

CERT Courses Being Offered around Diocese

A diocesan release last week alerted catechists that courses in Continuing Education for Religion Teachers (CERT) are being offered throughout the diocese.

Several sessions for advanced catechists are scheduled. Among them are: "Let's Be Practical," presented by Sister Nancy Derycke, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., March 2 at St. Christopher's Church 3350 Union St. in North Chili. The fee is \$10 and provides five credit hours.

The program is for catechists who find that after having experience in the classroom and exposure to basic doctrine, there is still more to learn and discuss, the diocese said. This workshop will include ideas on prayer, scripture, discipline and creativity.

"Psalms in the Classroom," will be given by Mrs. Mary Matteson, 9:30 a.m.-2:230 p.m., April 20 at St. John the Evangelist on Humboldt Street. The fee is \$6 and the course will provide

three and a half credit hours. Participants, the diocese said, will venture briefly into the world of the psalmist and try to understand the nature of the book of Psalms. A variety of learning approaches will be discussed and several implemented in small group experiences during the course of the day. "Celebrating Jesus," will be presented by Katie Fechter, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.,

May 6 at a place to be announced. The fee is \$10 and the course gives six credit hours. The course is described as "an advanced methods course for both experienced catechists and seasoned teachers. It is aimed primarily at adults working with children in grades 1-6; prayer, Jesus, sacraments and ideas to enhance the liturgical seasons will be

highlighted." "In Song and Story" will be given by Patricia Morris and Mary Lu Walker, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., March 16 at St. Mary Our Mother School 811 Westlake St. in Horseheads. Ms. Morris is a professional storyteller who works under the name "Rose Red." Ms. Walker is widely known as a songwriter and musician. The course covers

the use of storytelling and music in the classroom. "Classroom Management and Classroom Enrichment Techniques for Catechists is currently being offered at Sacred Heart Church Community Center in Perkinsville. Further information on CERT is available to callers of the diocesan Religious Education Office, (716)328-3210.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Elmira Keeps The Faith

Q. How was your recent Elmira novena assignment?

A. Great! Elmira is something special. In past years I have served at Ss. Peter and Paul for Father Dick O'Connell; Elmira Reformatory for Father Gramkee; St. Joseph's Hospital for Father Tim McGough, O. Carm; Sts. Anthony and Patrick for the Eucharistic League under the aegis of Fathers Egan, Holland and Collins. After the novena ended, I supplied a few extra days as priest in residence.

Q. What did you do after novena ended?

A. The usual pastoral consultations, Communion calls and visitations, and held long discussions with Father Ed Golden who resides at Lourdes and is the most companionable of men. Ithacan Sister Judy Kendrick, pastoral assistant, said, "I'd like you to visit Mrs. Godnow. She knows a lot about Ireland and you would make a good match for one another." (I discovered later that she thought Mrs. G. and I shared congenitally honest directness.)

Before entering the house, Sister J. said, "Mrs. G. is almost blind." However, when she presented me, Mrs. G. exclaimed, "Oh, you're lots bigger than I expected." Had I stayed in Elmira much longer I would have been much bigger still. Reminds me of an ad in the newspaper: "How to keep your husband's love. Send \$2 and the secret is yours." Many women sent \$2 and received a neat box within which was an envelope which held a baby blue card which read: "Feed the Brute!" Grace and Mary alternated as rectory cooks. They took such care of me I wondered if they had gotten the baby blue card. Mrs. G. observed, "Father McCabe is a good pastor. As soon as he gets a new parishioner he gives him a job."

Q. What are the Elmira people like?

A. Well, most I met are devout Catholics. I was struck by a genuine religious devotion and strong family ties. There is a religious conservatism which holds great Catholic traditions of doctrine and devotion in honor. They have little relish for contestations with the pope or Fancy Dan liturgists. They retain a remarkable reverence for priests and sisters.

It is the only city I have been in where some men still tip their hat out of respect for the priesthood.

Q. Any interesting incidents?

A. Yes. One touches me very much. I stopped at Gerould's pharmacy to get some Actifed. A girl clerk, about 17, beamed, "Hello, Father Cuddy." I said, "You must belong to Lourdes."

"Yes, I heard you Sunday at Mass but I knew you before. My sister Mary Rita Wayne is married to Scott Whitcomb. They belong to Webster and have often spoke of you."

Oh, yes. They sit in the front pew and are one of the nicest couples in Holy Trinity. She teaches CCD and they are thrilled they are having a baby in two months."

An attractive 16-year-old Charlie Sterpe, who has relatives in Clyde and Lyons, was talking to her. I inquired: "What parish do you belong to?"

"Any church that's nearest."

"Oh, come. Why be a religious gypsy? You should belong somewhere."

I was so impressed by him that the next day I brought a "Treasury of Prayer" to the Wayne girl and to Charlie. That night and the next following five nights Charlie was at novena. At the end he brought a medal and chain to me and asked me to bless it.

"Indeed, yes, and I want to keep in touch with you. I will write." I am convinced that there is a lot of untapped spiritual potential in our young people.

Q. Anything stirring in Elmira?

A. Mercy Sisters Rose and Howard, both nurses, are opening up an unusual day center for the elderly and disadvantaged in St. Cecilia's convent. I had supper with all the Sisters at St. Joseph's Hospital and Notre Dame High; lunch with all the area priests, who meet each Friday noon, and a pot luck supper with the Altar and Rosary Society, and met Elmiraans who made tours with me. Also discovered that Father John Brill has just moved into Bethany Residential Home in Horseheads. Elmira is now enriched by hundreds of prayer books and cassettes. And like the final flare of a fireworks display, Conklin's religious goods store bought 50 Archbishop Sheen tapes from me to sell in their store. The Elmira cassette market is better than most places.

ARE Workshop Rescheduled

"Educating Adults: The Person and the Process," a workshop jointly sponsored by the Association of Religious Educators and the diocesan Office of Religious Education will be 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m., Friday, March 29 at the motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The workshop had originally been scheduled for January.

The event is open to all ministers in the diocese, according to Ada M. Stankard, a member of the core team of the ARE.

"Because of scheduling

problems, the presenter, Mary Ragan, is only able to be in Rochester for the one day," Mrs. Stankard said. "However, she is confident that she will be able to cover most of the material that had been planned in the original schedule."

Mrs. Stankard described the intent of the workshop as "to facilitate growth as ministers through an experiential exploration of the dynamics of our own lives and through this to draw implications for broader understanding of adult faith development in the parish setting."

Ms. Ragan is a staff

therapist at the Counseling and Human Development Center in New York City. She is former co-director of the Syracuse diocesan Pastoral Counseling Center.

The ARE, Mrs. Stankard said, "is the only professional organization for directors, coordinators, and administrators in religious education in the diocese. The purpose of the organization is to foster personal and professional growth and excellence among its members, and to cooperate with and be supportive of the Office of Religious Education in the development of parish, regional and di-

ocesan levels."

Ms. Stankard also announced that the association's next regularly scheduled meeting will be 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, March 14, at Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

Further information on either the meeting or the workshop is available by calling Peg Herstine, St. Mary's in Auburn, (315) 252-9545; Sister Kathleen Wayne, St. Salome, (716) 323-1498; Mrs. Stankard, St. Pius Tenth, (716) 247-3322; or Sister Lucille Lenhard, Our Lady of Lourdes in Elmira, (607) 734-0727.

Deacon Given Chalice

Each year, the Bishop James E. Kearney Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus presents a chalice engraved with the names of Fourth Degree Knights who died during the preceding year to a transitional deacon or priest.

This year, the Rev. Mr. Patrick Sullivan was given the chalice memorialized with the names of John M. Morphy, PGK, FDD; Timothy Halpin, PGK; Paul Della Pietra, Sylvester Bagnato and former Masters of the Fourth Degree for the Fifth New York District, Frederick Mix and Raymond L. Nary Sr.

Rev. Mr. Sullivan is the son of Edwin and Mary



From left at chalice presentation, Donald Holmes, acting faithful navigator of the assembly; Rev. Mr. Sullivan; Father John Gagnier, assembly friar, and William Schmitz, PFN, master of ceremonies.

Sullivan of Victor. He completed his training for the priesthood at Immaculate

Conception Seminary, Mahwah, N.J. in 1984. He is serving as deacon at St.

Andrew's parish and will be ordained to the priesthood on May 10.

Bishops' Pastoral Discussed

The U.S. bishops' economic pastoral will be the focus of study for five Wednesday evenings in Lent, beginning Feb. 27 at Old St. Mary's Church, downtown.

Dr. Marvin Mich, professor of moral theology at St. Bernard's Institute, will present guidelines for study at the first session.

All sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. The public is invited.

Women's Retreat

Canandaigua — A retreat for women, "Prayer, You, and Your God Sharing Hearts," will be given March 15-17 at Notre Dame Retreat House. The program includes presentations, guided experiences of prayer and the opportunity to share with others. Further information and reservations are obtained by contacting the retreat house, P.O. Box 342, Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424; (716) 394-5700.



Marge Nurnberg, Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs; John M. Kubiniec, Office of Liturgy, and Donna Fitch, Office of Family Life, discuss the workshop.

Marriage Workshop Slated

A Marriage Workshop, co-sponsored by the offices of Liturgy, Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and Family Life, will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 23, at St. Stephen School in Geneva. The workshop is designed

for parish staffs, marriage preparation teams, liturgy committees, musicians and all involved in preparing engaged couples for their marriage ceremonies. Special sessions will be given in planning the ecumenical marriage celebration, the

Catholic celebration and music for the celebration. Registration is \$3 per person and may be made through the Office of Liturgy, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624, telephone (716) 328-3210. Deadline is March 15.