

## A First Time Twice for the Bishop



Bishop Sheen's first Confirmation class in the Diocese was at St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva, Sunday, April 16. Assisting him in the rite were Father Raymond P. Nolan and Father Arthur J. Hack.

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## A Third Parish for Webster

# Pastor, Vicar Named

Bishop Sheen established a new parish in Webster and a new diocesan office this week and assigned a priest to the two positions.

Father John T. Walsh was named pastor of the new Webster parish which will be centered on Hard Road between Ridge Road-East and Shoemaker Road.

Father Albert J. Shamon was named Episcopal Vicar for Religious Education throughout the Diocese.

The Bishop also appointed Father Neil Miller to be assistant pastor at St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen. Father Miller has been on sick leave for over a year recovering from a severe hip injury.

Father Walsh, a native of Geneva, has devoted a major portion of his nearly 25 years in the priesthood to Catholic students at colleges in parish areas he has served.

He founded the Newman Association at Ithaca College in 1944, at Elmira College in 1955, and has been Newman chaplain at Auburn Community College since 1960.

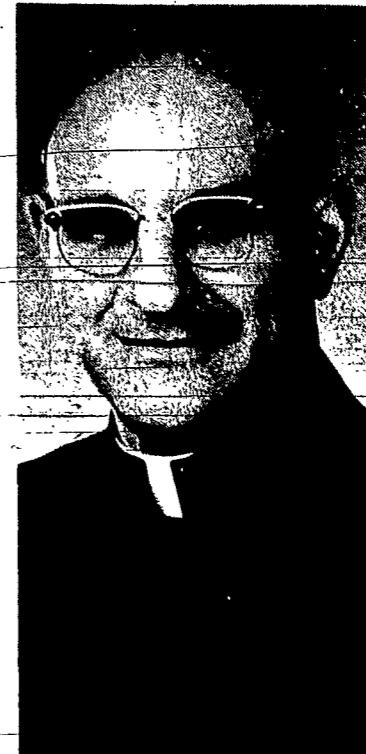
He told the Courier this week, "I'm anxious to meet the people in Webster. I think this is a perfect time to launch a parish, to



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be able to start with all the new ideas in the Church today and to incorporate them in our parish life from the very beginning."

Since his ordination in 1944, Father Walsh has been an assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca;



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Holy Cross Church, Charlotte; St. Margaret Mary's Church, Irondequoit; St. Mary's Church, Elmira; St. Joseph's Church, Penfield, and since 1960 at St. Mary's Church, Auburn.

He met diocesan officials at the Chancery Wednesday to discuss the name of the parish and

the date to get the parish underway.

Bishop Sheen announced the appointment at a confirmation ceremony at St. Mary's Church Sunday evening.

FATHER SHAMON, a native of Auburn and now pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Victor, has had a long career in the religious education field. He taught at Aquinas Institute from 1946 to 1950 and then at St. Andrew's Seminary until he was named to his Victor pastorate in 1961. He has continued to teach theology classes at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy.

He has also authored several books and pamphlets aimed at helping ordinary people deepen their spiritual life—First Steps to Sanctity, Behind the Mass, Treasure Untold, Reflections on the Apostles Creed, and, with Father Benedict Ehmann, he wrote Come to Me, a text on the sacraments and the Mass for Catholic pupils who attend public schools.

Father Shamon has been a frequent contributor to the Courier and is currently writing a series "Sign of the Times" on the Vatican Council's major theological document on the Church.

Bishop Sheen outlined Father Shamon's new responsibilities in a letter to him this week. Full text of the letter is on page four of this issue of the Courier.



Dr. W. Allen Wallis, president of the University of Rochester, and Dr. Richard Taylor, head of the University's philosophy department, welcomed Bishop Sheen to the campus last Friday afternoon. The Bishop, first Catholic prelate to speak at a University assembly, spoke on "The Romance of Reason."

## A Pledge Not a Revolt

In Holland

## Some Run Faster

Rochester's Father Charles E. Curran was at his classroom desk today lecturing in his soft-spoken voice on the intricacies of theology.

The sun-splashed campus outside his classroom was quiet—dotted here and there with students hustling to class, to the library or over to the adjacent vast National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The scene had been quite different a week before.

Virtually all the 6600 students and 400 faculty members at the Catholic University of America in Washington had closed the school in an unprecedented boycott to protest the firing of Father Curran.

This week the University's trustees—39 prelates and 11 laymen—reversed their decision and rehired and promoted him.

The confrontation between the tall, slim scholarly priest and the University was reported across the nation by radio and television bulletins and newspaper headlines.

First to rally behind Father Curran were priest-friends in the Rochester Diocese who mustered 104 signatures at a clergy meeting Wednesday, April 19, the day after his ouster was announced. Lay people of the Elmira-Corning area also were prompt to telegraph their support for his cause.

Although news reports invariably cited Father Curran's "liberal views" on birth control, he himself insisted the dispute was not "primarily" a theological issue but rather an academic issue—that he was ousted without a charge made against him and without a hearing by University officials.

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London—(NC)—The Catholic Church in the Netherlands is very much alive, but sensational news reports about its activities are distorted, according to a Dutch bishop.

Bishop Theodore Zwartzkruis of Haarlem, who paid a brief visit here, said that some newspaper articles on the Church in his country have been somewhat hysterical.

"Nobody in Holland even thinks of schism," he told the Catholic Herald before his return to Haarlem. "The plain fact is that we have an excellent press and television network and therefore all our activities get maximum publicity. Everything that happens gets into the news—especially the unusual things."

"But the Church in Holland is alive. Our churches are packed on Sundays. We have between 13,000 and 15,000 discus-

sion groups which are studying the decrees of the Second Vatican Council. That means that a quarter of a million people are concerned in finding out what is the job of the Church in our day.

"When you get that amount of interest, you are bound to have some people running faster than others. That is not because they want to leave the Church. They just want to push ahead . . .

"In Holland even before the Council we had reached the point at which other countries have now arrived. Mass facing the people is nothing new to us.

"Very soon we hope to get approval for the Canon in Dutch. We use all sorts of music from the more traditional to our Youth Masses which include Negro spirituals and rhythmic music which the young

people sometimes accompany with clapping."

Bishop Zwartzkruis said he is planning a "completely democratic" pastoral council of 100 members for his diocese. "There will be real consultation."

He intends to put to them as two first items of discussion the age of Confirmation and the extension of the new idea of Mass in the home.

The bishop also plans to break through the old parish system by forming "pastoral units" of seven or eight priests working as a team, living in a block of apartments and covering a much wider area. They will include specialists in youth, social welfare and other fields.

"Flying curates, ecclesiastical troubleshooters to be shared between three or four one-priest parishes, is another of Bishop Zwartzkruis's ideas, he told the Catholic Herald.

## Msgr. Roche Keynote for Florida Teachers

Public school teachers of the whole state of Florida heard Monsignor William M. Roche, Rochester diocesan superintendent of schools, keynote a special meeting in Tallahassee, the state capital, this week.

He listed three goals for the teachers: professional zeal in their "high calling," to impart values as well as facts, and to insist on adequate compensation financially and public recognition of their role as molders of society.

Monsignor Roche has been in frequent demand as a speaker at educators' meetings and as a writer in educational journals. He recently called for a total reevaluation of Catholic education to face realistically the increasing costs of such schools and the declining number of teachers.

## Pupil Equality, State CEF Goal

Citizens for Educational Freedom this week stepped up their efforts to end New York State's discriminatory restrictions against pupils in other than public schools.

CEF officials announced formation of an advisory board of prominent citizens to guide them in their current attempts to rid the state's constitution of remnants of bias of a by-gone age.

Joseph C. Wilson and C. Peter McCollough, both top executives of the Xerox Corporation, were the only two Rochester area individuals named in the announcement.

Advisers picked from other areas of the state included Rabbi Abraham Hecht, president of the Rabbinical Council of America; Dr. Richard H.

Engelbrecht, Lutheran educator; Dr. William Stringfellow, Manhattan attorney who represents the Episcopal Church on the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches; and other businessmen and civic leaders representing a cross section of religious denominations.

U.S. Senator Jacob K. Javits, speaking at the constitutional convention's opening session early this month, asked delegates to repeal the 73-year-old



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ban against "direct or indirect" aid to parochial schools.

He said the state "cannot afford to provide less than a high quality of education to all our children and I believe this can be done, constitutionally, if the federal pattern is followed."

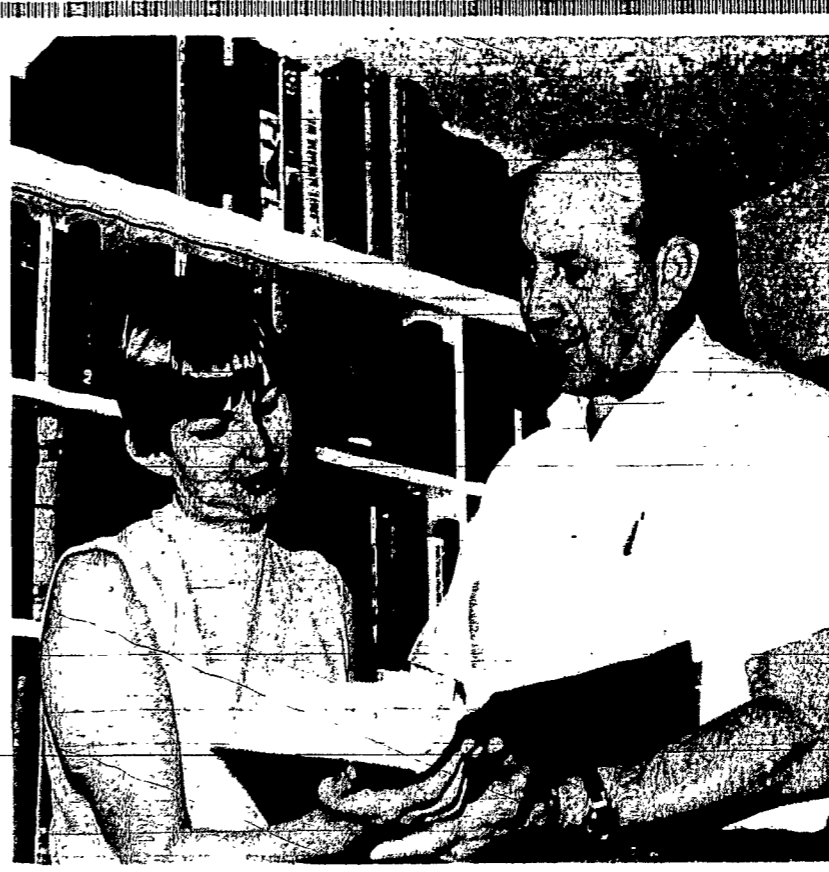
The U.S. constitution rules out government funds for religious institutions but authorizes "child benefit" aid—textbooks, bus rides, health services, science equipment, library books.

An organization called the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL) seeks to keep the state's present restrictive law in effect. PEARL is an amalgam of 22 organizations some of which are the American Ethical Union, Americans for Democratic Action, B'nai B'rith and several Reform Jewish groups, the Protestant Council of New York City, the United Federation of Teachers and the United Parents Association.

New Rector, and an ecumenical retreat, at new Notre Dame Retreat House. See page 5.



Police officer Ralph Boryszewski checks a legal point with his wife and shows colorful painting of medieval jury trial.



## Crusade for Stronger Grand Jury, Bastion of Justice

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One man who's convinced freedom is worth working for is husky Rochester Police officer Ralph Boryszewski.

He's somewhat of a one-man crusade who's trying to give Grand Juries a stronger role in the unending quest for justice.

He thinks jurors should be selected for an extended term of office—and properly paid for their service—rather than the present arrangement of only a

brief appointment with negligible remuneration.

He has organized a coterie of similarly convinced individuals into an Association for Grand Jury Action. The group meets regularly twice a month at his home on Northampton St. in Precious Blood parish on Rochester's northwest corner. They are currently hopeful for a hearing at the current state constitutional convention in session at Albany.

Boryszewski (say it—Bor-zoo-

ski) claims present intricate laws pose a trap for ordinary citizens who often stumble into violations of the law without meaning any malice. Such people are often terrified by the formalities and terminology of judges and lawyers. He thinks trials by a man's peers according to ancient Grand Jury traditions would put such a person at ease and yet assure justice being done.

His home is a library of more than 4000 books, all well annotated and underlined and he can

quote apt excerpts to prove his point.

Inspiring the crusaders on in their Grand Jury ideals are colorful paintings depicting the origin of the Grand Jury system in England. The large posters were painted by an artist who was nearly blind and they show the arrest of a peasant, a rally of his neighbors in his defense, a trial before the king and the man's release.

Crusading runs in the veins of the Boryszewski home. His

wife Jeanne has been an articulate spokesman at recent hearings on plans to bus children from inner-city schools to other schools to end de facto segregation.

She has tried to sound out the opinion of mothers of pupils in the schools affected. She's convinced the mothers are "more interested in discipline than in bus rides."

Mr. and Mrs. Boryszewski are the parents of two children, Kirk, 6, and Kris, 2.