

Peace Rosary Rally Organizer Sees Major Event

The Rosary Rally for Peace, to be led here by Bishop Constantino Luna, international president of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, Sept. 29, is developing at such a pace that the

Community War Memorial has been hired for the event, Mrs. Mary Kelly said last week.

The rally, originally scheduled for Holy Rosary Church, will now be held in

the municipal facility with a capacity for more than 7,000 persons.

In addition, Mrs. Kelly said, such interest has been generated throughout the diocese that buses are being chartered from as far away as Auburn.

Volunteers also are coming to the fore, she said, as are pledges of prayer and sacrifice, as well as financial support, for the success of the event.

"I just think this is going to be the biggest thing to happen here," she said last week.

Similar rallies are being held in more than 80 cities across the North American continent this year.

Bishop Luna called for the effort after a meeting with Pope John Paul II, who, he said, inspired the project.

He also said, "The U.S. bishops have exposed their concern over the nuclear dilemma, and they have called for prayers to the Queen of Peace. It is up to all of us to respond to that call."

Lay Carmelites

Rochester Lay Carmelites' regular monthly meeting will begin with a rosary, 2:45 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 2 at St. Ann's Home. Mass will be celebrated at 3:05 p.m. and a community meeting will follow. The public is invited.

ME Info

Ithaca — A Marriage Encounter information night will be held 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the Womens' Community Building, 100 W. Seneca St. The public is invited.

Bishop Jerome Hastrich of Gallup, N.M., is another promoter of the rallies. He said recently, "We have asked the people to pray for peace; this is their response." "The time is short, the need is great," he added.

Bishop Hastrich is national president of the Blue Army.

Mrs. Kelly also provided a list of diocesan who are organizing various volunteer efforts surrounding the rally. Persons interested in assisting the effort are asked to contact:

• Priests: Father Albert Shamon, 25 Center St., Waterloo, N.Y. 13165; (315)539-2944.

Father Robert Meng, 414 Lexington Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14613; (716)458-4422.

• Altar Boys: David Valentini, 1176 Culver Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14609; (716) 482-8085.

• Children: Mrs. Jean Lloyd, 65 Glendale Park, Rochester, N.Y. 14613; (716) 254-2394.

• Literature, Rosaries and Scapulars: Mrs. Dorothy Macaluso, 222 Chili Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14611; (716) 328-9707.

• Liturgy and Music: Jan

Fredericks, 432 Magee Ave., Rochester, N.Y., 14613; (716) 458-5628.

• Flowers: Mrs. Patricia Weber, 3706 Latta Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14612; (716) 392-7565.

• Ushers: Mrs. Herbert Mura, 52 North Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14626; (716) 225-4799.

• Carpenters: Frank

Modafari, 144 Burrows St., Rochester, N.Y. 14606; (716) 381-1825.

Mrs. Kelly asked diocesan to offer prayer and sacrifice for the rally, to consider volunteering their time, and for contributions.

Mrs. Kelly may be contacted at 7 Harwood Lane, East Rochester, N.Y. 14445; (716) 586-1664.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Trumansburg Memoirs

The final report of a recent six days caring for a Trumansburg parish: **The Neighbors:**

The time priests are likely to be together is around meal time. I stop at rectories, not primarily for food, but to share in the companionship of priests. While caring for Trumansburg, between Ithaca and Ovid, I stopped off at the Capuchins of Interlaken. These good men have St. Fidelis Friary on Cayuga Lake, near Shelldrake. They help out in several parishes in the diocese, and are on the Mission Band. Father John Propp, long time VA chaplain at Canandaigua, is there. The rector, Father James McIntyre, gave me "The Life of Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.," whose cause the Capuchins (pronounced kap-yu-shin) are promoting for canonization. The versatile Brother Lawrence prepared supper. It was good to meet with such devoted men.

En route back to Trumansburg, which is about a dozen miles away, I stopped to see John Gormley who has bought and is fixing up an old abandoned church at Shelldrake for a residence, about a mile from the Capuchins. When he was my assistant for three months, I remember he found an old piece of driftwood and fashioned it into a striking primitive base for a crucifix. He is on the staff of Family Counseling Service in Geneva, and was not at home.

The next door neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard O'Brien of Ithaca, invited me into their summer cottage. He is retired from the FBI. She is a graduate from Mount St. Vincent's and the mother of five scattered children. They are strong in the Faith, but they have not been getting the Courier-Journal. "Give me your address and I will ask Father Carges to put you on the parish Courier list."

Joining the church and rectory in Trumansburg is a meeting room, called "The Pine Room." The invaluable secretary, Pat Bowers, showed me the pictures of past pastors whom I knew, hanging on the wall: Fathers Hogan, Kelly, Marks, Hanna, Sansom and Ryan. Father McFarland was there for three months but has not produced proof that he was pastor, so he is off the wall.

One noon, Fathers

Newcomb and Heisel came for lunch, prepared by occasional housekeeper, Rita Lawrence -- mother of 11, sister of Sister Susanna Delaney who just celebrated her 50th anniversary as a Sister of Mercy. One evening in Ithaca, I visited Miss Ann Tressy, sister of Father John Tressy, my classmate, who died 19 years ago, after serving at St. Monica's, Wolcott and Macedon. She is confined to the house by poor health. Father Carges, whom she has canonized, brings her Holy Communion, which is her greatest consolation, and a kindness to the sister of a fine, not-to-be-forgotten priest. Later I stopped at Immaculate Conception Church where I served as an assistant under the tutelage of Father William Byrne. Pastor Carges and Father Lew Brown were out, but Father Bob Bourcy, newly arrived from the training under Father Bernard Dollen, was a gracious host. And with him is Father Budi Susanto, an Indonesian Jesuit who is studying anthropology at Cornell, and is in residence at the rectory. He said that vocations to the Jesuits are greatest from India, next from Spain, and third from Indonesia.

Peace Camp:

My route back to Webster went by Romulus Peace Camp, so I stopped in. A young woman welcomed me, and offered literature. A neat young man, about 20, was with her. Surprised, I asked, "Are men allowed within the encampment?" "No. But my mother is in the off-limits-to-males section." Several barefooted bohemian-like women lounged about in a kind of ennui. At a nearby restaurant, I was told the more sophisticated and affluent protesters usually put up at the Holiday Inn or such places for the demonstrations. My receptionist said that the water and toilet problems which plagued the opening of the Protest Encampment were resolved; the neighbors are less hostile this year; and publicity has been good. I thought, "Wouldn't it be good if these peace advocates would also go to Russia and demonstrate." I felt so sorry about these well-meaning women, I opened the trunk of my car, showed them the two beautiful cakes I bought from the St. James Barbecue: an angel food and a mocha, and said, "Select the one you want. It is a gift." They chose the mocha, and may Our Lord bless their hearts and give them wisdom.

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