Auburn-Geneva Area

Choirmasters, Organists' Workshop

The second workshop for the organists and choirmasters of the Rochester Diocese to be conducted by the Diocesan Music Commission will be held for the Church musicians of the Auburn-Geneva region on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 14 and 15, at St. Stephen's School, Geneva.

Father Phillip J. Lioi, assistant pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva, is the regional chairman in charge of local arrangements for the twoday event.

Other, members of the re-gional committee include Capu-chin Father Anthony Giudice, instructor of Church Music, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Geneva; Sister Mary Judith, S.S.J., principal of St. Stephan's School; and Sister M. Anacletus, De Sales High School, Geneva.

Basilian Father Peter E Sheehan, general chairman of the series of workshops, an-nounced that Mrs. Virginia **Bogdan Pados of Fairport has** composed a setting of the proper of the Mass of Christian Unity for the workshop. This will be sung at the Mass which



Paul Dasger cartoon in "Music Lessons for the Man in the puBlished by World Library of Sacred Music, Cincinnati,

will climax Saturday's program in St. Stephen's Church at 4:30 p.m., by the combined choirs of St. Stephen's and St. Francis de Sales Church under the direction of John Fabrizio.

The setting is done in four different styles including unison, chant, as well as polyphonic.

The following chairmen of committees have been appoint-ed by Father Lioi: Mrs. John Dougherty, registration; Mrs. George Miltz, music display; Sister M. Anacletus, usher staff; Sister M. Judith, luncheon; Sisters St. Luke and M. Genevieve, sacristans.

The program for the work shop will be divided into four sessions, two being held each day. The first ones, beginning at 7:15 p.m., Friday, will treat of the liturgical orientation of the Church musicians' role as well as the role of the organist at the various kinds of Masses.

On Saturday, following luncheon at noon, the sessions will consider the role of the choir and that of the congrega-Pew" Ohio: tion at worship.

Hymn Switching Can Be Overdone

Changing hymns too rapidly can discourage congre-[cations and repertories which | Commission will sponsor fur gational singing, said the chairman of the Diocesan are available. ther workshops, an occasional Music Commission last week. "It takes a while for

people-to-feel-confident-about a hymn," said Father Benedict Ehmann, pastor of St. Michael's Church.

While there is a need for varying the hymns, especially for the different liturgical seasons; it should not be overdone, he stressed.

"It would seem best to change one hymn at a time," he suggested," rather than confront a parish with three new hymns at once."

In a Courier-Journal interview, the Music Commission leader discussed action already taken by his Commission, set up. last June, and unveiled future plans of the group.

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First task undertaken by the Commission was to set up area Music Workshops for choirmasters, organists and congregation leaders. The first was held in Elmira in early Decem-

ber, the second will be next Father Ehmann, include: week, Jan. 14-15, in Geneva at

concert of Sacred Music, and • Achieving coordination of hopes to get out a regular bulcelebrant, choir and people at letin to keep pastors and

Singing of hymns at low reviewal of music in the Masses is almost universally Church. the practice through the Diocese of Rochester now, Father

Father Straub has little difficulty coming down when he parachutes from a high-flying plane. His equipment weighs almost as much as he does. The young



Father Straub

Paratrooper in Vietnam

One of the chaplains caring, attack, the sentries have for the spiritual needs of U.S. "long and lonely" vigil but they GIs in Vietnam is Father Fred-|"maintain their sense of huerick Straub, formerly a cu-mor" and the GIs far from rate-at St. Boniface Church, home "keep at their daily tasks with steady courage and sus-Rochester. tained vigor."

His military career began in 1959 and he promptly piled up Father Straub said he offered a record for jumping out of air- Mass in a village church built planes that normally takes b0 by French missionaries but years. A year ago he was award- which had been without Mass ed his master's parachutist for-two years. One of the Vietbadge for 211 jumps, 146 more namese asked him afterwards than required. to visit a dying aged woman.

"The devotion of the family IN A RECENT letter to the and the gratitude of the old Courier he described his duties woman gave a little extra satis in the sweltering hundred de faction to me in visiting this gree jungles of Vietnam. outpost," Father Straub said.

He sends his greetings and

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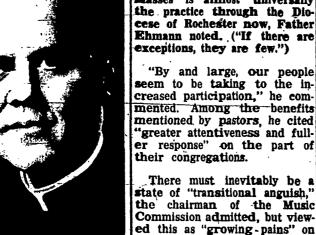
He says they are "somewhat different" than in "ordinary" asks the prayers of all his battle conditions. friends in the Diocese and

"Combat patrols continue day and night to keep the local Viet Cong off balance and to mitigate his terrorism and con trol of nearby villager and cost (capt) and cost of the second seco trol of nearby villages and cisco, Califorina, 96240. farms," says Father Straub.

He prefers to be close to the battle areas "because there is an obvious, pressing need for a priest when his men are engaged in heavy combat." Father Straub's battle area parishion. ers include, besides the American GIs, Vietnamese soldiers and villagers, many of whom are Catholics. Viet Cong night raids are particularly terrorizing, Father

Straub reports-/"Then it's a question of if the barbed wire holds, if the native troops don't panic, if the air strike arrive on time."

And when there is no night

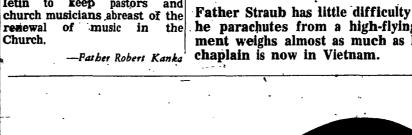


FATHER EHMANN

"greater attentiveness and fuller response" on the part of their congregations. There must inevitably be state of "transitional anguish," the chairman of the Music Commission admitted, but viewed this as "growing-pains" on the way to a better state.

the parish Mass.

The most important goal now, he felt, is to communicate "the spirit of participation," to explain why vocal response and singing are so vital to worship.



St. Stephen's School, and a • Aquainting church musicthird will be held in Rochester ians with current liturgical re-The Music Commission hopes in February. quirements.

to serve the parishes of the Diocese in this goal, Father Workshop aims, according to | • Informing them of publi- Ehmann stated. To do this, the

Expectant Mothers Blessing Slated by Bishop Casey

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will give the special blessing to expectant mothers of Sacred Heart parish and other Monroe County parishes on Monday, Jan. 10 in the Cathedral at 7:45 p.m.

Services will include Rosary and Benediction. Bishop Casey will present a medal of St. Gerard, patron of mothers, to all who come for the blessing.

The Rosary Guild meeting will follow in the rectory hall. The Bishop will speak about the Fourth Session of Vatican Council II. Guests from other parishes are welcome. Refreshments will follow.

Acting on an appeal by Sister M. Walburga of Nazareth Convent, the International Red Cross located a relative of hers in an Interment Camp in Canada, Prince William Fritz, German born and youngest son of an old Austrian family.

Precious Blood Order Marks 150th Birthday

Over a hundred years ago a to God and sanctity. In his Blood," the saint insisted, "is group of fifteen priests and mission work he constantly the best weapon against modbrothers celebrated Christmas called attention to the Sacrifice ern evils" and he predicted Day on board a ship steaming of Christ, who had shed His that devotion to the Precious slowly up the Mississippi River life's Blood to the last drop Blood would save the world: from New Orleans. Three days for the love of all men. "I "Times will come much more later the boat left the Missis-would have a thousand sippi and turned up the Ohio tongues," he cried, "to move River toward Cincinnati. There all hearts to the Most Precious devotion to the Blood of on New Year's Eve-December Blood of Jesus Christ." He Christ."

31, 1843-the boat docked. The urged everyone to imitate the Many young men were drawn band of priests and brothers Lord's love and example, and disembarked, then promptly instead of bringing misery to to join the new group of Premoved on to report to the neighbor, to help him with cious Blood missionaries, and episcopal residence of the bish-charity, prayer and meaningful parad in Italy Than and pered in Italy. Then, providen op of Cincinnati Bishop John sacrifice. tially, a Swiss priest named Baptist Purcell. (Continued on Page 6) "Devotion to the Precious

Who were these men? Where had they come from? Did this group have any special name? Why had they landed at Cincinnati?

Their story really begins in Italy, and its first chaper dates back a little over a quarter of a century before 1843—back to August 15, 1815. On that day, in the Church of San Felice at Giano, Italy, a saintly Roman priest, Gaspar del Bufalo, founded a new religious society for men-The Congregation of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. (By now-in this Sesquicentennial Year of its life-Gaspar's Society is more simply and popularly known as the Society of the Precious Blood.

At the time of the Society's beginning many conflicts were raging through Europe, and particularly in Italy. There the Napoleonic troops had left a dreadful wake behind them. Law and order received small respect; traveling was far from safe: bandits roamed almost at will through the hills of the Papal States; morals were at low ebb.

Impelled by an intense devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus, St. Gaspar set out on

The congregation of the Most Precious Blood, which marks its. 150th anniversary this year, has two foundations in Rochester — Most Precious Blood Parish, Stenson St., and Most Precious Blood Seminary, Highland Ave.

The Precious Blood Fathers came to Rochester thirty-five years ago to care for Italian-speaking Catholics of the city's northwest section, Father Anthony Pece was first pastor and was succeeded in 1937 by his curate, Father Sebastian Conteglacomo, present pastor.

The seminary, founded in 1962, began with nine students headed by the Very, Rev. Matthew Quaranta, C.SS.P., rector. The young men attend classes at St. Andrew's Seminary and St. John fisher College, Present rector, Father Nicholas Arioli, is the only native Rochesterian who is a member of the Pre-

25 Years Ago

(From Catholic Courier files, Jan. 9, 1941) Bishop Kearney attended the

consecration of Most Rev. J Francis A. McIntyre, as Titular Bishop of Cyrene and Auxiliary Bishop of New York in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City.

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ur sincerest wishes to you for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year from all of us at Lincoln Rochester.

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