

# 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."

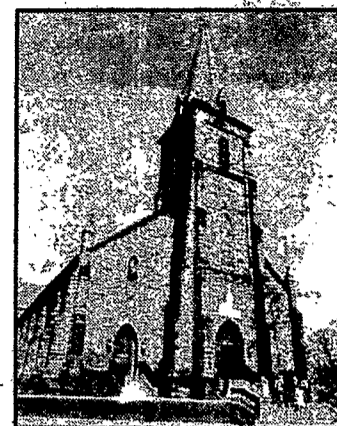
Cluster parishioners share positive sentiments about Father Spilly's ef-

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  
**Community council president:**  
Cathy Cain

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