

# Activities Around the Diocese

## Elmira Healing Service

An ecumenical healing service has been scheduled at St. Mary's Church in Elmira on Monday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. Sponsoring the event is the healing service committee of the Chemung-Schuyler Region of the diocese.

"Concern for the many hurts and needs of the people in the Chemung Schuyler Region of the diocese has prompted the ministers of various Christian denominations to be invited to participate, with members of their congregations and with others, in a jointly celebrated healing service," wrote Dorothy Fisher, a spokesman for the committee.

"Of all the gifts of God to the Church, healing is among the least understood," she continued. "One might say also that it is among the least use of His gifts. Since healing is intended by God to benefit His people (the community of believers), it is imperative that these believers be informed of the healing ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ."

Fisher noted that healing touches many aspects of human experience from physical and emotional illness to the healing of the spirit from destructive memories, resentment or inability to forgive. While the experience of a healing is difficult to verbalize, those who hear of a healing often find it difficult to understand or accept.

## Leadership Conference

A full day of workshops focusing on parish leadership will be offered by the diocesan Office of Parish Services on Saturday, Sept. 21, at DeSales High School in Geneva. Formerly associated with the needs assessment process, the leadership conference has now been opened to all diocesan.

Father Eugene Hemrick, director of research for the United States Catholic Conference in Washington, will be the keynote speaker.

More than 90 parishes have indicated they will send representatives to Geneva. Eighteen workshops will be presented in three sessions with topics from "Future ministry in an aging Church" to "Urban Church: reality and vision" to "Using a census as a tool of pastoral planning."

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. A morning prayer will be offered by Bishop Matthew H. Clark at 9 a.m. and the keynote address is scheduled for 9:40 a.m. Workshops are scheduled from 10:50 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. The

She added that some Catholics view healing services as reserved for Pentecostals or "born-again Christians." On the contrary she asserted that "basic teachings about healing are in harmony within all Christian churches; including, but not limited to the Roman Catholic.

"Christians of different faith expressions ... can gather together to reach out with the healing power of the love of Christ," Fisher wrote. "When they do come together or assemble in this way, they extend the healing ministry of Jesus beyond the confines of their own tradition."

The healing service will include hymns, Scripture readings, prayers of intercession, giving witness, the blessing with oil and the laying-on of hands for those who desire it. All are welcome and the location is handicapped-accessible.

## Women's Club

St. Philip Neri Women's Club will hold its first meeting of the season on Thurs., Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the school hall. Benediction in the church is at 7 p.m.

Planned are a review of the year's program and collection of annual dues — \$3. Pizza and coffee will be served. New and old members are welcome.

Closing prayer is scheduled for 3 p.m. A fresh fruit and salad bar will be available for lunch at noon. The cost is \$2.50.

Activities scheduled in the school gym (keynote, welcome, morning prayer, closing) are wheelchair accessible, but workshops are not. The above will be signed for hearing-impaired, as will workshops where prior arrangements are made.

For more information, call Deacon Claude Lester at (716)328-3210.

## Parish Shrine Rededicated

The grotto of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the grounds of St. Patrick's Church in Owego is a local landmark. Several years ago a new outdoor statue was donated to the parish and more recently, the area around the shrine was refurbished.

Bishop Matthew Clark joined parishioners at St. Patrick's to celebrate Mass and rededicate the shrine on Sunday, August 18.

## Storytelling Workshop

Father John Shea, a popular Christian storyteller, will lead a workshop entitled "Telling the Stories of God in Everyday Ministry" on Friday, Sept. 27, at St. John of Rochester Church hall.

Parents, educators and church staff members and others seeking to connect their everyday work with their faith more effectively are urged to attend.

The day-long event, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., costs \$12 for members of sponsoring groups and \$15 per person for others. Beverages will be provided and participants are asked to bring bag lunches.

Registration inquiries may be directed to the Great Lakes Ministry Center, (716)288-3854.

## DPC Anniversary

On June 13, 1975, the first Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) was officially convened at Becket Hall by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan. As defined by its constitution, the DPC was to be "the coming together of the Bishop, priests, religious and laity on a regular basis to provide for the ongoing needs of the People of God."

On Friday evening, Sept. 20, 1985, DPC members, family and friends will gather to mark the 10th anniversary of the council with a Mass at St. Stephen's Church in Geneva, celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark, at 7:30 p.m.

New regional coordinators for the council will be installed during the liturgy as current DPC members renew their commitment. A reception will follow.

All are invited to join in this "celebration of shared responsibility." The church is wheelchair-accessible and has bathroom facilities for the handicapped. The liturgy will also be signed and bi-lingual. For more information, contact Martha Jodoin at (716)328-3210 or 334-6253.

## Adopt-A-Student

Holy Ghost School is preparing for its annual fundraiser which benefits each child by communicating the excellence of its program to all parishioners and alumni. Adopt-A-Student will begin Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21 and 22, with an introduction by Father Gennaro Ventura, the church's pastor. Informational packets will be sent to parishioners and graduates during the last week of September.

For more information please call the school, (716)247-4156, or the rectory, (716)247-3535. Tax-deductible contributions will directly benefit the school.

## Renewal Mission

St. Rose Church in Lima plans a spiritual renewal mission with Father Oliver J. O'Connor Monday through Thursday, Sept. 21-26. Father O'Connor is a Capuchin-Franciscan priest who has presented mission programs at parishes across the U.S. and Canada.

"An occasion to remind ourselves of our wonderful relationship with Jesus Christ and to get to know Him better than we do now," is how Father describes the mission's aim. "Every now and then, it's useful to step back from our busy lives to spend some quiet moments with God," added Father James F. Doyle, pastor of St. Rose.

Mission services will be held twice each day at 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (716)624-1005.

## Report from El Salvador

Eugene "Gus" Newport, formerly a leader of Rochester's black community and now mayor of Berkeley, Calif., will describe a recent trip to El Salvador at a rally on Monday, Sept. 23, at Manhattan Square Park. Newport will speak about the effect of U.S. military aid and the issues of non-intervention, humanitarian aid and sanctuary.

The rally is scheduled from 7:30-9:30 p.m. In case of rain, the Almagamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union at 750 East Avenue will be the site.

## Candidates Night

Knights of Columbus Council #4812, Our Lady of the Genesee, announces its annual Candidates Night, Friday, Sept. 20, at 8 p.m. in the Henrietta Town Hall. Designated candidates for Henrietta town supervisor and town council member, county clerk, sheriff and 12th District legislator have been invited. The general public is invited, especially Henrietta residents.

## Slide Show on Chastity

Blessed Sacrament Church's Respect Life and Adult Education committees will sponsor a slide presentation on chastity entitled "In the Springtime of Your Life" on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Produced by the Couple to Couple League of Ohio, the presentation will be shown in the school, located at the corner of Monroe Avenue and Oxford St.

A follow-up lecture on "Human Sexuality" by Dr. Kenneth Berkes, a physician and Christian counselor, is planned next Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the same location. Parents, youth and teachers are invited to attend. Both events are free and refreshments will follow.

## Scholarship Competition

On the line will be \$20,000 in college scholarships when high school students from eight states compete in the sixth annual Wimmer Scholarship Competition at St. Vincent's College in Latrobe, Pa., on Saturday, Oct. 26. Students must be nominated by their high school principals. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Awards of \$1,000 per year for four years will be given to the five students who earn top scores in a written examination on October 26. For more information, contact Don Orlando, (412)539-9761.

## Religious news program premieres; WXXI does not plan broadcast

Washington (NC) — "Newsfront," the only nationally televised news program covering national and international news about religion, was scheduled to premiere on some 30 public television stations beginning the weekend of Sept. 6.

Although the Rochester PBS station, WXXI Channel 21, does not plan to broadcast the program at this time "Newsfront" can be seen on WSKG, Channel 4, in Binghamton on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

A production of the broadcast department of National Catholic News Service, "Newsfront" is a weekly half-hour program that reports on events and issues surrounding the world's religions.

The newscast moved to public television this season after two seasons on national cable television. During that time it received several awards for excellence, including a

bronze medal at the 1984 International Film and TV Festival in New York.

The premiere episode of Newsfront includes a report from South Africa on the role of religious groups most active in seeking reform as the apartheid crisis continues; a

## Catholic TV programming broadcast on local stations

The Catholic Church Extension Society has announced its fall broadcast schedule for "American Catholic" with Father John Powell, S.J. Programs to be broadcast locally on Greater Rochester Cable, from 7-7:30 p.m. Monday evenings, include the following:

September 22	Alcoholism
September 29	The Church — A Mission of Love
October 6	Love and Forgiveness
October 13	Love and Sexuality
October 20	Christian Witness
October 27	Religious Experience
November 3	The Will of God
November 10	Death as Destiny
November 17	Personal Relationship with

report from the annual national assembly of the Leadership Conference of Women Re-

ligious in New Orleans; and a story on whether there can be reconciliation between Jews and the German state.

November 24	Jesus
December 1	Covenant with God
December 8	The Mass
December 15	The Eucharist
December 22	Ecumenism
December 29	Christmas Story
	Mary, the Model of Faithful Love

Also released was the schedule for broadcasts on WOKR-TV, at 7 a.m. Sundays, of "Insight," a program created by Paulist Productions in Pacific Palisades, Cal. Local broadcasts include:

September 22	A Slight Change in Plans
September 29	Checkmate

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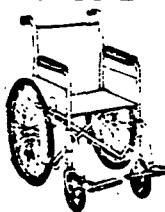
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