaved in their teens. Thanks to original sin, people generally love the purient, and those things which tear down people.

Your letter came yesterday. Providentially, a big truck came in the afternoon to deliver a box to our school. The truck was 12 feet high, and broke the cable of our TV set in the rectory, so we could not get the Olympics. However, I have a video cassette machine, and decided to re-watch "The Scarlet and the Black." It is an historically true account of the work of Msgr. O'Flaherty during the Nazi occupation of Rome. Our Msgr. Dick Burns of St. Thomas the Apostle knew Msgr. O'Flaherty personally. This ingenious Irish priest, played by Gregory Peck, was stationed in the Vatican during the Nazi occupation and was instrumental in rescuing escaped allied soldiers, Jews, Italians, and at the end even the wife and children of the barbaric Nazi colonel, played by Christopher Plummer. I will send the cassette to you. There must be some in your town with a video cassette machine. It takes about two and a half hours, and is thrilling.

If you think Jesus did not leave a blueprint of organization for a universal religion, why do you think He trained 12 men to be bishops of the flock, and placed Peter as the head? And why do you think He gave the mechanisms to care for souls through parishes and dioceses and bureaux? And if Jesus were in Rome at the time of the Nazi possession in 1944, how would He have handled the situation to help escaped soldiers and Jews and Italians threatened with death camps? Would He have acted as Msgr. O'Flaherty? I do not know, but I suspect that He would have given him a pat on the back and said, "Well done;" and this within the limits of the much organized Vatican.

Greetings to your family, and to all the townsfolk and your good pastor.

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