



Parish pilgrimage

Seven years of work came to fruition at St. Patrick's in Elmira, as the 115-year-old church was rededicated following an extensive renovation project. See page 5.



Timely turnabout

After early season misfortune, Aquinas' varsity baseball team is pushing for a sectional spot as the regular season draws to a close. See page 11.

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Ordained, lay roles distinct

Vatican City — A clear distinction between the ordained priesthood and the ministries performed by the laity has existed since the early days of the Church, Pope John Paul II said May 17. "The faithful know that the 'laying on of hands' constitutes the visible sign of a vocation and consecration which sets one apart for a special ministry," he said. Priests are ordained "to preach the Gospel, shepherd the faithful and celebrate divine worship," the pope said. The role of lay people, he said, is "to carry the Gospel of Jesus into the daily affairs of the family, work and society."

Chilean terror rising

Santiago, Chile — Right-wing terror squads have increased their attacks on opponents of Gen. Augusto Pinochet's government since Pope John Paul II's April 1-5 visit to Chile, said an official of the Santiago Archdiocese human rights agency.

Dozens of government opponents have been threatened and two recently returned exiles have been kidnapped, the official said. A Santiago slum leader who denounced human rights abuses in a speech to the pope was kidnapped and badly beaten by armed men May 1.

Nation

Cardinal Krol in surgery

Philadelphia — Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia was undergoing surgery May 19 in Philadelphia to stop some internal bleeding.

Church and medical officials released no details and had no comment on his condition before the surgery. The cardinal was quietly re-hospitalized May 13, immediately after his return from New Orleans, where he had been in a hospital May 10-13. Cardinal Krol, 76, was originally admitted to New Orleans' Hotel Dieu Hospital when he had a weak spell May 10.

LeMoyné president named

Syracuse — Jesuit Father Kevin G. O'Connell, chairman of religious studies at John Carroll University in Cleveland, has been named to succeed Jesuit Father Frank R. Haig as president of 25-year-old Le Moyné College in Syracuse. His appointment was announced May 1.

Father O'Connell, who becomes the school's eighth president, will begin his work at LeMoyné in January 1988. Father Haig, the brother of former Secretary of State Alexander Haig, will return to teaching physics at Loyola College in Baltimore, where he was on the faculty in 1972-81.

Conference raises questions

New York — Employing a non-ordained person to take charge of a parish with no resident priest can bring many benefits but raises many questions, said participants in a May 14 teleconference on "priestless parishes." The teleconference was one of a monthly series produced by the National Pastoral Life Center in New York.

A non-ordained person working full time may offer more service and build a stronger sense of community than a part-time priest, panelists suggested, but a community not centered in regular participation in Eucharistic action may turn out to share a different kind of spiritual life.



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Jeff VanderMier, 10, from St. Patrick's in Macedon, awaited his turn to place a rose in a vase as his part of the living rosary. Knights of Columbus commander Don Bayer, left, and Robert Hafner, marshal, moved down the line of participants as each Hail Mary was said.

Prayer rally draws 2,200

Living rosary focus of Marian celebration

By Karen M. Franz

More than 2,000 people turned out at Silver Stadium Sunday afternoon, May 17, but instead of yelling "Charge!" when the cue for audience participation was given, the crowd intoned the prayers of the rosary.

The occasion was a Marian-Year Day of Prayer organized by the Knights of Columbus of the Diocese of Rochester. The multifaceted Marian devotion gave area Catholics an opportunity to honor Mary on the anniversary of the first apparition at Fatima and to prepare for the Marian Year, which begins on Pentecost Sunday, June 7.

People came from as far away as Rome and Utica, N.Y., to participate in the liturgy, which consisted of hymns, a living rosary, Scripture reading and homily, consecration to Our Lady of Czestochowa, Benediction and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the reading of a special message from Pope John Paul II.

Father Chester Klocek, pastor of St. Leo's in Hilton, read the Holy Father's letter to the Knights of Columbus, in which the pope quoted St. Paul's letter to the Philippians: "I give thanks to my God every time I think of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

The Holy Father cited in particular the knights' work on behalf of the unborn. "I offer you my grateful support and encourage you never to lose heart," he wrote.

The pope also noted the knights' devotion to Mary, and urged them and the Silver Stadium assembly to pray the rosary daily. He concluded his message by giving the crowd his apostolic blessing.

The focal point of the liturgy was the living rosary, which was composed of schoolchildren standing in formation on center field and holding roses to signify Hail Marys, and Knights of Columbus marking the decades as Our Fathers. The meditations for the rosary were the Glorious Mysteries.

Following the rosary, Father Robert Faricy, a professor of theology at the Gregorian University in Rome, read the Gospel account of the Annunciation, which he followed with a homily regarding Mary's relationship to Jesus and to His followers.

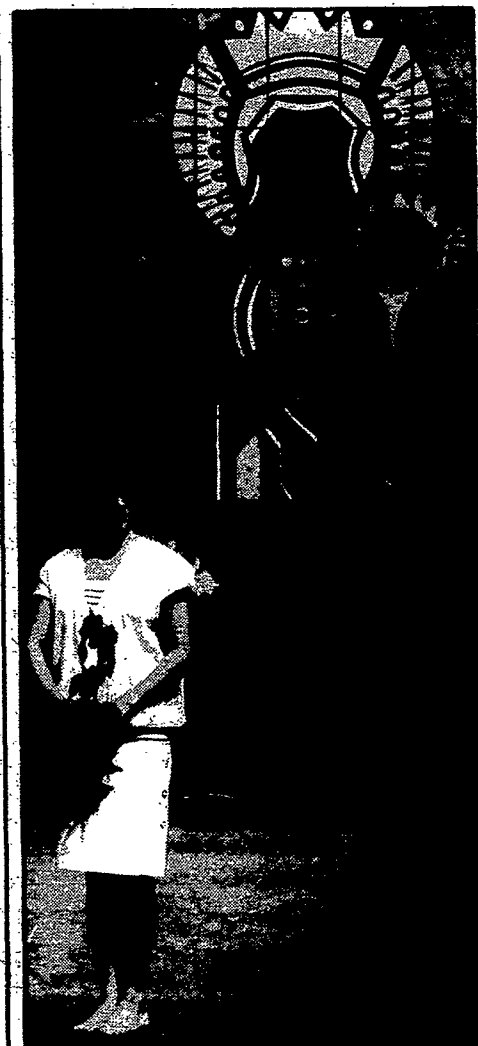
"Mary is everybody's mother," Father Faricy began. Since motherhood is a permanent relationship, he said, "because Jesus came to us first through Mary, He comes to us always through Mary."

Father Faricy — who is currently on sabbatical in the United States, working with Mother Angelica at the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) — is considered an expert on the Marian events at Medjugorje, Yugoslavia, and is author of Paulist Press' *Medjugorje Up Close: Mary Speaks to the World*.

He told rally participants that Vatican II defined Mary as the mediatrix of grace — both sanctifying and healing. Thus Mary helps her children by intervening for them with Jesus. "You don't have to go to Jesus through Mary," Father Faricy quipped, mentioning that all the Protestants in heaven had taken the more direct route. "But it is the famous Catholic shortcut."

Father Faricy, who said his vocation to the

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Rebecca Fewkes, a junior from Bishop Kearney, stood poised with her rose in the 4th decade of the rosary.