



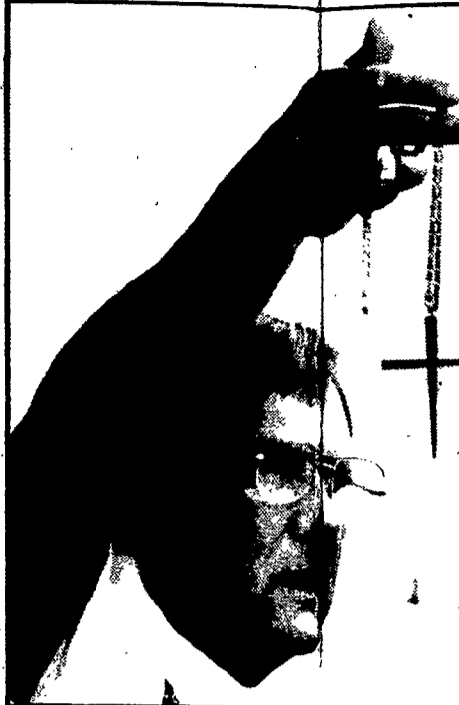
Attica inmate Pedro Luis listens to presentations from the Residents Encounter Christ team during the second day of the Aug. 7-9 retreat.



Eight years ago, volunteers from a REC at Auburn State Correctional Facility designated this candle for the first such retreat to take place at Attica.



Prayer sessions enable each participant to focus on his personal spirituality, with the support of others.



Deacon Stan Zawacki holds up a cross of nails from the gallows at Saratoga prison.



Inmates Samuel Kelly (from left) and another inmate during morning prayer service.



Deacon Ray Datz (left) slates for inmates and volunteers.

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'Here in jail, nobody wants to hear nothing. Nobody cares what problems you have. Here (at the REC), you can say the hundreds, the millions of things you have on your mind.'

— Roosevelt Ramirez



The REC group — 22 volunteers and 34 inmates — celebrated Mass together in a visitors' room, which was set aside for the three-day retreat.