



New Flag From Capitol

AT ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, Penfield, the new fifty-star flag which has flown over the Capitol in Washington was raised to the top of the flag pole and then lowered to half-staff. From left, Congressman Frank Horton, the Rev. John D. Malley, the Rev. Thomas J. O'Keefe, Sister Mary Faith, and the flag bearers, James Civitello and Daniel Clas.



St. Pius Parish Marks Anniversary

St. Pius X parish in suburban Rochester is marking its tenth anniversary this week. A mural by Mrs. Eugene Schickler shows the growth of the parish from a country church to its present all new church, school, convent and rectory units. Father Donald Murphy, pastor, at right, tells the story of the decade of development to Father James Lane.



Past Grand Knight Honored

E. JOSEPH HASSETT, center, past grand knight of the Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus was honored at a Testimonial Dinner held at the K. of C. Home last week. He served two terms as grand knight. Others in the photo are Philip J. Conboy, master of ceremonies; Mrs. E. Joseph Hassett; Leonard Green, dinner chairman; and Joseph Janosko, grand knight.

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Homes for Foster Children

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 erage family. This is by no means true. The real desire to offer a child the experience of a normal family life is the fundamental requirement. It is necessary, however, that the foster parents be in good health, under sixty years of age, have a modest but steady income, and be favorably known in the community.

The next question pertains to the procedure of becoming a foster parent. And this, too, is relatively simple. Once the prospective foster parents have contacted an agency, such as Catholic Family Center, a social worker will interview them both in their own home and in the agency office. These interviews provide an opportunity to discuss the areas of foster care and what is entailed in the program. Finally, the social worker will apply to the New York State Department of Social Welfare requesting that the home be certified for foster care.

When a foster child is placed in the home, the agency maintains regular contact. Each foster child is assigned a social worker who will explain the situation and the needs of the child to the foster parents, and upon whom the foster parents are free to call. The social worker thus becomes the link between the child, the foster parents, and the natural parents.

Foster parents are given a regular weekly allowance for each child. In addition, all medical, dental, clothing and school expenses are provided by the agency. Moreover, this money is not taxable.

By New York State law, foster parents may receive only children of the same faith as their own. Besides Catholic Family Center there are other child placing agencies in the Rochester area: Child Welfare Division of Monroe County Department of Social Welfare (BR 1-5511); Hindu Children's Center (GR 3-5180); Jewish Family Services (BA 5-6950).

Consequently, if prospective foster parents feel that Catholic Family Center is not the appropriate agency, they are encouraged to contact one of these other agencies.

Last year 287 children depended on Catholic Family Center for a foster home. This year the number will probably exceed 300. There is a continuing need, therefore, for foster homes and for foster parents for all types: infants, pre-schoolers, school age, teens, convalescent, unwell, motherless, and Cuban children who several years ago came to the States but are still without parents.

Anyone interested in becoming a foster parent may contact the Catholic Family Center office (HA 6-3400) or may come to one of the seasonal meetings, all of which are scheduled at 8 p.m.

Bishop Casey's Letter

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cipate Pope Paul's decision and therefore merely mentioned the birth control question in general terms. They realize that the entire schema needs much maturing and much revision. They merely wished that the Council accept this schema as a basis for discussion, which it did on October 23 by a vote of 1979 to 298. No schema lives conciliarly until its full discussion in the Council, and this one will be no exception.

The Commission which will revise and expand this schema does have competent clerical and lay advisers to assist it "in writing an accurate analysis of the major fears, aspirations and desires of men today. Those on the Commission will bring the Church's wisdom and the perennial norms of morality to bear on the entirely new situations" faced by Christian consciences.

The controversial fourth chapter, which treats of the world's problems, among them, birth control and nuclear warfare, "was not intended by its writers to be exhaustive and definitive; it states not a concluding but an opening word in a completely new dialogue to be carried on by the bishops and by the faithful for many years to come."

This schema, "The Church in the Modern World," after its debate in the Council and subsequent revision before the fourth and final session, should become, in the words of Cardinal Doepfner, "the real crown of this Council." It should animate the laity to work with all men for a world in which justice, charity and peace reign for the benefit of all; for God is the Creator and Father of all and gives His gifts to all, as the Lord reminds us in the Sermon on the Mount.

As we conclude this final newsletter from the Third Session, one final thought: Before beginning Mass on Friday, October 3, I walked out on the balcony of my room at the Hilton and saw an unforgettable sight. The sun was just rising over the Alban Hills, beyond Frascati. Below us, the city of Rome was completely hidden by a heavy fog.

Only the great dome of St. Peter's, two miles away, emerged from the white mass — a symbol of the primacy of the spiritual in the world today, a sign of the stable and permanent Rock on which our faith rests.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
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