

### Union Priest In Conflict On Tradition

Los Angeles — (RNS) — The Chancery Office of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles said that action against Father Brendan Nagle was taken because of a "conflict in obedience," and stressed that the priest did not express "any divergence from doctrinal teachings of the Church."

Father Nagle is the secretary-treasurer of the recently organized American Federation of Priests which is headed by its founder, Father William H. DuBay.

"It has been stated," the Chancery Office said, "that Father Nagle will engage himself in the promotion of a news paper that will advocate his opinions regarding the institution on 'unionism' among the clergy."

"In these, he is in direct conflict with tradition and practice. This position is evidently the basis of his desire to 'disassociate' himself and to publicly dissent from the legitimate authority of the Church in Los Angeles. He has elected this disassociation of himself."

When he assumed the post with the priest's union, Father Nagle wrote a letter to James Cardinal McIntyre in which the priest asked to be "disassociated" from the policies of the archdiocese. These policies, which Father Nagle identified as those on the racial issue, he called "immoral and inhuman."

The Chancery statement noted that Cardinal McIntyre suggested that Father Nagle reconsider his decision and he offered the priest "a refuge of seclusion and meditation in any religious house of his choice."

When he refused, "thus a conflict in obedience, both in theory and practice was established," the Chancery statement noted.

### Business Teachers Meeting Slated

Monroe County Business Teachers Association will hold its first meeting beginning at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22, in the Rochester Gas and Electric Corp. building, 80 East Ave.

Program will include a buffet supper in the coffee shop (compliments of RG&E), business meetings, and presentation of officers.



### A Priest and His Family

Rottenburg, Germany — (RNS) — Father Harold R. Bronk, a former Episcopal minister in the U.S. who was recently ordained a Catholic priest, is married and has seven children. Ordained under special dispensation granted by the Vatican, he will serve in Germany. In front row are, from left: Karen, 12; Father Bronk; Paul, 3; Timothy, 4; Mrs. Bronk; and Peter, 8. In rear, from left: Stephan, 10; Harold, 14; and David, 11. Father Bronk, his wife and family were received into the Catholic Church in 1959 by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

### Mrs. McGrath Requiem Held

Funeral Mass was offered by Rev. Leo E. Lynch in the chapel at St. Ann's Home on Monday, Nov. 7, for Mrs. Margaret Lavin McGrath, widow of Daniel P. McGrath, passed away on Friday, Nov. 4, at the age of 96. She was a member of the Rosary Society at Blessed Sacrament parish.

Mrs. McGrath is survived by one son, Daniel J., and one granddaughter, Margaret, two nieces, and several cousins. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where the blessing at the grave was imparted by Father Lynch.

Funeral arrangements were made by John M. Hedgcs, Empire Boulevard.

### Priests for Tomorrow



### The Priest A Father

By FATHER LOUIS J. HOHMAN  
Diocesan Director of Vocations

Back in our seminary days I can remember being on Main Street in Roman collar and a man selling religious magazines of some sort shouted for all to hear. "Call no man your father." He was obviously implying that we did not have the right to be called "Father" — based on an over-literal interpretation of those words of Jesus.

According to the Maryknoll Catholic Dictionary, the title "Father" was originally reserved for members of the mendicant orders and is now used for all priests in the English speaking world.

This title is given priests because by the administration of the Sacraments they acquire a certain paternal relationship to the people. Especially by Baptism priests breed the faithful, conferring on them rebirth in Christ. The priest is also the instructor and guide of the faithful in the new life of Christianity.

Historically, however, and especially in this country, the title Father took on a much wider meaning. When the great immigration of a vast number of nationalities was taking place in the last century, the immigrants tended to group themselves very closely around the priest and the parish. Excluded as they were from native American society they tended to form ghettos having a religious and national basis. The priest then became the father figure extraordinary.

Now, of course, all this has changed, or rather the structure upon which it rested is changed. The immigrant families little by little began to take their rightful place in American society, to acquire positions of influence and importance. Their income bracket began to match that of the "natives." Antipathies between Protestant and Catholic and the various nationalities diminished and the general level of education brought the sons and grandsons of immigrants to equality with all other Americans. Indeed the immigrant families of the 19th century became hardly distinguishable from anyone else by the time the second or third generation grew up.

The result of all this was that the priest was no longer, in many respects, the leader of the community. (We might add that this condition has been rapidly accelerated since the advent of the 60's.) Large numbers of our Catholic people know that they are just as well educated as Father and because of specialization and rapid scientific advances in fields such as sociology and psychology, the priest is no longer considered the expert. In fact he is sometimes considered very inexperienced in these and allied fields, maybe even a nebbler.

The mobility of our society was another factor in the break up of the parish as the alpha and omega of Catholic existence. Most pastors today have a difficult time keeping up with who does live in the parish and who doesn't, who is Catholic and who isn't.

Adjustments in ways of thinking usually lag behind change but eventually have to be made, the sooner the better. Many attitudes of parish priests must be changed if they are to have any spiritual importance to their people.

First of all, there can no longer be any attempt to treat people as children with a kind of condescending paternalism. Sermons and talks must be geared to a higher educational level, must be better thought out, more backed up by reasons. Problems cannot be solved by a simple "I know best" unsupported by fact or resource. He can no longer say, "How dare you question me?" at least in matters where he lacks professional competence.

If all this be true, where does the parish priest of our time stand? Is not his dignity and his position destroyed? What justifies his title of Father?

The fact is, that the only real claim of the priest to that title has not changed one iota. He is still the representative of God in the community. He still brings us to the new life of Sons of God; he nurtures and develops that life and tries to bring the child of God to the full stature of Jesus Christ. He is still the president of the assembly of the family of God and of the Eucharistic sacrifice and meal he undoubtedly is Father.

But — and here is where the changes must be made — the parish priest must remember that in many ways his children have grown up. As a good father, he must treat them that way.

He must lead them to mature Christianity, the kind the Sacrament of Confirmation proclaims, the kind which makes the layman responsible and active in the building up of the Body of Christ. How can a child be trained to responsibility if he is not given responsibility?

The Vatican Council was more than explicit about this. Not only is the laymen to be given responsibility in the areas where by vocation he has more competence than the priest, but he is to be consulted, and his judgment given real and honest consideration. It is always wonderful to see a father or man in man dialogue with his grown sons. It does not degenerate from his fatherhood. Rather it makes his fatherhood shine. It tells the whole world that he must have been a very good father to have raised such a responsible mature son. So, pastors can find great consolation in bringing their sons and daughters in Christ to full Christian maturity.

One final point. Today the vocation decline is a source of grave anxiety. Maybe part of the answer to fewer vocations is the turning over of all non-priestly functions to the laity. Let's take a long hard look. They have shown up.

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### Schools Told Teach Facts of Life Early

Atlantic City — (NC) — A priest advocated before a convention of educators here the introduction of early sex education courses in all schools, public or private.

Father James Pindar, assistant superintendent of Newark archdiocesan schools, told the annual New Jersey Education Association convention here that the home has fallen down on the job of providing education on the facts of life for youngsters. Therefore it is up to the schools to provide the instructions, he said.

ent conditions underscore the urgent need for such education among youngsters.

It is evident, Father Pindar said, that parents have failed to assume their responsibility in this field. Sex education, he said, is vitally necessary to prepare children for their mature, adult role in life.

"Parents, not the schools, have the primary responsibility to offer this instruction. But it is not given at home, therefore the school should do it," Father Pindar said.

The priest-educator, emphasizing he was expressing his personal opinions rather than those of the Church, said parents even spiritual importance to their people.

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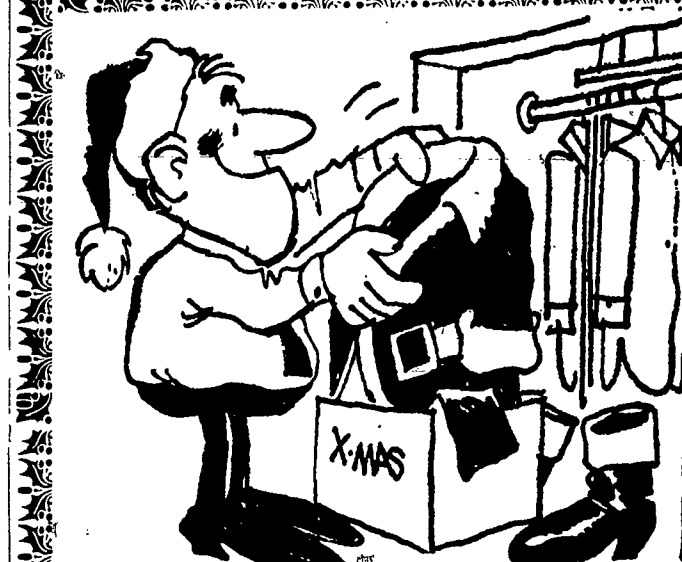
### Pullen Couple Marks 40 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pullen, of 100 Grove Ave., Auburn, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Saturday with a surprise party at Baylor's Restaurant in Cascade.

The party was given by 30 family members who arranged for a dinner and a decorated cake. The Pullens were also recipients of many gifts.

They have four children: three sons, Bernard of Skaneateles and Gerald and Charles at home, and a daughter, Mrs. Jack Frost of Burtis Point and two grandchildren, Ronnie and Roger of Skaneateles.

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