

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Pilgrims pray way across diocese

On Sept. 28, 92 parishioners, primarily senior citizens from St. Mary's Parish in Auburn, and also from other parishes in the Auburn area, set out on two buses for a Jubilee Year pilgrimage covering more than 300 miles. The 14-hour journey took the pilgrims (and *Catholic Courier* photo intern John Powell) to the five churches across the diocese that have been designated official pilgrimage sites. Father Robert Schrader, pastor of St. Mary's, organized the pilgrimage, which began at 7 a.m. with Mass at St. Mary's, one of the five sites, and included a quick stop for breakfast. The buses traveled on to Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca, where the group prayed the joyful mysteries of the rosary. Then it was off to St. Mary's Church in Corning, where the group heard a brief histo-

ry of the parish and prayed the sorrowful mysteries. From Corning the group headed north for a quick lunch in Dansville, and then went on to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, where pilgrims concluded the rosary. The last church on the tour was St. Stephen's in Geneva, where Father Schrader and Father Paul Bonacci administered the sacrament of penance. Following a sit-down dinner at Abigail's Restaurant in Seneca Falls, the buses headed back to St. Mary's in Auburn. Several other churches in the diocese are also planning Jubilee Year pilgrimages. By visiting the five pilgrimage churches, along with saying prayers for the pope, receiving penance and attending Mass and receiving Communion, pilgrims receive a plenary indulgence.



7:30 a.m.: Rose Marie LaLonde (left) hugs Iva Bardreau before the buses leave St. Mary's in Auburn Sept. 28 for a Jubilee Year pilgrimage of five diocesan sites. LaLonde, St. Mary's religious education administrator, could not go along, but met up with everyone later for dinner.

11 a.m.: Pilgrims pray the sorrowful mysteries at St. Mary's Church in Corning.



Mary Horan of Union Springs takes a photo of the daily prayer chapel at St. Mary's in Corning.



3 p.m.: Irene Lepak (right) and Pauline Hayden pray the glorious mysteries at Sacred Heart Cathedral.



4:30 p.m.: (From left) Paula Daloia, Helen Graney, Theresa DeTerlizzi, Toni Ray, Pat Church, Dorothy Bowen, Grace Barlow and Mildred Kinary, stop for cider and lemonade at St. Stephen's Church in Geneva.

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