

Holy Family: a new name reflects reorganized Elmira schools

By Teresa A. Parsons

Holy Family Catholic School System may be an unfamiliar name to Chemung County residents, but it won't be for long.

That's because, when Elmira-area Catholic schools reopen next fall, they will offer not only a new configuration, but also a new name.

With the beginning of the schools' registration period Monday, March 10, Holy Family will crop up on posters and brochures, television and radio public service announcements, in bulletins and even at weekend Masses, where parent representatives will describe the schools.

More than a name, Holy Family is also an image chosen unanimously by members of the Chemung County General Education Board at its February meeting and approved by diocesan officials last week.

"We wanted to promote the idea of the Catholic family and the unity of the system as a family," explained Jim Miranda, board president. "We had intended to do this (the name change) at a later time, but the pastors expressed that this is the right time for a new name."

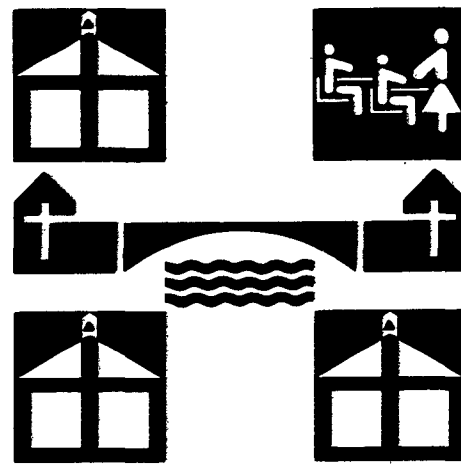
The name change proposal by pastors will take effect this summer and in September, 1986, when Elmira's Catholic schools

reopen, they will consolidate from four to three buildings, known as: Holy Family primary building (St. Mary's), pre-kindergarten through grade 3; Holy Family intermediate building (Our Lady of Lourdes), grades 4-6; and Holy Family junior high (St. Casimir's), grades 7-8. St. Patrick's School building will not re-open next year.

"Holy Family" was selected from among close to 200 names submitted by parents, teachers and students. A subcommittee named by the school board gathered the suggestions and narrowed the choice to three names, on which the board voted Thursday, Feb. 13.

"Along with the new name, school board members and administrators hope to spread the word of advantages the reorganized system will offer and address any concerns parents still have. More than 250 families have already attended presentations by teachers, principals and school board members. So far, Miranda said, it appears that the more parents hear, the better the schools sound.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm," he observed. "We've heard very minimal resistance. I think people have seen from what's going on in Rochester and Corning,



Holy Family School System's new logo, designed by graphic artist Bill Burkee, adorns the cover of a promotional brochure for the schools. The brochure was developed with the help of Peter Campanella, a parent volunteer who works in Corning Glass's marketing division.

that everyone's going through the same thing. We had our homework done ahead of time, and I think people are beginning to appreciate that."

Church Women United of Hornell celebrate, reflect on message of World Day of Prayer

Hornell—Father Elmer J. Schmidt, pastor of St. Anne's Church in Hornell, discussed positive ways to carry out the scriptural admonition "Choose life" with members of Church Women United at the World Day of Prayer observance, March 7. The program was in St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Hornell.

Church Women United have three celebrations a year including the World Day of Prayer. The other two are the May Fellowship and World Community Day.

Christian women from more than 170 countries and regions around the world comprise the group, which comes together in unity engaging in informed prayer and fellowship.

Father Schmidt was principal speaker at this program attended by representatives from various churches in Hornell and the area.

"Our religion should inspire us to lift others up rather than to depress and discourage," Father Schmidt said. "Recall the first words of Christ to His Apostles after His resurrection. They were 'Peace' and 'Fear not.' Certainly there was no need for tension."

Father Schmidt continued: "Another way we can respond positively to others is by the use of our talents. Each of us has special gifts from the Holy Spirit to help us show concern for others. These gifts give us the wisdom and the courage to speak out against evil and to speak up for good. Write, write, write, to persons in government and in authority where moral issues are concerned. Use your talents and your hearts to choose life."

Florence Sullivan, vice president of Church Women United, guided the prayer service. Written by the Australia-based Church Women United, the service em-

phasized the fact that life is a gift from God to be treated with respect much like that of a sacred trust.

The scripture from which the theme was taken (Deuteronomy 30:14-19) was read by Margaret Klees and a New Testament reading from the gospel according to St. John, regarding love for one another, was read by Marguerite Mason of Almond.

Helen Karr, of Arkport, spoke of projects that received aid from the Church Women

United to promote peace and justice. Father Schmidt blessed the congregation at the conclusion of the program and led the woman in the peace prayer of St. Francis Assisi.

Father Bradley Lines, pastor of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, greeted the group at the coffee hour which followed the program. The next meeting will be on May 2

— Dolores Lamb

The saints

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when they pass on into the next? Prayer is unquestionably one of the greatest and most powerful resources available. Through praying effectively, we can change the world. Our prayers in the world can reach new heights when joined with the saints in heaven.

A primary problem in our relationship to saints stems from unintegrated Christians for whom prayer to saints becomes a fixation or unhealthy focus. In that instance, a healthy devotion to a saint can turn into idolatry. In this unhealthy case, a Christian may spend

an excessive amount of time praying not to God but to a particular saint. Then the saint becomes more important than God.

With anything good there are always abuses. Common sense and an intimate relationship with God through Jesus will keep Christians on the right track.

If we believe, as St. Paul tells us, that love will last forever, we must believe that our loved ones who have left before us — and others who fly happily in God's presence — pray with us and for us, and we with them, until we all meet together in God's kingdom.



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