Priests for Tomorrow



Updated Seminaries

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To meet the needs of the present and the future, the Diocese of Rochester got a head start in the updating of its seminaries. To a certain extent this was forced by existing circumstances.

Up until 1964 the diocese had two seminaries - St. Andrew's priesthood is anything but mon-Preparatory Seminary founded astic, and one soon finds out that the only thing regular in 1870 and St. Bernard's, the about it is its irregularity. The major seminary, founded just average parish priest must be before the turn of the century.
In its later years St. Andrew's own time and get the things consisted of four years high school and two years college.

St. Bernard's consisted of the training in the proper use of last two years of college and freedom.

The first problem to this ar an area which receives considrangement occurred with the ris- erable emphasis in the new ing costs of higher education seminary training. The free-The cost of maintaining a small dom well nigh absolute which college, especially one which some institutions of higher free was operating in two separate dom tend to give their students locations, was becoming prohibitive. The proportion of faculty not become automatically mato students would have to be ture by reason of becoming a much higher than most colleges, college student. Freedom, "dethe library would have to be sirable as it is, is highly explomuch larger for a proportionate sive and must be given gradually smaller use, the scientific ly Freedom should grow as maequipment would serve m a ny turity grows. fewer students and so be much more expensive, at least on a

was rapidly becoming a very ex- responsibility as the ability to pensive proposition. By small make an affirmative response

per capita basis.

St. John Fisher and live in a fying. separate residence on campus to be called Becket Hall.

greater exposure to their peers, that makes a difference. with at least the possibility of better understanding. In terms of the decrees of Vattcan II discipline, apart from the moral which call for more cooperation between clergy and laity, studies, and in relation to one we felt it would be an excel
The THREE principal areas of the decrees of Vattcan II discipline, apart from the moral law, are in the spiritual life. Studies, and in relation to one another. In the spiritual area another anoth

"knowing what is going on in his own and to do it out of love the world." We are quite aware for Jesus Christ. of the fact that simply being in the world does not make one know what is going on While it is true one cannot under-stand the world even living in it without the insight that comes from growing maturity.

And this maturity is priests and students with its base in the Liturgy. Mutual respect, justice, love And this maturity, we feel, will come from a delicate balance of dissipation and content in such a community of dissipation and content in such as a community of dissipation and content in such as a community of dissipation and content in such as a content i of discipline and freedom held in place by a Christcentered

discipline with an almost com- lastic excellence. Meeting those plete restriction of freedom. demands requires great disci-They feel that the best discipline is that quasi slavery to bells summoning one to every exercise and activity the day holds. This concept is rooted in think the advantages of our life, and would, I suppose, be any disadvantages. The trouble all right if the monastic way of is, the final results will not be life were to be a continuing assessable until some ten years thing. But life in the diocesan from now

done which need to be done at

The proper use of freedom is

We feel that much instruction must be given constantly in the relationship between freedom In short, the small college and responsibility. We define we refer to one having under to the demands of any situ-two hundred students.

able or unwilling to meet those This situation brought on negotiations with St. John Fisher College to bring about a situation about a situation brought on demands, then his freedom must be restricted until he is able. In our case, repeated failation whereby all our college ures would demand dismissal age seminarians (last two years from the seminary. The reacof St. Andrew's and first two tion to this system has been of St. Bernard's) would attend with few exceptions, most grati-

seeking direction in his choices The seminarians became full When these were simply imposfledged students of St. John ed from above, there was a Fisher, subject to all its aca-marked tendency to "play demic requirements, and partici- games" with authority and get pating in any cocurricular pro-gram judged consistent with be some still do, but at least their status as seminarians. The they know that the full respon-immediate result of this was a sibility lies with themselves and

lent training ground. The same the seminarians must be taught could be said in regard to un- in season and out of season the derstanding the problems and necessity of a developing prayviewpoints of the laity of the er life and self-denial, but that future. It could very well he both must be self-chosen under the beginning of an engoing direction of the ordination no diagogue between the works. priest's life or his program of In this connection there is self denial. Therefore we feel much talk about seminarians he must learn early to do it on

> Regarding their relationships to one another, we try to build a truly Christian community of priests and students ity and require great discipline.

The discipline of study takes care of itself. The college student today is being pressured There are those who equate to meet the demands of schopline and the results are right there on paper twice a year.

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Nuns at Scripture Study

Mother Katherine Sullivam of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, noted biblical scholar, gave a series of Holy Week talks on Scripture to nuns of the area at Sacred Heart Academy. She is shown, third from left, with Mother McDonnell, Academy principal, - both in the new religious habit of their order - with representatives of other orders at the Good Friday lecture.

'Magnificent Challenge' For Today's Priests

Vatican City — (RNS) — Priests today face "a magnificent challenge," Pope Paul VI told a group of newly-ordained priests at an audience here.

"We urge you never to lose your high ideals and your zest for the Church," he said.

"The Church has a great need of holy and dedicated men," he told the new ordained priests, "especially in this time when the realm of the spirit is being challenged on all sides.'

Pope Paul said they "must be prepared to present the message of Christ to a world that questions the usefulness of religion."

"Modern progress and scientific achievement has made men become self-satisfied and self-reliant," he said. "Instead, all this should bring men closer to God and to each other."

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New York — (NC) - Father ther McManus said. Andrew M. Greeley, author and sociologist, will return to the the Sundays of April.



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Group Named to Study **Liturgy Experiment**

Washington — (RNS) — Seven tor J. Reed of Oklahoma City Roman Catholic priests, four and Tulsa, one of three episcolaymen and a nun have been pal representatives on the comappointed to the study commit-tee on liturgical adaptation op Bernard J. Flanagan of Worwhose primary concern will be cester, Mass., and Auxiliary to evaluate proposals for litur-Bishop Warren L. Boudeaux of gical experiments. Lafayette, La.

However, according to Father
Frederick R. McManus, director
of the secretariat for the Bishops' Commission on the Liturgi-cal Apostolate, there will be little for the unit to do in that regard. There have been very Ryan of Goffstown, N.H., writer few requests to experiment, he and executive editor of The Living Light, a publication of

Last November, the National the Confraternity of Christian Conference of Catholic Bishops Doctrine; Robert Rambusch of passed a resolution which en New York City, artist and litur couraged proposals for liturgical gical consultant; and Dr. Barry experiments. If the American hierarchy accepted such propos- Ulanov, professor of English at sals, a petition would be sent Barnard College and adjunct to the Vatican seeking permis- professor of religion at Colum sion to try out the rites in bia University. controlled circumstances.

The nun named is Sister M #Almost all requests have Carol Frances of Mundelein been in the broadest terms,' said Father McManus, "such as College in Chicago. requests to be designated as a 'center of liturgical experiment' of course, such suggestions will COURIER-JOURNAL be considered if the American Friday, March 31, 1967 episcopal conference does receive any permission to experiment with liturgical services.

"What the (bishops are) looking for, however, is more detailed plans and formulas which can be evaluated by the new committee to see whether they merit-experiment-at all. So-far we have received only a couple of such concrete proposals," Fa-

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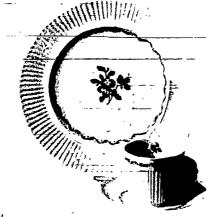
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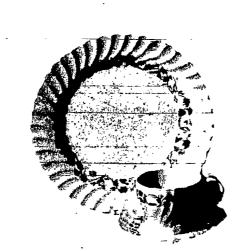


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