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people see that a broad range of social ministry activities are going on and, he explained, "It gives them a boost."

Hennessy noted that hunger — which was the focus of three of the day's workshops — is a growing concern in the region. "I think people are seeing that there is a need to look beyond simply giving people a bag of groceries," he said.

Such was indeed Norton's experience. For the past seven years, he has been the coordinator of his parish's food cupboard. Over that span, he said, the number of people coming for food had risen from 100 a month to 400 a month. At the same time, the number of food cupboards had increased.

The type of people coming for food had changed as well, Norton said. "It used to be before, the poor (who came) were the people on social services," he said. "Now it's the working poor. We have a lot of people who are employed at two jobs, but they're on minimum wages, and they can't make ends meet any more."

The pantries cut back on how much food they give recipients. They also started co-

ordinating their efforts to ensure against duplication, Norton said. Still, he said, the pantries were becoming overburdened. "We were desperate to try anything," he said.

The "anything" was the Auburn Community Food Co-op, which works in conjunction with the Syracuse Food Co-op. Participants contribute \$13 in either money or food stamps, for which they receive food worth two-to-three times what they put in. In addition, members agree to volunteer two hours of service to the Auburn community, and to help with the unloading

Walesa

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Semitism in general resulted from "a political game" rather than popular hatred of Jews.

"I have got quite a lot of evidence that I have nothing to do with anti-Semitism," Walesa said. "Apart from anything else you know I am a practicing Catholic. I attend Mass here every day, and I treat my beliefs seriously."

Since becoming president, Walesa has taken steps against anti-Semitism, pledging that it will not be tolerated under his rule

and distribution of food when it arrives.

The co-operative provides more than just a handout, Norton said. "It gives the people back a little more self-esteem because you work and you pay for it," he explained.

Last year, Norton spoke at the first social-ministry day about food pantries, and since then has seen more food pantries opening in Cayuga County. Norton said the ministry days are useful because, "you come back with something you can use."

Hennessy pointed out that such efforts as Norton's are needed today in light of the

and inviting 20 leading intellectuals to form a council to counteract the prejudice.

The council will educate Polish young people about the issue and explain difficulties of Polish-Jewish relations to the world.

Poland had a centuries-old Jewish community of 3.5 million — the biggest in Europe — before Nazis decimated the population following Germany's invasion of Poland in World War II.

Only a few thousand Jews remain in Poland as a result of the Nazis' extermination campaign, postwar emigration and a major anti-Semitic campaign conducted in 1968 by the former ruling Communist Par-

ty. But the word "Jew" is still widely used as a political insult.

Walesa's actions against anti-Semitism follow efforts of the Polish bishops, who in January condemned and apologized for the phenomenon in a letter read in churches.

The bishops explained at length that Jews should not be blamed collectively for the death of Jesus and made a rare admission that some Poles helped the Nazis kill Jews.

growing numbers of people seeking assistance from social-ministry programs.

"As a result of (state) budget cutbacks, there will be a greater need for these kinds of programs," he predicted.

Thus, this year's ministry day included a major focus on legislative efforts, Hennessy noted. Among the topics discussed was creating a legislative network in the region.

"We are hopeful of getting a group together to focus on what we can do," Hennessy said, "and to enable the parishes to participate in the legislative process."

Say

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same kind of tainted atmosphere" as in the Iran-contra scandal. Say said she wants to see Anderson and the other hostages "celebrated as the heroes I think they are."

Say said her faith has "been absolutely invaluable for my family and for me. There have been times when we've been so dismayed by events in the Middle East we had to tell ourselves there have been so many things happening in six years in the Middle East that we don't understand. Maybe we will never understand."

Say, who is virtually in daily contact with the State Department from her home in Kentucky, said the burden of being in the forefront to press for her brother's release has been "extremely difficult and extremely hard on my husband and my family. But I have had a moral charge to do this."

Storm

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removal of/or damage resulting from such limbs carries a \$500 deductible provision, according to a diocesan statement. Thus, Cala noted that his church will most likely have to cover the cost of fixing the gutters, which he estimated will run around \$200.

James Checchi Sr., vice president of operations at Genesee Building and Waterproofing, has decided to remove some of the storm-related burden from the parish's shoulders. Checchi's company provided a cherry picker and two-man crew that removed tree limbs from Holy Redeemer/St. Francis Xavier's church roof. He said the company would foot the cost of the operation — about \$125 — rather than charge the parish.

Noting that he has a sister at the parish, Checchi said: "I wouldn't want to see the church pay for it... I know it's not a wealthy church."

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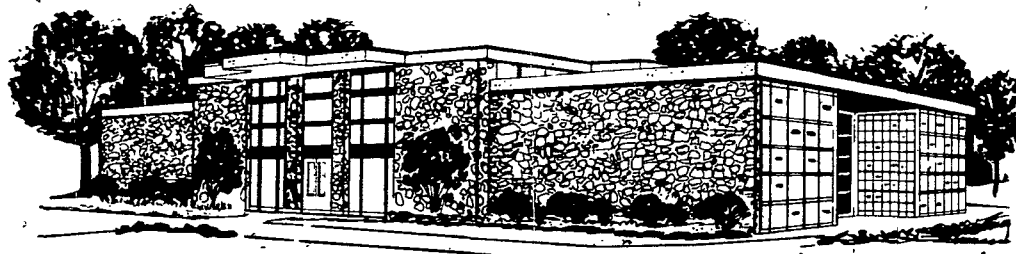
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