

## Fisher Students 'Where Action is'

Personal involvement "where the action is" is making this summer to be remembered by two St. John Fisher College sophomores.

Richard "Hal" Parmalee, a chemistry major from South Orange, N.J., is one of 22 college volunteers assigned to the Martin de Porres House in the heart of Chicago's riot-torn West Side slum district.

In Kansas City, Mo., Brian Barry is in the midst of a seven-week "apostolic program of Christian service" sponsored by the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity. He is from East Rockaway, N.Y.

At the Martin de Porres House, Parmalee works with 14 girl volunteers, six seminarians, and one other male lay student. Several members of the group are not Catholics. Two major projects occupy their attention: a day camp for younger children and a parish project dealing with teenagers.

Seventy underprivileged neighborhood children are enrolled in the day camp at Martin de Porres House. Each volunteer is personally responsible for seven or eight of the youngsters.

Farther west in Kansas City, Brian Barry, who is a sociology major at St. John Fisher, underwent an orientation program consisting of formal study of the documents of Vatican II and lectures by priests, ministers, and laymen.

Assigned to an Italian parish in the inner-city area of Kansas City with a Basilian scholastic (one of four Basilians participating in the program there) as his partner, Barry supervises a morning recreation program, gives catechetical instruction, and assists in taking a parish census.

He and his partner live in the parish rectory. The pastor provides them with their meals, but each volunteer pays for personal expenses himself in addition to a \$50.00 expense fee to cover the cost of the orientation program. Volunteers also pay for their transportation to and from Kansas City.

Parmalee's assignment is with the Cabrini Project in a parish whose congregation is approximately 80% Puerto Rican. It is located in a neighborhood where the population is 70% Negro. Almost sixty teenagers are enrolled in the six-week project, three quarters of them Puerto Rican.

Volunteers and their groups meet twice daily for discussion sessions. Topics such as racial relations, community awareness, and job opportunities are considered for one week each. Entertainment consisting of dancing, Ping-Pong, etc., follows the evening meetings. Field trips to other sections of Chicago and nearby communities provide additional information on topics under consideration.

Parmalee also has been an interested on-the-scene observer of the movement by Chicago slum-dwellers to withhold rental payments from absentee landlords as a means of forcing these owners of the buildings to repair and improve the tenements.

Area residents have formed a "Union To End Slums" under direction of Dr. Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which is headquartered in the Warren Street Congregational Church, a block from Martin de Porres House. Although excluded from picketing by court order, the tenants did win the right to negotiate with their landlords.

Parmalee has been an eye witness to their meetings.

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## Joliet Has Its Romeo

Pope Paul named a new bishop for the diocese of Joliet, Illinois, this week. Wherefore who else would be more appropriate than its auxiliary bishop, the Most Rev. Romeo R. Blanchette? The Pontiff obviously has a fine Shakespearean hand.

Pope Paul also named Monsignor John B. McDonnell, diocesan superintendent of schools in Pittsburgh, to be auxiliary bishop of that diocese.

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# Peace Pleas Counter Worsening War

## Retaliation Threat Rapped

Pope Paul at his summer Vatican and the world's leading churchmen meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, voiced a growing concern for continued escalation of the Vietnam war.

Pope Paul told crowds at Castel Gandolfo Sunday that "only the help of God, the wisdom of the Gospel and the grace of Christ" can provide statesmen with the virtues needed to achieve peace.

He cited the need for "patience, perseverance and forbearance" and "a love of justice and liberty" as essential ingredients for any realistic peace-building efforts.

He asked for increased prayer "among all peoples" to achieve "this difficult peace."

At the Geneva meeting of 400 Protestant and Orthodox religious leaders, American military methods in Vietnam were branded as "unjustified."

The Geneva churchmen specifically rapped "the long and continued bombing of villages in the south and of targets a few miles from cities in the north." This, they said, "cannot be justified."

North Vietnam's proposed war-crime trials of captured U.S. airmen also prompted comment from churchmen.

Seventy three participants at the Geneva meeting from the United States cabled President Johnson to say the "current episode involving American prisoners should not be made the occasion for any acts of reprisal."

"We deplore any suggestion that we lay waste the cities of North Vietnam," the cable said. "Acts of vengeance are abhorrent to Christian conscience and inimical to national and world interest."

U.S. THREATS of retaliation were also denounced by Italy's largest Catholic daily newspaper, the L'Avvenire d'Italia of Bologna.

Its editor, Raniero La Valle, said retaliatory strikes at North Vietnam would make this war "even more atrocious, even less bearable for the civilized conscience."

Pope Paul earlier in July had appealed to North Vietnam to "grant those prisoners the safety and the treatment provided for by international norms, giving in every case the more favorable interpretation and application which the sentiment of a generous and merciful humanity can suggest."

A month ago the Pope told Cardinals in Rome that the Vietnam war "seems to have no end." He refused to be disheartened, however, he said. "With the worsening of the situation and the terrible prospect of a possible extension of the conflict, the demands of our apostolic ministry have spurred us to strive in every way, even blazing new trails, that a solution may be sought and achieved through frank and honorable negotiations."

So far his trails have all been dead-end.



Six Rochester area chaplains assigned to the 98th Reserve Training Division, headquartered in Rochester, attended the Division's annual active duty training at Fort Dix, N.J. the last two weeks of July. They are seen reviewing part of the literature they studied during formal training on their tour of duty. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Elmer Heindl, (holding booklet), pastor of St. Patrick's in Cato, is Division Chaplain. Other chaplains are (from left): Lt.

Phillip Lioi, assistant pastor, St. Francis de Sales, Geneva; Assistant Division Chaplain (Major) Wesley Kuhn, pastor of St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, Rochester; Lt. Paul Freemesser, assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Rochester; Captain Robert Pearson, assistant pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Rochester; and Captain John O'Connor of St. Michael's Church, Newark.

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## More than 500 In Courier Poll

The trickle of replies to a Courier poll on changes in the Catholic Church called for by the Vatican Council crested to over 500 replies this week.

Of the 516 who replied, 287 are in favor of the changes, 116 indicate a neutral reaction and 113 oppose them.

A breakdown of the returns between clergy and laity indicates of 434 lay people replying, 228 like the changes, 93 take a middle stance and 113 don't like them. The clergy reported 59 as convinced the changes strengthen the devotion of their people, 23 feel the "new liturgy" doesn't affect parishioners' devotion much one way or another. None of the clergy indicated they were against the changes.

Other questions in the poll tended to reflect the attitude on liturgy changes—those favoring these also favored other changes and vice versa.

The poll is printed again, and for the last time, on page six of this Courier for any who missed it the two previous issues.

Comments on what other changes might be desired ranged from several who said, "No more, please," to lists of many topics. Many said they hoped for prompt "clarification" of the birth control question.

Three criticized last week's Courier headline which said current changes in Church rituals are favored 3 to 1. We were told the clergy should not have been included in the poll because all the clergy have to vote 'yes.'

Most frequent of all comments was a desire for greater uniformity. A Webster subscriber said "Rome and the Diocese" should enforce ritual regulations "so we might return to some semblance of unity."

A Rochester subscriber, however, said, "I see no reason why there can't be flexibility in how the laity participate." Critics of the "new liturgy" voiced their opinion in no uncertain terms—"Changes so far are a lot of hokum." "I do not like the changes at all!" "The Vatican Council should be quietly buried somewhere." "Changes never should have taken place." "Change right back to the good old ways."

Those favoring the changes were sometimes lyric—a member of St. John's parish in Greece, after praising the design of the new church there, the choir director, Louis Ugino, and the parish priests, said, "I wish only that the whole Diocese could capture the spirit in our church. It is a spirit of happiness, unity and love."



Geneva—(RNS)—Participants in the World Conference on Church and Society at Geneva included top officials of the World Council of Churches, which sponsored the two-week meeting. Shown here are Dr. Martin Niemöller of Germany, one of the WCC's six presidents; Dr. Z. K. Matthews, African secretary; Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary; and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, former United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. administrator who will succeed to Dr. Visser 't Hooft's post on Dec. 1. The conference protested U.S. war action in Vietnam.

## VP Describes Churches' Role

# Clearing Away The Ghettos

Washington—(RNS)—Religious leadership is needed to "broaden the base" of understanding and involvement in implementing such programs as the war on poverty and racial justice and equality. Vice President Humphrey told an inter-religious assembly of seminarians here.

The Vice President warned that militant forces are going to tear down the whole structure of society unless the needs of America's cities begin to cope with what he termed the "simmering, festering sores of discontent" in the ghettos.

He told the seminarians that religious leadership is in the position of being able to broaden the base of understanding among those people who can do most to bring some of the society-saving programs into activation. "We need people who will be speaking to the middle income groups," he said.

Humphrey's remarks were contained in an answer to a question by one of the seminarians who asked how best they, as future religious leaders, could be most relevant in society. The Vice President laid special emphasis on seeking to press the middle class into the social struggles.

For an hour and 20 minutes the Vice President talked to and with the students, with his topics ranging all the way from rats and filth in the ghettos to the anticipated erection of a building in space within the not too far future.

The seminarians are spending the entire month of July in Washington exploring ways in which they, individually as Protestants, Catholics and Jews, and collectively as cooperating religious bodies can relate to the demands of America's changing society.

The 25 students from nine seminaries are visiting under the aegis of the Religion Action Center of the American Union of Hebrew Congregations and Harvard Divinity School.

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## Funeral Held for Father Tobin

A priest whose eloquence was expressed more in silence than by words was mourned this week.

Father Earl M. Tobin, pastor of St. Felix Church, Clifton Springs, died suddenly as he prepared to celebrate Mass Friday, July 22.

Bishop Kearney offered the Requiem Mass for Father Tobin in the Clifton Springs church Monday.

A seminary classmate, Father Bernard C. Newcomb, gave the eulogy.

He said people who did not get to know Father Tobin well did not realize the profound thoughts and the numerous spiritual activities hidden under a quiet—sometimes even silent—manner of life.

Father Tobin, it was said, went about his priestly duties "without fanfare" but "he always got done what needed doing."

He had been only a year in his St. Felix pastorate but his previous pastorate at St. Gabriel's Church, Hammondsport,



FATHER TOBIN

and St. Patrick's Church, Prattsburg, had extended nearly 10 years.

There he supervised redeco-

ration of the church and parish hall.

FATHER TOBIN was born Nov. 10, 1908, the son of the late Martin and Louise Tobin of Rochester. He attended Corpus Christi school, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries and was ordained June 9, 1934.

He served as a curate in five parishes of the Diocese: St. Patrick's, Elmira; St. Charles Borromeo, Greece; St. Ignatius, Hornell; St. Mary's, Corning, and St. Cecilia's, Elmira.

He is survived by a sister, Sister M. Marguerite of the Sisters of Mercy at St. Joseph's parish, Penfield.

Assisting Bishop Kearney at the funeral rite were Monsignors Edward K. Ball and Joseph Cirincione and the Rev. Fathers William Tobin, Elmer McNamara, Gerald Kelly, James Moynihan, Michael Hogan, Joseph O'Connell, Raymond Nolan, James Slattery, John Whiston, Stanislaus Bialaszewski, Joseph Haffey, and John Healy.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



Pope Paul blessed pilgrims at Castel Gandolfo Sunday after asking for prayers for peace.

## New Mass for Teenagers?

Houston—(RNS)—Inner city worship needs and the problem of Church money and property as potential obstacles to reform are among the specialized subjects to be discussed here by study groups at the National Catholic Liturgical Week, August 22-25.

One of the largest annual gatherings of Catholics on the North American continent, the Liturgical Week will be held at the Sam Houston Coliseum under the theme, "Worship in the City of Man."

In addition to the general sessions, morning and evening, and the worship services each evening, 16 study groups will meet on two afternoons.

"Liturgical Celebration for Adolescents" is offered particularly for students and student chaplains. Parents are invited to discuss "Liturgical Celebration for Children."