

# Clothing Drive This Week for Needy

Final arrangements have been completed in nearly 150 parishes of the Rochester Diocese for several thousand volunteers to sort and pack the tons of clothing expected next week during the Thanksgiving Clothing Collection.

In preparation for this fifteenth annual clothing campaign, sponsored by the Catholic bishops of the nation to aid the needy of the world, a special appeal

from Bishop Kearney was read last Sunday at all Masses in parish churches. In his letter Bishop Kearney asked Catholics to continue their record of charity because "Christ in his poor still pleads with us for help." (Full text, page 4).

Pastors will announce again this Sunday the location and hours of their own collection centers to which the donations of clothing should be taken. There

volunteers will prepare the clothing for shipment to the new Brooklyn warehouse of Catholic Relief Services, the overseas relief agency of the bishops.

At the 100,000 square-foot warehouse an augmented staff will bale the sorted clothing, wrap it in heavy waterproof paper, and bind it with additional metal strips. The warehouse has its own wharf from which barges will carry the shipments to piers along

the New York waterfront to await shipment around the world.

Distribution overseas will be made regardless of race, color, or creed.

Last year 141 parishes of the diocese contributed a record total of 284 tons of usable clothing and shoes. Since the first collection in 1949 parishes of the Rochester diocese have contributed nearly 2,000 tons.

## U. S. Students Build Parish School in Mexico

The Alliance for Progress is in trouble, news reports said this week. But here is the story of U.S. college students who launched a successful 'Alliance for Progress' of their own this past summer. Two students from St. Bernard's Seminary helped in the project.

Two students of St. Bernard's Seminary spent the past summer in Mexico to help build a parochial school in Puebla, a city eighty miles southeast of Mexico City. The two young men are now back at their studies. Joseph Looney of New Haven, Conn., at Lehigh University and John Lawrence of Rochester at St. Bernard's. Following is the report of their mission venture as told by Joseph Looney.

"The task of the clergy is to consecrate bread and wine. The task of the layman is to consecrate the world." These were the words of Father Donald Hessler, a Maryknoll priest from Lake Orion, Michigan. He spoke during a day and a half retreat held in Cholula, Mexico, to inaugurate the building phase of the 1963 "Yale Catholics Abroad" Program.

The project was planned and financed mainly by Yale students, but students participated from Canterbury Prep School, Maryknoll Seminary, St. Bernard's Seminary, Dartmouth, Princeton, Marian Central High School, Woodstock, Ill., Fairfield Prep, St. David's School, New York City, Portsmouth Priory and Montclair Academy.

A working man from New York was the only nonstudent. He represented Local No. 28, Sheet Metal Workers.

For the past three years the Yale group has been among the increasing number of North American college students who spend their summer vacations working in Mexico. In 1961 they helped to build a very modern octagonal community center in a Mexico City slum. In 1962 they completed a five classroom school in a remote mountain village called Huayacocotla.

A tragedy marked the start of that project when Welsh, a promising student and an only son, lost his life in an auto accident near New Orleans on his way to Mexico.

This past summer two groups of students worked in and near the City of Puebla (pop. 285,000) which is 80 miles southeast of Mexico City. They helped to build a brick house and a 3 classroom addition to a parochial school. Two Mexican Catholic laymen served as the architect and the engineer for both buildings.

The house, a trim one-story structure with five small rooms, was specially designed to provide separate sleeping quarters for the parents, boys and girls of a large family. It was built in the parish of San Baltasar, a poor district. The house was sold to a man with 13 children.

A very important part of this project was that the house was intended to serve as a model for other houses in San Baltasar. The \$830 that the owner will pay over a 20 year period

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Mexican priest (with tie) and catechist at nearly completed school. Mexican law forbids wearing of clergy garb in public.

will serve as a basis for a credit union to enable others to finance construction of their own houses.

The school was built in the village of Resurreccion, about 15 miles away. This is a small settlement outside Puebla of about 700 Mexicans of pure Indian descent, most of them impoverished. From the beginning of January to the end of July over 200 small children were buried from the village Church. At Mass in the morning you could hear the ominous cough of the people in Church, especially the children.

The Resurreccion school was built with stones taken from a 200 year old wall. Mexican students, mostly from the Colegio Benevente, worked side by side with the North Americans. It was a major objective to involve as many Mexicans as possible since the point of the project was to get Mexicans to help other Mexicans.

A Mexican contractor and foreman were hired by the project to provide on-the-job administration. Several skilled Mexican laborers were also hired because the students did not know how to build stone walls, especially when the stones were held together with a mixture of lime and sand. The first wall built entirely by student labor had to be taken down and rebuilt, but after that several members of the group gradually emerged as semi-skilled wall builders. Most of the time the students worked as "peones" carrying and shaping

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### Bishops or Roman Curia

## Council at Crossroads On Authority Topic

By FATHER PLACID JORDAN, O.S.B. (NCWC News Service)

Rome — The ecumenical Council is making a "leap forward," said Archbishop Hyacinthe Thianoum of Dakar, Senegal, at a press conference here reviewing the past week's debate in the Council.

The Archbishop said that the issues now pending — collegiality of bishops and sacramental character of the episcopacy — are of such transcendental importance that the current session cannot end unless they are clarified.

Certainly, Archbishop Thianoum added, "a reversal of the position we have taken cannot even be considered. We must not call a halt in midstream."

THE AFRICAN prelate was alluding to the crucial conflict that has arisen as a consequence of the Nov. 8 debate, when sharply opposite views were expressed by Joseph Cardinal Frings of Cologne, Germany, and Alfredo Cardinal Ottaviani, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office and president of the Theological Commission of the Council.

In the opinion of observers here, it is up to Pope Paul VI to decide how to overcome the impasse caused by the passive resistance of a Council minority.

"Two men are blocking everything," a Council Father said, referring to Cardinal Ottaviani and Father Sebastian Tromp, S.J., secretary of the Theological Commission, which is supposed to revise the schema of the Council's Constitution of the Church in line with the guiding principles adopted Oct. 30.

On that day the Council Fathers voted by overwhelming majorities in favor of the idea of the collegiality of bishops, of the doctrine that episcopal consecration is the highest grade of the Sacrament of Holy Orders and of the proposal to restore the permanent diaconate.

Once again the Council is at a crossroads. But in view of the prevailing sentiment of the Fathers — which is only a reflection of views Pope Paul himself has clearly expressed — there can be no doubt about the eventual outcome.



Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI is briefed on planning for the Vatican Pavilion to be erected at the New York World's Fair. Here the pontiff is shown as he conferred with, left to right, Thomas J. Deegan, chairman of the fair; Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart of Brooklyn; and Cardinal Spellman of New York. Millions of Americans are expected to visit the Pavilion, which will be featured by an exhibition of the Pietà, famed Michelangelo sculpture, scheduled to be shipped from the Vatican next April.

By FATHER EDWARD DUFF, S.J. Special Correspondent

Vatican City — (RNS) — The predictable and the predicted happened. In the most dramatic moment of the Second Vatican Council, the functioning of the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office was publicly deplored as harmful to Catholics and a scandal to those outside the Church.

The indictment was briefed in plain, measured terms by the austere aristocratic Archbishop of Cologne, Joseph Cardinal Frings. His limpid Latin was interrupted by general applause. An energetic and fiercely emotional defense was promptly made by Arturo Cardinal Ottaviani, the secretary of this ancient arm of the Roman Curia.

It would be an extremely superficial misreading of the significance of the incident of Nov. 8 to concentrate on the stormy clash of the personalities involved and the human reactions of partisanship displayed. What is at issue is the adequacy of the central government of the Catholic Church for our times and the lines of feasible reform to be adopted. The personnel of the Curia told the personnel of the Curia on Sept. 21 will certainly be introduced.

Cardinal Frings, before offering his sharp criticisms on the methods of the Holy Office, confessed his "amazement" at the claim of Cardinal Michael Broussé that the vote of the week before on the collegiality of the bishops did not bind the Council's Theological Commission. Such remarks, asserted the Archbishop of Cologne, "seem to indicate that this Commission has at its disposal sources of truth unknown to the other Council Fathers. Such observations also appear to lose sight of the fact that the Commissions are to function only as tools of the general congregations (i.e., the plenary).

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### U.S. Prelates Differ on Authority For Bishops' National Conferences

Three American Cardinals took three different positions on the role of national bishops' conferences in talks at the Vatican Council this week.

Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles spoke strongly in favor of each bishop's independence, opposing any binding force for decisions made by other bishops. Cardinal Ritter of St. Louis took just the opposite position.

Cardinal Meyer of Chicago, speaking for 120 U.S. bishops, took a more middle-of-the-road position. He said individual bishops should be left free except in cases where the bishops of the whole nation decide on a matter referred to them by the Vatican.

Cardinal Spellman of New York later aligned himself completely with Cardinal McIntyre.

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frustrated if isolated individuals refuse to follow these decisions. "Attributing juridical binding force to the decisions of these conferences seems necessary," he said.

A PRACTICAL case is near at hand. The Council's reform of the liturgy — particularly the use of local languages in portions of the Mass — will be left to bishops in the various nations to decide how much and when the revision is to go into effect. If the U.S. bishops decide by majority vote on a formal and timetable, should individual bishops still be free to decide otherwise?

Cardinal McIntyre said giving the national conferences of bishops binding authority over individual bishops "could be interpreted as an attack on the Roman Curia and thus an indirect attack on the infallibility of the pope."

Cardinal Ritter said nationwide unity in action is "essential for an effective apostolate in the Church" and a nation's bishops "will have their decision."



Seminarians join Mexican parishioners in Yale University Catholic students project to build school during summer months.