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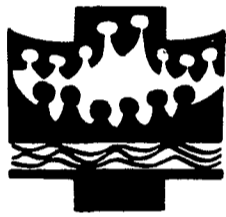
Guadalupean Gala

Stella Masuzzo, above, greets more than 250 guests at the tenth annual banquet honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. The program included recognizing the original 38 supporters of the event. The Blessed Mother was crowned by Wanda and Clarence Gerstner who recite the rosary, below. In keeping with the program's patriotic theme, each individual state was prayed for by roll-call. The singing of Christmas carols was led by Joan Valentini and Che Pabalan



Insights In Liturgy

By Mary L. Heidkamp



There Are Many Ways To Share

"Peace on earth..." "And let the earth be glad... Christ is born..." Such are typical words on any number of Christmas cards which we receive year after year. These words almost seem trite in light of what is happening in our world today. We are tempted to ask, "What difference does it make that Christ was born?" and we may see the message of "peace on earth..." as being an insurmountable challenge.

But we are a people of faith and a people of hope. Yet, we are also a people who confront constant suffering in our world.

This year as we approach Christmas our human family is plagued by famine in Ethiopia, conflict in Central America, chemical disaster in India, unemployment in our neighborhoods and families, homeless persons on the streets and record numbers of people living below the poverty line. These situations and others make me feel uncomfortable. Yet in light of this we cannot lose hope in the "promises of peace." Peace has to start in our everyday life, not just conveniently at Christmas time. Peace must be lived in our minds, hearts and actions, in season and out of season.

In words echoed by John Paul II and the U.S. bishops, Pope Paul said, "if you want peace, work for justice." This means simply that the values which we celebrate at Christmas and in the coming of Christ,

must become an integral aspect of our economic, social and political institutions.

The numerous ways that people respond to charity are commendable, whether it be giving to the Catholic Charities/Courier-Journal Appeal for the 100 neediest causes, or the relief for those suffering in Ethiopia or spending the night as a volunteer in a shelter for the homeless. There are so many ways to share. However, it seems at Christmas time we are bombarded with appeals, and indeed, we do give in a spirit of "Christmas," but that simply isn't enough. Once the Christmas season is over, we tend to become less attuned to the needs of people.

As I reflect on the constant and current suffering in our world, I am reminded of a section of the peace pastoral, "Shaping a Peaceful World." The bishops challenge us to see our world as a human family, while at the same time ask us to move beyond our personal sense of generosity and compassion and into a support for policies which promote global justice.

The values which we celebrate in the Christmas season find their roots in scripture and are cited by the bishops as key elements to peacemaking in our world. Christmas is a time when we are reminded that we fall short, but that we can begin again with renewed hope and a sense of vision, to work on building a just and peaceful world day-by-day, everyday, and not just at Christmas.

(Mary Heidkamp is director of the Office of Justice and Peace for the Diocese of Rochester.)

Lady of Lourdes

Elmira — Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Church were advised last week that Advent Penance Services will be held 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19; 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 22; and 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 23. Penitents are asked to bring to the church offerings for the poor. Suggested items are canned or staple foods, infant's clothing or disposable diapers.

Immaculate

Ithaca — Pre-Cana will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26 in room 108 of Immaculate Conception School. Pre-registration is required.

Elmira Parish To Note 50th

Elmira Heights — St. Charles Borromeo Church has been planning several months for its 50th anniversary as an independent parish.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will join parishioners in a jubilee Mass 11 a.m., Jan. 13. Former associate pastors will also attend. Following the Mass, a program and smorgasbord dinner will be held in the church hall.

The parish is collecting memorabilia like photographs, anecdotes and memories from anyone who has been associated with the parish during the past 50 years.

Several other events are also planned for the year. In May, St. Charles will celebrate its 25th anniversary in its church on Oakwood Avenue. Prior to this time, the church was located at the corner of Grand Central and 11th, now the site of a restaurant.

The parish also has scheduled a special Lenten program of renewal, a bus trip, a Polka Mass, a parish picnic and a fall festival.

Father Joseph Gaynor, who has been at St. Charles since 1969, will celebrate his 40th year in the priesthood March 17.

Past and present members of the parish interested in



FATHER LIOI  
Father Lioi  
Vice Rector  
At Louvain

Leuven, Belgium — Father Frank E. Lioi, a Rochester diocesan priest, has been named vice rector of the American College, Catholic University of Louvain.

Father Lioi, ordained in 1967, has served at the American College as assistant to the rector for Planning and Development since 1981. He will retain these responsibilities in addition to his duties as vice rector. He formerly was rector of St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester.

St. Joseph

Penfield — A mass for the Charismatic Renewal community will be celebrated 7:30 p.m., Dec. 20 at St. Joseph's Church. Father James Moynihan, pastor, will preside.

St. Francis Assisi

The People's Eucharistic League will hold its monthly holy hour, 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 22 at St. Francis of Assisi Church on the corner of Orange and Whitney streets. The public is invited to join in the time of prayer.

St. Anne

Palmyra — Parishioners

of St. Anne's Church were advised that the preschool in session during the 9:15 a.m. Mass on Sundays is in need of help to assist with the youngsters. Interested persons have been asked to call Sister Kathleen McCarthy SSJ, 597-9694.

Assumption

Fairport — The Senior High Youth Group of Church of the Assumption of Our Lady has rescheduled its retreat for Feb. 1-3. Registration for the event will be held in the hall following Masses Dec. 22 and 23. A \$10 non-refundable downpayment is asked at registration. The total fee will be \$20, which covers housing, food and materials needed. Further information is available from Sister Marsha MSHS, 223-0525.

St. Patrick

Corning — The human development committee of St. Patrick's Church is seeking volunteers to make up baskets and deliver them to

the needy of the area, Saturday, Dec. 22. Interested persons are asked to contact Barb Raemore, 962-2357 as quickly as possible.

St. Ambrose

The annual communal penance service with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be celebrated 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 20 at St. Ambrose Church. Confessions will be heard 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturday; and 3-4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 4.

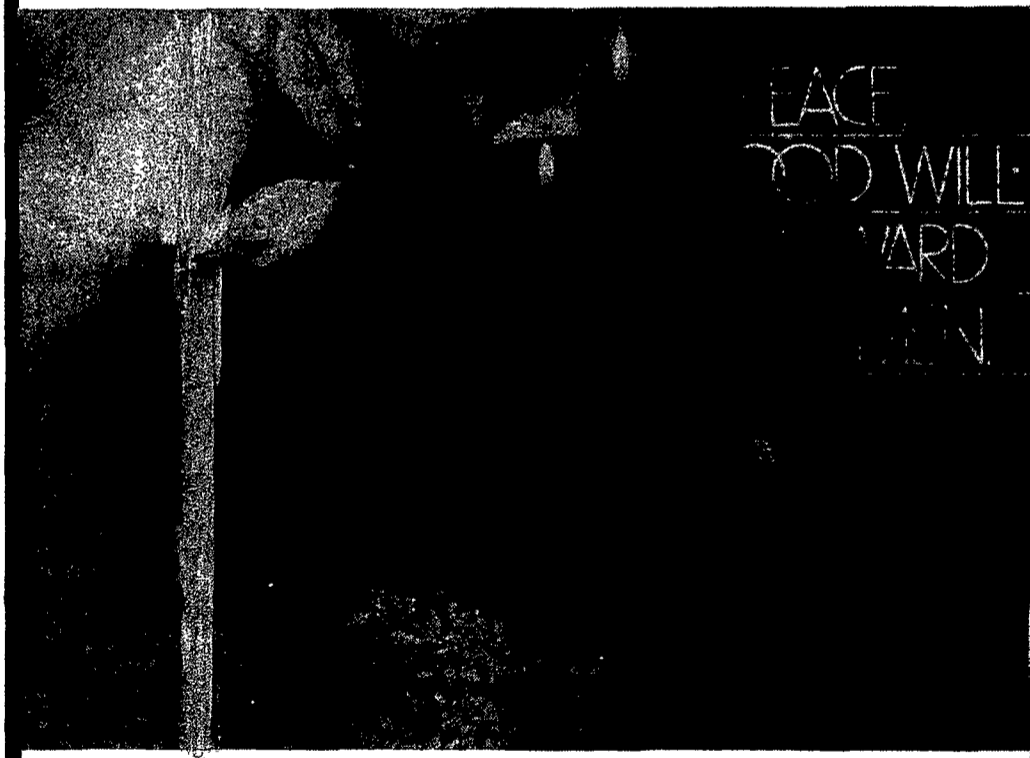
Corpus Christi

A holiday canned goods drive is being conducted by Corpus Christi Church in conjunction with Monroe Savings Bank. Displays have been set up in each of the bank's branches where donors may leave goods. The parish will then distribute the food. Persons interested in donating are asked to contact Pamela Pepe at Monroe Savings Bank, 325-3250 for information on branch locales.

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