

4 Parishes Plan Team Apostolate

Four Rochester parishes will pool their strengths in a team apostolate, Bishop Sheen's Pastoral Office announced this week.

Holy Family, Holy Apostles, St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's parishes will be linked to bolster their programs of religious education, parish visitation, involvement in community activities, ecumenical action and mission out-reach.

The plan was worked out by pastors of the four parishes with Father Joseph W. Dailey, episcopal vicar for pastoral renewal.

He said the proposed plan will cut down on duplication of efforts and open the door to a greater freedom of action for priests without limiting them within parish boundaries.

Father Dailey said only the "broad outline" of the plan has been set, leaving details to be worked out through "the imaginative creativity of those who will coordinate and implement it."

Full text of his statement is on page four of this issue of the Courier.

Pastors of the four churches are Monsignors George Cocuzzi and Emmett Murphy and Fathers Nicholas Alletto and Frederick Walz.

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Priests Study By Recording

Vienna — (RNS) — Vienna's Roman Catholic archdiocese has initiated a system of taped recordings to help keep its clergy informed on current problems involving theology and spiritual guidance.

Issued by the Pastoral Affairs Office was the initial tape of what it described as a "theology magazine in sound."

The office announced that eight tapes would be issued each year. It said they would contain records of interviews with noted German-speaking theologians on the most pressing problems of theology and the pastoral apostolate in the post-Vatican II period.

Deacons with Wives, Priests Stay Celibate

Pope Paul has deftly solved the debate about clergy celibacy —

Priests will stay single but a new type of cleric, actually a very ancient one, the deacon, can be a married man.

The Pope made his decision known in an encyclical issued last week in Rome and in a statement to Cardinals in the

Eternal City for yesterday's opening of the Year of Faith marking the 19th centenary of the martyrdom of St. Peter and St. Paul.

The new order of deacons was initially authorized by the recent Vatican Council.

Deacons according to present arrangements are candidates for the priesthood in their final years of study.

The new deacon concept

would authorize laymen, married if they wish to be, to aid priests in parish and administrative chores, but not to the extent of saying Mass or hearing confessions.

They could preach, baptize, instruct children, visit the sick and similar duties.

The Church's long-standing (dating from the fourth century) rule of celibacy for priests "remains unchanged," the Pope said in his encyclical.

He did, however, open the door for an exception to the rule — clergymen of other denominations who become Catholics and wish to be priests. He said each case would be studied individually.

He answered much current discussion of the celibacy law as a deterrent to vocations. He said simply he didn't think celibacy was at fault for the present lag in numbers.

The Pope defended his case for celibacy from the example of Christ, from the relation of the priest to the Church, from the ecclesiological meaning of celibacy, from the testimony of the Fathers of the Church and the example of the Eastern Churches and from the authority of the Church.

The argument from authority was used several times.

The Second Vatican Council's decision on married deacons was cited by the Pope as showing "that the magistracy of the Church may exercise its power in this matter without hesitation." Authority was also invoked in the passage which conceded that a vocation to celibacy is not the same as a priestly vocation.

On the example of Christ, Pope Paul said that "in accord with His mission, Christ remained throughout His whole life in a state of celibacy which signified His total dedication to the service of God and men. This deep connection between celibacy and the priesthood of Christ is reflected in those whose vocation it is to share in the dignity and the mission of the Mediator and the Eternal Priest and His sharing will be shared in the future. The sacred minister is from the bonds of flesh and blood."

In its ecclesiological significance, the encyclical said, celibacy reflects "a virginal love of Christ for the Church and the virginal and supernatural fecundity of this marriage by which the children of God are born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man but of God."

Eschatologically, it said, celibacy "stands as a testimony to the necessary progress of the People of God towards the final goal of their earthly pilgrimage and as a stimulus for all who raise their eyes to the things above, where Christ sits at the right hand of the Father and where our life is hidden in Christ with God until He appears in glory."

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Secular Mission

Bishop Sheen has launched a new-type home-mission program in the Rochester Diocese.

He has appointed three priests to reach out to people "not presently enrolled in a parish." The Bishop envisions the field of the three priests' activity as "trailer camps, villages, farms, wherever there is a door to knock and a soul to save."

He has titled the new project the diocesan "Secular Mission."

Heading the Mission will be Father John Hempel, now of Holy Cross Church, Rochester, and assisting him will be Father Timothy G. Weider and Father John F. Gormley.

Text of the Bishop's statement giving details of the Mission is on page four of this issue of the Courier.

Four Priests Retire from Pastorates

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MONSIGNOR BALL



MONSIGNOR SMITH



MONSIGNOR HOEFEN



FATHER O'CONNELL

Four well-known pastors of the Rochester Diocese announced this week their retirement from pastoral duties due to advancing years or failing health.

The four are:

Monsignor John M. Ball, 78, who has been pastor of St. Rose Church, Lima, for 33 years.

Monsignor Frank J. Hoefen, 82, who has been pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rochester, for 31 years.

Father J. Joseph O'Connell, 59, who has been pastor of St. James Church, Waverly, for six years and has in recent years been in failing health.

Monsignor Leo V. Smith, 80, who has been pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Rochester, for 21 years.

A spokesman at Bishop Sheen's Pastoral Office said pastors for these four parishes

will be announced in the near future.

The four pastors who have retired have distinguished themselves in their pastorates both for their spiritual concern of their people and for the extensive development of parish properties.

MONSIGNOR BALL, ordained in 1913, served as a teacher at the Rochester Catholic High School and as a curate at St. Patrick's Cathedral as well as parishes in Auburn, Palmyra and Cato prior to his Lima pastorate which began in 1934. He also served as Dean of the Livingston Deanery and as Rural Life Director during which time he pioneered the rural vacation school program for religious instruction of children. He was named a domestic prelate in 1956 and a member of the diocesan Priests' Council this year.

MONSIGNOR HOEFEN, or-

ained in 1911, taught at St. Andrew's Seminary, was a curate at St. Michael's Church, Rochester, pastor at Holy Trinity, Webster, from 1923 to 1936, and pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rochester, since 1936. During his pastorate he supervised construction of the school, convent and rectory there. He has also served as a member of the diocesan Building Commission and was elected this year to the diocesan Priests' Council.

FATHER O'CONNELL, ordained in 1934, was a curate at St. Mary's Church, Auburn, and then for 12 years was chaplain at Nazareth Academy, Rochester. He became pastor of Holy Cross Church, Rochester, in 1952, of St. Michael's Church, Livonia Center, and St. Mary's Church, Honeyey, in 1955, and of St. James Church, Waverly, in 1961. He was well known for his Socially activities and for organizing several clubs

for young adults, including the Cana Conference program and the monthly Catholic Youth Hour. He supervised construction of a catechetical center at Honeyey and later a new church there and the renovation of properties in parishes he served.

MONSIGNOR SMITH, ordained in 1916, served as a curate at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, Immaculate Conception Church, Itasca, Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, and as pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Dansville. He was spiritual director at St. Bernard's Seminary from 1935 to 1946 and helped shape the religious life of that generation of priests of the Diocese most of whom are now pastors. He became pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in 1946 and during his pastorate enlarged the parish school. He was named a diocesan consultant and a domestic prelate in 1962.

No Monopoly on Truth Jesuit Ecumenist Says

Chicago — (RNS) — No Church has a monopoly on God's revelation, according to a Jesuit priest who heads the North American Academy of Ecumenists.

Jesuit Father Walter J. Burghardt, professor of patristic theology at Woodstock (Md.) College, described Christianity's "new approach and new style" at a press conference here as, "There will be dialogue in a genuine sense . . . not to dictate, but to discuss."

There will continue to be a controversy among Christians, Father Burghardt said, but added:

"Our critique is more humble than in the past. No Christian confession has full understanding of God's revelation. Every theology is therefore a fragmentary thing."

He said the Academy, formed June 17-19 during an inaugural conference at Chicago Theological Seminary, will help its members "listen in order to learn." "The way we fill in our theology is by listening," he said. "It's a cooperative and collaborative effort."

Father Burghardt also said there will be a certain amount of risk involved in the new

organization of about 150 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox ecumenical scholars from the United States and Canada.

"We have never done it before," he said. "We don't know where it is going to end. It is a risk called for and demanded in these times."

The president of the North American Academy of Ecumenists stressed the need for denominational leaders to know what is going on in ecumenical theology, one of the new branches of theology concerned with Christian unity.

Economist Visits Pope

Vatican City — (RNS) — Henri Rochereau of France, High Commissioner of the European Economic Community, was received in audience here by Pope Paul VI and had conversations with Archbishop Angelo dell'Acqua, substitute for Ordinary Affairs in the Vatican Secretariat of State.

His visit, reportedly the first formal contact between the Vatican and an executive of the European Economic Community, was highlighted by discussions of the possibility of having a special delegate of the Vatican accredited to the executive headquarters of the European Economic Community in Brussels.

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Father Henry Atwell, Courier editor, and Louis Ouzer, well-known Rochester photographer, check their camera equipment before heading for Jerusalem this week. They arrived in the Holy City last evening and will provide Courier readers an on-the-spot picture story of the historic Holy City as it emerges from the ravages of the Israel-Arab war.

Why We're in Jerusalem

Louis Ouzer, one of Rochester's best-known photographers, and I were having lunch the week Israel and the Arabs were at war.

It was Thursday, the day after the Israelis took the "Old City" of Jerusalem from the Jordanian forces.

"There's where I'd like to be," I told Mr. Ouzer.

He chuckled . . . said that's about the last place he'd think anybody would want to be. "Who wants to get shot?" he asked.

I reminded him, he's Jewish, that this was the first time since the year 70 A.D. that Jews were in control of Jerusalem.

"Whether you're on the Israel or Arab side, you've got to admit this is an historic moment," I told him. "It's as if twenty centuries of history were erased right in front of us."

Jerusalem is also the "Holy City" for three world religions, I added, for the Jews, the Christians and the Moslems.

Abraham, Jesus and Mohammed all sanctified the city by their presence there. Shrines sacred to the three faiths annually draw thousands of pilgrims.

Mr. Ouzer warmed to the idea.

He has the instinctive sense of an artist and he could see the possibilities for his camera art. His photographs have already been published in Africa, Russia, Europe and throughout the United States — and now he hopes to tell the story of a nation struggling to recover from a \$100,000,000 war in the pictures he will take in Israel.

Passports? The U.S. State Department had blocked travel there except for authorized personnel.

So we contacted Congressman

Frank Horton's office and Eddie Dunn, his special assistant, went to work on clearing us for the trip.

Proper appeals were made to the State Department and authorization granted the end of last week — just a day before restrictions were lifted anyway.

Then there was the problem of arranging a flight — which Roger Trone of Sargent Travel Agency set up for us.

Word of our trip got around Rochester rapidly.

Several Jewish businessmen phoned to tell us they knew civic and business leaders in Israel and wrote letters of introduction for us.

Four Jewish rabbis told us of personal friends they have in Jerusalem — "Look them up," they told us, "and they'll see that you get all the stories and pictures you want."

—Father Henry A. Atwell

Mel Simon, who processes film for most of the pictures you see in the Courier, wanted to know if he could join us. So in a last minute flurry of arrangements he managed to get passport and passage to come too.

We also realize there is the Arab-side of the story too. We contacted Monsignor John-C. Nolan's Pontifical Mission for Palestine and arranged to meet relief officials if possible on the Jordan-side of the border. Communications with that area, however, were still spotty early this week and we'll have to try to make our contacts when we get to Jerusalem.

So by the time you read this we should be in Jerusalem — with at least three or four cameras apiece — looking for pictures and items to report to you when we get back next Friday.

—Father Henry A. Atwell

Pope Sends Relief Aid To Arab War Victims

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul's first relief plane left for the Arab Middle East not occupied by Israeli forces left Rome June 17 with supplies destined for tens of thousands made homeless by the Israel-Arab war.

Aboard the plane was Msgr. John Nolan, president of the Pontifical Mission for Palestine, whom the Pope charged with organizing relief operations on the spot.

The plane carried about six tons of medical supplies, clothing, foodstuffs and bedding. A papal relief plane had left for Israeli-occupied Jerusalem three days before with medical supplies.

Another plane load of supplies from the Pope was scheduled to take off the following day for Beirut.