

Bishop Urges CDA to Bring Jesus to World

Hornell — "Just as Mary brought forth Jesus into the world, so are we called to bring Him to those we encounter in our daily lives," Bishop Matthew H. Clark told the Catholic Daughters of the Americas here Sept. 22.

The bishop was the principal celebrant at a Memorial Mass of the Past Regents Club of the CDA at St. Ann's

Church. Hundreds of members of the organization throughout the diocese, friends and parishioners attended the annual event which was sponsored this year for the first time by Court St. Ann, the local chapter.

Basing his homily on the New Testament parable of the seed which fell on good ground, the bishop said:

"Those who hear the word of God must respond to it daily. Just as Mary lived in the spirit of holiness, we should model our lives after her, walking in the presence of God. Let the world touch you and meet it with service attained through prayer and an increased awareness of the power and love of God."

Concelebrating with him were Father Louis Vaisle,

Father Thomas Burr, Father Elmer Schmidt and Father Paul Gibbons.

In his welcome to the visiting courts, Father Schmidt, pastor of St. Ann's, said the number of women participating in the Mass was "evidence of a sincere commitment to the Catholic faith."

Scripture readings during the Mass were given by Mrs. Kay Cramer of Albany, state regent of the CDA, and by Mrs. Sally Rytlewski of Albion, state treasurer. Mrs. Jean Sebaumloeffel of Waterloo, vice president, expressed appreciation for Hornell hospitality at the luncheon which followed the Mass. The leader for the

'Celebration' Workshop Set Oct. 6

Henrietta — "Celebration," the Good Shepherd Church-based ecumenical dance group, will host a prayer-through-movement workshop 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6 in the Good Shepherd Chapel and gym.

"The workshop will be an experience of 'God's Human Face,' a parish release stated, "an inner and outreach experience of discovering the joy of human friendship embraced and transformed by the love of God in Jesus Christ."

"For the group it will be the searching out for the many and varied faces of our Lord's longing to care for, love, heal, pray and dance with us."

"The workshop will conclude with a Communion service with input and participation by all."

Welcome are people "from ages 9 to 90 (with little or no dance experience)," the release said.

Helga Shulz Morgan, dancer and choreographer, Betty Miller, drama and dance teacher, and Paula Dumont, theology specialist, will instruct the workshop.

The cost is \$3 per person. Participants are asked to bring a brown bag lunch and wear comfortable clothes.

Further information and reservations are available by calling 334-9751 or 334-5175.

Mass was Miss Ann Conklin of Hornell

Officers from 17 courts in the diocese, wearing ceremonial robes, entered the church in solemn procession, escorted by the honor guard of the Knights of Columbus fourth degree in formal regalia. Music for the Mass was by John Bartell, organist, and Mrs. Mary Scott of Penn Yan, soloist.

Mrs. Mary Vitti of Waterloo, president of the Past Regents Club, was toastmistress at the luncheon in the Knights of Columbus dining hall.

Bishop Clark, guest of honor, was presented with a check for \$2,500 from the organization for the training of seminarians.

Deadline

The editorial deadline for the Courier-Journal is Thursday noon, preceding Wednesday publication.

In his response, Bishop Clark explained the various levels of preparation for the priestly ministry now in effect in the diocese.

Given special recognition at the luncheon were Mrs. Dolores Andrus of Hornell, chairperson of the event; state officers; and district deputies: Monica Rapp of Rochester, Cora Young of Waterloo, Mary Scott of Penn Yan and Dorothy Weymuth of Waverly.



Principals at the CDA event are (left to right) Mrs. Vitti, Father Schmidt, Mrs. Rytlewski, Mrs. Andrus, Bishop Clark, and Mrs. Cramer.

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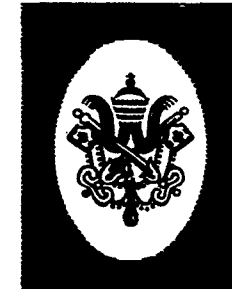
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Word for Sunday

Where's Life There's Hope

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mt. 21/33-43. (R1) is. 5/1-7. (R2) Phil. 4/6-9.

Did you ever hear the story of George Labron? He was a young third baseman who was handed a \$30,000 bonus to sign a contract to play with the Philadelphia ball club. Labron was only 14 years old at the time.

Labron pocketed the thirty grand, signed the contract, and was sent, with high hopes, to the Philly farm club in Auburn to develop. Described by the scouts as having a tremendous throwing arm, great speed, and a batting average of .280. George, just two years later, developed "large, heavy legs." Because of his large, heavy legs, the Auburn manager reported, George didn't have a third baseman's range and couldn't move quickly from his left to his right, and that concerned everyone.

And there you have the sad story of a young George Labron, who, according to baseball's chilling actuaries, is a man of 16 ready for retirement, charged with having in his possession "heavy legs." In baseball you can get away with a few infirmities, but heavy legs is not one of them.

The Philadelphia ball club had shelled out big money for what they thought would eventually bring a harvest of homeruns, but it, and the young ballplayer, both struck out.

That's the story of the vineyard parables told by Isaiah and Jesus in next Sunday's liturgy: crop failure. Failure after great investment.

In the Isaiah parable, God is the disappointed

husbandman and Israel is the bad crop. In the Jesus parable, God is the householder and His chosen people still the unproductive vineyard. Not to trivialize God's disappointments with people, we know the same experiences among ourselves. How often parents make great sacrifices for their children only to reap nothing! How often teachers pour out themselves day in and day out and have students who fail! Honest, sincere people have invested life savings into businesses and industries only to see them go bankrupt. God's disappointments in His vineyard are echoed again and again in the human family.

No solution is offered in the parables. So the only lesson that can be learned is one of acceptance and perseverance. Just as God has been patient and faithful with Israel and all humanity, so must we be with one another. The child disappoints despite one's best efforts; accept it and go on from there. The student refuses to learn; and the teacher does not resign. This year's crop may not produce, but next year there may well be a fresh crop — and maybe better!

This does not mean, however, that we are to retreat into a fatalistic resignation or irresponsibility. Rather it's a mature understanding of reality and a sound response to it. The alternative is to wallow in guilt or self-pity or remorse — which does no one any good.

It's sad, to be sure, when "crops" fail. And there are any number of reasons why they do. But once the grapes turn sour, there isn't much one can do to sweeten them. One can only hope and pray. For while there's life, there's hope!

Young Adult Ministry Sets Cabin Party

The diocesan Young Adult Ministry has invited all young adults and their families to a cabin party, 1-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13 at Cavalry House Lodge in Mendon Ponds Park.

The event is for those ages 18 to over 35, married or single.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. In case of rain, volleyball and other outdoor games will be replaced by indoor activities and games.

The suggested donation is \$4 with dish to pass; \$5 without dish; and \$1 for children under 12.

Further information is available from Karen Rinefierd, coordinator of Young Adult Ministry, 586-1919.

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