



Bishop Kearney told Knights of St. John that their patron St. John the Baptist serves as model for Catholics in current ritual changes. "Behold the Lamb of God," the Bishop quoted the ancient prophet. "That

is the same message the Church has today. It wants to draw the people of God closer to our divine Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar," he said in his sermon at the Knights' Field Mass in Holy Sepulchre

Cemetery Sunday morning. Knights and Auxiliary members also heard a roll call of deceased members after the Mass. Attending the sun-drenched Mass were friends and relatives—even the youngest as in center

photo. Story is on page seven. Procession included flag bearers of local units and a band. The Knights trace their Order back to Crusaders who defended Christendom in Middle Ages.

Pope Stresses Rights On Religious Liberty

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI, speaking at his usual "midweek" general audience, said that freedom of religion is the "great and central problem" of individual liberty.

Noting that the Vatican Council will consider a comprehensive statement on religious freedom when it convenes in the Fall, the Pope said the document would include "precious teachings" on the subject and would interpret the "thoughts of Christ, Who invites all to the faith, laying a moral obligation upon all who respond to His appeal."

This obligation, the pontiff continued, "does not take man's physical freedom from him, since man has to decide for himself in his own conscience regarding his destiny and his relationship with God."

The Pope went on to say that religious freedom rests on two propositions: that there should be respect for one's beliefs and that there should be no restraints to the practice of religion.

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Five Parishes Form 'Team' For New Inner-City Project

Five of Rochester's inner-city parishes will pool their resources in a bold new experiment to bolster religious life in their areas.

The Rochester Diocese will back their program with an initial \$21,500 grant to get the project underway.

"We're not going to abandon those areas," said Monsignor George Cocuzzi, Chancellor of the Diocese, in announcing the plan at the Chancery today. "We've been there for a long time and we plan to stay there," he said.

The five parishes in the program are Immaculate Conception, Mount Carmel, St. Michael's, St. Bridget's and St. Lucy's.

Highlights of the new team arrangement include:

• "Twinning" of suburban and inner-city parishes — a joint mission project to shore up the sagging finances of the less affluent parishes through regular contributions from "economically comfortable" sister parishes.

• St. Thomas More parish in Brighton will aid St. Bridget's parish, the first "twinning" arrangement thus far agreed on. Other twin plans are now under study.

• Naming of nuns to be "home visitors."

• Mercy nun Sister Regis of Mount Carmel school and Sister James of the Sisters of St. Joseph now at St. Lucy's school have been named by their religious superiors for this work. Sister James will be a home visitor in the Immaculate Conception parish area. Two additional nuns are expected to be named for the St. Michael's and St. Bridget's parish areas soon.

• Special school programs to meet the educational needs of children in these inner-city parishes. Sister Mary Cyril of the Sisters of St. Joseph will be director of this phase of the project. She will spend her summer "vacation" in special studies on inner-city problems under a grant from the National Defense Education Act.

• Sister Cyril will work with principals and teachers in the five inner-city parish schools to develop the special subjects and techniques considered most practical there. She will also establish a person-to-person program with the pupils and parents to coordinate home and school programs too.

• Expansion of "person-to-person" projects.

Several already in operation include a clothing center at Mount Carmel parish stocked by members of Sacred Heart Cathedral's Rosary Guild, teenagers from local Catholic high schools who assist in remedial education work and recreational activities at St. Bridget's parish, the St. Martin de Porres Center founded and under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Muchard as a social center and soon to be a "Lighted Schoolhouse" and the Loreto House, an art and cultural center founded and directed by Miss Isabelle Dolan. St. Joseph's Church contributes \$50 a week to the Loreto House program.

• An "open door" program of cooperation with other agencies working in the inner-city to make parish facilities available for such projects as "Lighted Schoolhouse" or "Operation Headstart" of the Action for a

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Better Community in President Johnson's War on Poverty.

The Chancery announcement said the new five point program reflects in action a goal set by the Vatican Council: "The Church embraces in love all who are afflicted with human sufferings and sees in the poor and afflicted the image of its poor and suffering Founder. The Church must do all it can to relieve their needs and in them it strives to serve Christ."

Father Crimmens Funeral Held

Solemn funeral Mass for Rev. Alphonus P. Crimmens was offered by Bishop Kearney on Wednesday, June 30, 1965, at St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua, where Father Crimmens had been pastor for the past 12 years.

The 55-year-old priest was fatally stricken as he entered his church on Tuesday afternoon, June 28, 1965. He was able to make his way back to the rectory, where his assistant, Father Joseph Sacco administered the last rites. Death followed within minutes.

Father Crimmens had been seriously ill a few months ago, but had recovered sufficiently to take up his duties again.

The late pastor was known for his interest in youth work and parish athletic programs, which had been a continuing interest in his 31 years in the priesthood.

Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Geneva, delivered the funeral eulogy.

Under Father Crimmens' administration, St. Mary's parish added a new wing to the parochial school there in 1958. In the first years of his pastorate at Canandaigua he conducted an extensive remodeling program in the church, school and rectory.

Officers for the funeral Mass were:

Assistant priest, Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff; assistant deacons, Rev. John Wheaton and Rev. Joseph Haffey.

Deacon, Rev. J. Joseph O'Conor. (Continued on Page 2)



Tearing up the floor at De Porres center... first step to getting a new one.

De Porres Center 'Booming'

The St. Martin de Porres Center, which had already gotten well off the ground as a neighborhood service center, was given a rocket-like boost toward bigger goals recently, when it was named as one of the inner-city sites for the "Lighted Schoolhouse" project.

"We are very pleased that the Center will be able to do even more good in our neighborhood," said Mrs. Margaret Muchard. "Fortunately, we have a location and enough space to be ideal for the Lighted Schoolhouse program."

Mrs. Muchard made it clear that the new federally supported program would not eliminate the already successful volunteer operations at St. Martin de Porres Center in the heart of Rochester's inner-city area.

"The two programs will be

using the same buildings, but most of our programs, staffed by volunteers, will continue. The Lighted Schoolhouse classes, taught by professionals with some volunteer help, will operate independently of our own," she explained.

Educational assistance will be the main area of the Lighted Schoolhouse responsibility—tutoring, remedial work, home economics, crafts, etc.

The Center's volunteers will continue to focus their efforts on catechetics and recreational efforts, with counseling on employment and housing as an important sideline.

"The location (537 Clinton Ave. North) was ideal for our needs," stated Sister M. Jamesetta, co-director of the Lighted Schoolhouse operation, last week.

Actually, the government program is only designed to function for 3 or 4 hours a day, while St. Martin de Porres Center is an all-day, every-day center.

"All 5 of our Lighted Schoolhouse programs will be in operation by July 6," announced Sister Jamesetta.

Mrs. Muchard is enthusiastic about a new addition to the center, a good-sized store front acquired only two weeks ago.

It will provide a base for the sports and recreational activities of the Center, as soon as it is renovated. Volunteers had already started to take up the old floor last week, to replace it with a stronger one, capable of supporting dancing, ping-pong and pool tables, and some gymnastic equipment.

Clergy Told of College Expansion Needs

Today's necessity to expand Catholic higher education facilities was stressed this past week by the Bishop and Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester.

Bishop Kearney and Auxiliary Bishop Casey outlined additional building requirements of

Nazareth and St. John Fisher Colleges at a meeting of clergy moderators for the parish phase of the forthcoming \$9,000,000 joint college fund campaign.

Bishop Kearney pointed out that continuing development of facilities at the two colleges

is necessary to enable them to meet the increasing demands on all education institutions.

Nearly 15,000 men will be organized during the next three months to conduct the autumn drive. Selection of committee leaders and members will pro-

ceed through the summer.

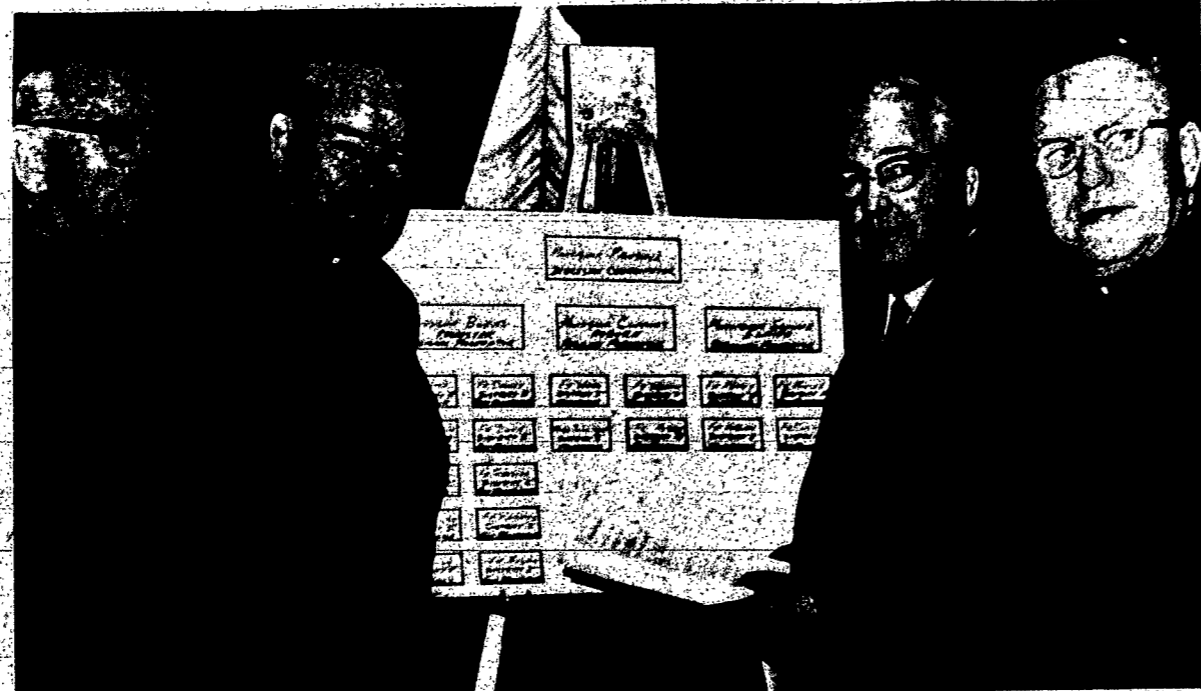
Committees being formed include the following: corporations; commerce and industry; major gifts; alumni and alumnae; district special gifts solicitation; parish solicitation.

While solicitation of contributions from a selected list of corporation and major gift prospects will be conducted during the summer, the formal kickoff meetings for these committees are scheduled in mid-September. Full solicitation by these and all other committees is slated from that time through mid-November.

Solicitation of parishioners by committees in all the 156 parishes of the 12-county Diocese is scheduled on two Sundays—Oct. 31 and Nov. 14. Instruction meetings for all parish committees will be held during the weeks of Oct. 4 and 11.

Master plans for St. John Fisher and Nazareth Colleges project enrollment of 3,000 full-time students by 1970. Registration of full-time students in semesters just concluded was 950 at Nazareth and 820 at St. John Fisher.

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Bishop Kearney with Monsignors Schwab and Cuffney and Paul McGuire at Fund meeting.

Vatican Envoys Visit Russia

Vatican City — (NC) — Bishop Jan Willembrands, secretary of the Vatican's Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, and Father Pierre Duprey, W.F., under secretary for the Eastern Churches in the secretariat are on a two-week visit to churches in the Soviet Union.

They will visit churches of the Russian Orthodox, the General Orthodox and the Armenian Gregorian Churches. No specific topics are on the agenda of their talks, but the visits were designed to keep channels open between the Holy See and churches of the Soviet Union.

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