



Members of the Women's Forum with photos among those on display in Midtown Plaza for Housing Week, July 17-22. Shown here are Mrs. James Coyne, Mrs. Edward Belknap and Mrs. Thomas Harvey.

DCCW Plans Study Meeting

The Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has formed a study commission to examine the past effectiveness of the Council and to decide on future procedures.

One of the groups organized under the commission will meet on Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Dominic's Church, Shortsville.

Members will consider the following: to continue affiliation with the National Council of Catholic Women "so as to maintain a structure similar to that of Protestant and Jewish women and one which will ensure contact with these groups on the local level."

Secondly, to take advantage of programs initiated by the N.C.C.W. and to communicate these to individuals through existing Council channels.

Housing Week Sponsored by Women's Forum

Citing high rates of unemployment, inferior schools, unhabitable living units, high disease, crime, and infant mortality rates in Rochester's Third and Seventh Wards as ample basis for action, George Metcalf spoke to a gathering at Mrs. Harper Sibley's home on July 17.

The occasion was the opening of Housing Week in Rochester, July 17-22, sponsored by Women's Forum. The group's long program is an effort to enlist county-wide interest and action toward better housing.

Metcalf, former New York State senator, current president of the National Committee Against Discrimination and co-author of the Baker-Metcalf Bill on discrimination in housing, proposed a plan of action for interested citizens.

He advocated primarily an attempt to change and challenge public opinions and attitudes in regard to housing. Metcalf urged that zoning ordinances outside the city be altered, that building codes be enforced and that people moved out of inner city ghettos be given the opportunity to choose where they want to live.

Since he sees industry as a controlling factor in the Rochester area, Metcalf urged Kodak, Xerox, Rite-Aid, and Bausch and Lomb to be forerunners in this movement to improve housing. "If they put as much effort into solving the housing problem as they do into making a profit, it wouldn't take 30 to 40 years to solve the problem," he stated.



Mrs. Anthony Angotti — Miss Beverly Ann Newell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Newell, 297 Averill Ave. and Anthony Angotti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Saule Angotti, 1830 Jefferson Rd., were married in Blessed Sacrament Church July 15. (Varden Photo)

Mrs. Frank M. Kofke Jr. — Miss Carolyn Lesnieski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley L. Lesnieski, Berkshire Drive and Frank M. Kofke Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kofke, St. Paul Blvd. were married in St. Lawrence Church July 15.

Mrs. John W. Gillis Jr. — Miss Pamela Sloan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester T. Sloan, 145 Barberrry Lane and John W. Gillis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gillis, 46 Bennington Dr., were married July 8 in St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Mrs. J. Thomas Malthaner — Miss Pamela G. Dalberth, daughter of Mrs. John A. Poplasky and the late Lt. Arthur C. Dalberth, U.S.A.A.C. 83 Evergreen St. and J. Thomas Malthaner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Malthaner, 130 Hilary Dr., were married in St. Michael's Church June 24.

'God's Acre' in Detroit

Detroit—(NC)—The men who are getting the Detroit archdiocese's latest facility for the homeless and stricken ready to open call it "God's Little Acres."

Legally, it's called Charities, Inc.

Father James W. Bodary, who initiated the plan, and Father William Statham, M.M., and Bill Carey, who will oversee its launching and immediate operation, call it a "flop house," the first project of its kind to be undertaken locally.

The acres — almost ten in number — are the site of the old Sacred Heart parish, just south of the Chrysler Freeway. The small, crowded, and dilapidated houses and stores that once served a multitude of the city's poor, have now fallen to the urban renewal program.

Some of the remaining structures, now awaiting demolition, are sheltering homeless derelicts who will probably be the flop house's first customers.

"We have a lot of volunteer help promised," said Carey, "in addition to what we've been able to do ourselves... painters, carpenters, wall washers,

members of Alcoholics Anonymous, friends or friends who have heard about what we're trying to do here."

The flop house will have no "gimmicks," explained Father Bodary, "other than charity with no strings attached. Our first commodity is a clean place to sleep for those who have nowhere to go, reasonably good food and a lot of understanding and kindness. And for those who say they'd like to do something better with their lives,

we'll have facilities to help. The priest said those facilities will include day labor placement, AA meetings, a nursing program and counseling services by a local psychiatrist.

"Everyone needs love to exist," Father Bodary emphasized, "no matter how battered or beaten down he may be. Vatican II tells us to go where those in need are, to accept them where they are and as they are."

He Pedals His Religion

Daytona Beach — (NC) — It could be said that Father Gerald W. Lutyns, after a half-century of work, still is active in the apostolates of peddling religion, and pedaling a bike.

A hale and hearty 75 years old, Father Lutyns will celebrate his 50th anniversary in the priesthood July 15 at the Mater Dei Nursing Home for the Aged here.

His advice to newly ordained priests — "Keep up the good

work. Persevere, and forget your cars. Get out and walk and ride a bike."

Father Lutyns rides a bike every day. He pedals from the Mater Dei Home to the Public Library where he spends several hours reading, then pedals home again. He claims there's nothing like bike riding to keep in shape.

Ford Foundation

New York—(NC)—The National Council of Churches has received a \$108,000 grant from the Ford Foundation for use in aiding predominantly Negro church-related colleges to create more efficient educational enterprises through a variety of cooperative projects.

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Golden Jubilee

MR. AND MRS. JOHN KRESS, 1094 Glen Edith Drive, Webster, marked their golden anniversary July 15 with a Mass in St. Rita's Church, West Webster. The Mass was offered by Father Francis Klehammer, assisted by Father Richard O'Connell and Rev. Mr. Norman Kolb, C.S.B., grandson of the Kress's. After Mass the couple was honored at a dinner and reception at Glen Edith Restaurant given by their children, Mrs. Herbert B. Kolb and Mrs. Lawrence H. Callahan. Mr. Kress worked for Rochester Gas and Electric for 40 years and upon retirement was building inspector for the Town of Webster for five years.

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AN OPEN LETTER ON VIETNAM TO THE CATHOLIC CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE UNITED STATES

We the undersigned consider it our moral obligation to speak out for a reassessment of American involvement in Vietnam.

While we recognize the fact that terrorism has been committed by the Viet Cong in this tragic war, we strongly believe that immoral acts on one side do not justify immoral acts of retaliation on the other, and as Americans and Catholics we feel it necessary to call attention to our own responsibilities.

We have been moved by the forceful words of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of November 21, 1966: "No one is free to evade his personal responsibility by leaving it entirely to others to make moral decisions."

The bishops also reminded us that the fact that war has unfortunately begun "does not mean that any and all means may be employed by the warring parties."

The time has come to advance beyond mere declaration of devotion to peace to a concrete implementation of our commitment. We do not pretend to be competent to resolve all the issues at stake in this war. However, it is difficult to see how any man of conscience, regardless of his basic position on the war, can condone certain recurrent features of this conflict.

We ask you to join us in condemning emphatically and unambiguously at least the following aspects of American involvement in Vietnam:

1. Indiscriminate bombing, which grossly destroys any sufficient distinction between combatant and civilian;
2. The horrible destruction of human life by means of napalm and fragmentation bombs;
3. Depriving the populace of necessary food supplies through crop destruction;
4. The torture of prisoners in any form whatsoever.

We further urge you to scrutinize with all the force of your consciences the full scope and depth of American involvement in Vietnam. We urge you to consider the frightening dehumanization of our soldiers who are forced to suspend their consciences and carry out immoral acts under orders. We urge you to weigh the needs of millions around the globe against the immense cost of this war — two billion dollars per month. We urge you to remember the thousands of soldiers and civilians on both sides who have suffered in a conflict whose rationale, both legal and moral, has been widely challenged.

Please join us in insisting that our government pursue singlemindedly all possible avenues of peace rather than of violence.

Our bishops have warned us: "There is a grave danger that the circumstances of the present war may, in time, diminish our moral sensitivity to its evils."

We fear that this very danger has been actualized. We face a severe crisis of conscience within our Catholic community that arises for the incongruity between the moral principles enunciated by the Church and the uncritical support of this war by so many Catholics.

During this Easter season of peace, please ponder with us the solemn warning of our bishops in the Vatican Council document *The Church in the Modern World*: "The men of our time must realize that they will have to give somber reckoning for their deeds of war." (par. 80)

The above letter, signed by Bishop James P. Shannon, eight Catholic college presidents, and more than 800 Catholics appeared in *Arc Maria, America, The National Reporter*, and several other Catholic weeklies, last spring.

The following are Catholics from the Rochester diocese who have signed this statement:

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| Jonathan Bishop | Joyce Himes | Ellen Peters |
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| John Bozzone | Vincent McGee, Jr. | Patricia Ramsey |
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