



Father Gordinier gives Communion at Mass in Aberdeen Nursing Home.

The Mass Comes to the People

Another step in the process of bringing the Mass to the people takes place monthly at the Aberdeen Nursing Home on Lake Avenue in Rochester.

Father William Gordinier, a curate at Sacred Heart Cathedral, celebrates Mass for more than 50 of the residents and Holy Communion is also taken to the bed-ridden patients unable to attend the Mass.

Other Mass-at-home projects have included a month-long mission at St. Ambrose parish and a First Friday Mass at Plymouth Gardens arranged by priests of St. Monica's parish.

Assisting Father Gordinier at the Aberdeen home were junior and senior members of the Cathedral Legion of Mary who helped wheel-chair and other residents to the assembly room; Ray Fagan, a well-known Rochester band leader, now a resident at the Home, who served the Mass and Rev. Mr. David Pischette, a deacon from St. Bernard's Seminary.

Priests of the three parishes all agree that the experiment has exceeded their expectations and they hope to continue and extend the practice.

Mary Schafer Funeral Mass

Funeral Mass for Mrs. Mary Derleth Schafer was offered by Monsignor John M. Duffy at St. Augustine's Church, Wednesday, Nov. 16. Mrs. Schafer of 244 Sawyer St. died Nov. 13, 1966.

She was a member of St. Augustine's Rosary Society.

Surviving are three sons, Edward Schafer, Canandaigua; Sylvester and Francis Schafer, Rochester; eight grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren.

Monsignor Duffy gave the blessing in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Joseph A. Murphy Funeral Home.



More than 50 residents of Aberdeen Nursing Home attend monthly Mass there.

For Teeners

A Junior and Senior High School Retreat will be held at the Canale Retreat House on Dec. 2 to 4. It will be conducted by Father Louis J. Hohman, Diocesan Director of Vocations.

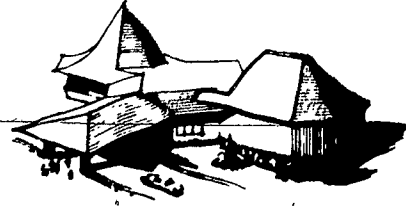
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Church 'Tax' Questioned

New York —(RNS)— Of all Vatican II decrees on the missions, fixed contributions from dioceses and parishes for mission support may prove to be the most difficult of all to meet, according to Auxiliary Bishop Martin W. Stanton of Newark, N.J.

The director of the Newark archdiocese's Office of the Propagation of the Faith, in a keynote address to more than 1,500 attending the 24th annual Jesuit Benefit Dinner here, said: "It is easy to say that every diocese and parish should be assessed a certain percentage, say five per cent, of its income."

"However," he continued, "as the bishop of a small mid-western diocese said to me a few days ago: 'My diocese has given 10 priests to serve in South American missions. It gives these priests a total of \$60,000 per year to finance missionary activities, as a gift to the missions. Is my diocese to be taxed on this charitable apostolic offering?'"

Until the new schema, Ad Gentes (to the Nations), covering every aspect of missionary activity, was promulgated, di-

oceses were free to decide their own contributions. The Council's decrees require that the assessments be separate from the faithful, which remain intact. The funds to be distributed by the Vatican. An episcopal commission is to be set up by each episcopal conference "to foster mission activity and mission awareness, and to seek ways of maintaining equity in mission aid."

Bishop Stanton noted that the thorny question of fixed assessments, as well as the entire Council document was to be considered by the annual conference of U.S. Bishops, meeting in Washington, D.C.

U.S. Catholics contributed nearly \$16 million last year, or about 60 per cent of the Church's global missionary effort. However, Bishop Stanton admitted the voluntary contribution system has not been entirely satisfactory.

"Many Catholics and parishes have been very generous to the missions, but others have given little or nothing. I speak from 30 years' experience as a Propagation of the Faith director."

He pointed out that due to the inadequate support which some missionaries receive from

churches and individuals, many of them must take time off to travel far, to beg for assistance."

The U.S. has led financially in mission aid, he continued, but lagged far behind smaller nations in staffing missions with priests and religious. He quoted Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, outgoing national director of the Propagation of the Faith, as saying, "Germany has 17,000 priests, religious and lay in foreign missions, while the U.S. has only 3,003. Holland with 4,800,000 Catholics has given 6,000 mission priests. The United States with more than 40 million Catholics has given only 3,946 priests."

"While this record may give Americans no compelling reason to be proud," Bishop Stanton said, "we may take real satisfaction in the gains in every missionary department in recent years, particularly in financial support."

He singled out for praise the New York Province of the Society of Jesus for their donations of men and means to the worldwide mission of the Church.

Recent Movie Ratings

Following are the titles of films reviewed this week by the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures.

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