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- March 4-6 - "Celebrate Merton" Retreat: conducted by Msgr. William Shannon
- March 25-27 - Palm Sunday Retreat: conducted by Fr. John Walchars, S.J.
- May 27-29 - Approaches to Prayer: conducted by the Cenacle Sisters with Rev. Alexander Bradshaw on the apparitions of Mary at Medjugorje
- June 3-5 - Prayer: A Way of Living: conducted by Rev. Joseph Hart from St. Bernard's Institute

Retreat weekends begin with registration at 7:30 Friday evening and end at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. Offering: \$60.00.

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Columnist leading Lenten series

St. Felix, Clifton Springs — The parish has planned a special series of Lenten Masses featuring *Courier-Journal* columnist Father Albert Shamon as celebrant and homilist.

The series will begin on Ash Wednesday, continuing Wednesdays through Holy Week. Father Shamon's homilies will consider the topics "Four Great Truths of Theology," "The Madonna of Medjugorje," "The Message of Medjugorje," "What Is the Mass," "What Is Marriage," "Why Confession?" and "Evangelization."

The series is designed to provide participants with an opportunity for careful Lenten preparation for Easter. It is free and open to the public. Masses will take place in the church, 12 Hibbard Ave., Clifton Springs, and will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening. For information, call the rectory, (315)462-2961.

Refugees to describe lives

St. Thomas the Apostle, Rochester — Six youths who fled their native Vietnam will describe their experiences during the Thursday, Feb. 25, meeting of the parish youth group. A panel of five Vietnamese refugees and one Amerasian orphan will tell St. Thomas youths about leaving a communist country, their experiences in refugee camps, the process of resettling in this country, cultural differences and their impressions of life in the United States.

Accompanying the teens will be Joyce Daley, a home finder with the Catholic Family Center, who will talk to the St. Thomas teens on her search for families to sponsor Vietnamese refugees.

The presentation will take place in the school hall at 7:30 p.m. For information, call Nancy Scherberger at (716)338-7981.

1987 marked the 125th anniversary of an educational landmark in the Hornell community — St. Ann's School.

Hornell was still Hornellville when a "Select School" was established in a small frame building on Erie Avenue. Nine years later in 1871, six Sisters of Mercy from the Batavia motherhouse arrived in Hornellville to staff what was then known as the "Academy of Mercy." Sister Mary Dolores Clancy was appointed principal.

Registration at the school quickly exceeded expectations, according to a historical record of the period: "The Academy proved a boon to Hornellville, as many young women were desirous ... to receive, in addition to careful training of manners and character, the best intellectual and physical development."

Prior to the arrival of Monsignor James M. Early as pastor in 1879, teachers at the academy received no stipulated salary. Monsignor Early established a \$200 annual salary for each teacher, while at the same time erecting a new two-story brick school, completed in 1890.

Seven years later, Hornellville was transferred from the Diocese of Buffalo to the Diocese of Rochester.

A succession of pastors and principals gradually expanded the school, both in facilities and in registration. Although learning centers have today replaced the fastened-down desks and inkwells of memory, St. Ann's current principal, Sister Dolores Ann Stein, believes that the school adheres to the same philosophy with which it began — to impart sound moral values and academic excellence.

H. Lyman Stebbins, who helped to found Elmira's Mt. Saviour Monastery, has received the papal award of the Order of St. Gregory. The Holy Father conferred the award on Stebbins, founding president of the international lay association Catholics United for the Faith, at the request of Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York.

The Order of St. Gregory was established by Pope Gregory XVI in 1831. Originally intended to honor citizens of the papal states, the order is conferred on people who are distinguished for personal character and reputation, and for notable accomplishment.

Stebbins, a resident of New Rochelle, founded CUF in 1968. Although he continues on the CUF board, he resigned as active president in 1981.



Parish Notes

'Conversations' begins fourth year

St. Mary, Rochester — The parish's "Conversations: Faith in the Marketplace" series opens for the winter/spring season in February with presentations on "Ten Earmarks on Meaningful Work" by John Engels of the Great Lakes Ministry Center.

Engels, who also serves as training consultant for the Professional Development Group, Inc., will lead conversations on Tuesdays, Feb. 2 and 9, from 12:10-12:50 p.m. in the Commons Room in St. Mary's Church rectory. The programs are free and open to the public. Brown-bag lunches are welcome; dessert and beverages are provided.

This is the fourth year for the Tuesday conversations program, which offers noon-hour discussions designed for participation by downtown Rochester business and professional people. For information on this event or others in the conversations series, call St. Mary's rectory, (716)232-7140.

Auburn parish sets renewal Mass

St. Mary, Auburn — Through a special first-Friday renewal Mass, the parish will welcome Father Bill Moorby to his new post as spiritual director of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Rochester.

The Mass, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 5, will take place in the church, 17 Clark St., Auburn. Participants will celebrate in song beginning at 7:15 p.m., with Mass at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Neighbors

The principal of Elmira's Holy Family Junior High School, Sister Patricia Carroll, SSJ, has been inducted into the Alpha Rho Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

The society is an international group which seeks to promote professional qualifications among female educators through chapters located across New York State. Sister Carroll will become the only member of the society's local chapter to represent a Catholic school.

St. Mary's Health Care Services has announced the appointment of two new administrators. Susan Liberman is St. Mary's new director of public affairs. She will be responsible for public relations, communications, volunteers, telecommunications and patient representation. Liberman formerly served as director of marketing and public relations for H.I.P./HMO Hospitals in New York City.

Sandy Armbruster is the new executive director of the St. Mary's Health Care Foundation. Armbruster will be responsible coordinating all of St. Mary's fund raising efforts as well as overseeing all grant appropriations. In addition, she will be responsible for the development of financial reserves for the future needs of St. Mary's. For the past six years, Armbruster has been teaching fund raising and development for non-profit organizations in local colleges, and more recently, was the executive director of the Park Ridge Health Care Foundation.

Sister Jean Marie Kearse, major superior of the Sisters of Mercy of the Rochester diocese, is among 12 religious who will participate in the National Ecumenical Consultation of Men and Women Religious, to be held February 3-6 at St. Paul's Priory (Benedictine), St. Paul, Minn.

Sister Kearse is one of two representatives from the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Orthodox orders will be represented at the three-day gathering. In addition, members of the Taizé Community, an ecumenical movement dedicated to Christian unity and understanding, will attend.

The theme for the meeting, the second of three planned by the NEC, is "Christian Spirituality: How it has influenced the life of religious orders and how religious orders have contributed to the development of Christian spirituality."