

PARISH PROFILE



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer

Alexandra Flynn prepares to walk down the aisle to make her first Communion at the beginning of the May 5 Mass at St. Mary's Church.

more together, it ends up becoming a better product," said Sister Slyck, who has served as a teacher and pastoral associate in Corning since 1967.

Father Spilly points to the parish school as a good example of the virtues of clustering. He noted that enrollment at All Saints Academy in Corning hovered around 200 when the cluster began, but it now stands at 425 students in grades pre-K through 8. The pastor attributes this rise to the ability of the four churches to work together to promote the school.

As Father Spilly looks back upon his stint in Corning and Painted Post, he expresses satisfaction about the cluster's progress.

"It's certainly been challenging, hard, uplifting," he said. "I can only say that the six years have been very worthwhile in terms of being a priest and ministering to so many people."

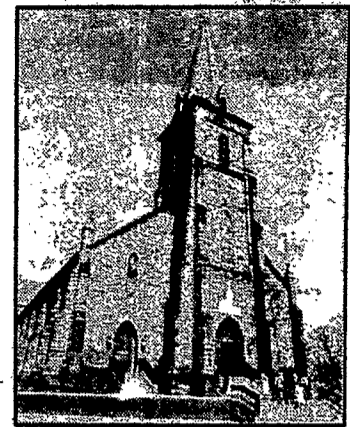
Cluster parishioners share positive sentiments about Father Spilly's ef-

forts. "I attribute much of this to his hard work, and the people themselves for being so open-minded," Dellisante said.

"Father Spilly initially made (clustering) acceptable to me. He's into people; he's truly church," Hagy remarked. "The priests here have worked very hard to make this what it is today."



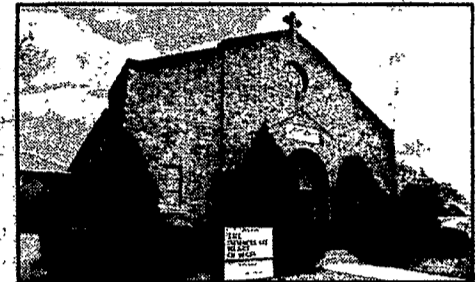
St. Vincent DePaul Church



St. Mary's Church



St. Patrick's Church



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

SNAPSHOTS

Corning-Painted Post Roman Catholic Community
Central Office:
222 Dodge Ave., Corning
607/936-4689
Registered families: 3,300

St. Mary's Church
155 State St., Corning
Established: 1848

St. Patrick's Church
274 Denison Pkwy. E., Corning
Established: 1904

St. Vincent DePaul Church
222 Dodge Avenue, Corning
Established: 1913

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
115 E. High St., Painted Post
Established: 1952

Cluster ministerial staff:
Pastor:
Father William V. Spilly

Parochial Vicar:
Father Paul A. Bonacci
Pastoral year seminarian:
Eric Phillips
In residence:
Father Thomas F. Brennan
In residence:
Father Francis R. Davis
Pastoral associate:
Sister Edna Slyck, RSM
Pastoral associate:
Sister Mary Jean Smith, SSJ
Parish deacons:
Raymond Defendorf, Ronald Verkon
Religious education coordinators:
Mary Anne Hinckley, Alene Goodman
All Saints Academy school principal:
Vincent A. Moschetti
Business manager:
James Quattrini
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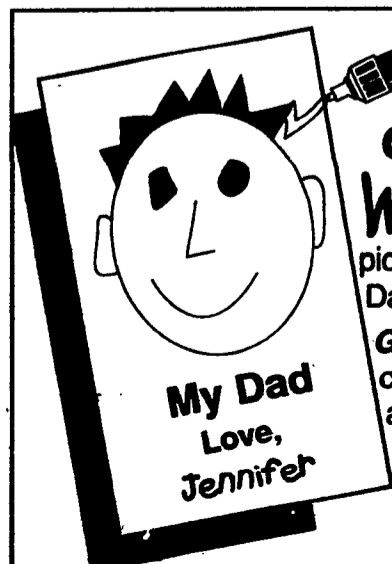
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