



## Ten Basilian Jubilarians

Ten Basilian priests celebrated their Silver Jubilee with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. John Fisher College, Wednesday, August 9.

Bishop Kearney gave the homily for the occasion.

The class of '42 includes four priests associated with the Rochester diocese: Fa-

thers Edward Pappert and John O'Meara, now both members of the faculty at University of Windsor, formerly members of St. Boniface and St. Augustine parishes, respectively and Father Walter Sullivan, whose family lives in St. Anne's parish.

Also marking 25 years in the Basilian Order was Father

Charles Lavery, president of St. John Fisher College.

Other members of the class include Father Ralph O'Loughlin of St. Basil's Church, Toronto; Father Leo Munnely, a former faculty member of St. John Fisher College and now on the faculty of St. Thomas University in Hous-

ton; Father Francis Murphy of St. Thomas High School, Houston; Father Ralph MacDonald of St. Michael's College, Toronto; Father Francis McCarty, Assumption Church, Windsor; Father Grace Agius, Assumption High School, Windsor, and Father Donald Beninger, St. Mary's Church, Owen Sound.

Registration Deadline: Sept. 15

## Thirteen CCD Teachers Courses

Rochester, Auburn, Corning, Elmira, Geneva, Hornell, Ithaca, Newark, Owego, Conesus — within access of almost every parish in the diocese, a new CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) Teacher Formation Center will open this fall.

Over 45,000 elementary and 20,000 high school Catholic youth of the Diocese of Rochester participate in public school education. To provide for a better religious education for these Catholic students, the Diocesan CCD office announced this week the opening of 13 new centers for Teacher Formation.

Monsignor Albert H. Schnacky, diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, explained the proposed project to the Courier as follows:

The program of Teacher Formation involves preparing religion teachers, mostly lay men and women, to effectively awaken and deepen the faith of the young Catholics not in parochial schools. A potential religion teacher will receive formation on two levels: Doctrinal — The "What" of faith, and Methodological — the "How" to teach. The program develops over 30 weeks of two hour sessions, from late September until the middle of May 1968.

Each center will be staffed by the priests and religious Sisters of the area.

Four religious communities are involved: The Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of St. Joseph, The Atonement Sisters, and the Mission Helpers of The Sacred Heart. These Sisters have received their own special formation this summer at Nazareth College in a 90 hour workshop, under the direction of Sister Marietta of the diocesan CCD office staff.

Because religion teaching is so demanding an apostolate, the latest materials will be available at a library which will be opened at each center for the benefit of the teacher-students. The library will include all CCD student texts and manuals, and a selective number of books of catechetical theology.

The CCD office feels that cost can no longer be

a determining factor, if the Diocese is to provide the best in religious formation for all its young people. Thus, each center will be staffed and operated by people who have one goal: To make the theology of the recent Vatican Council and the psychology of youth's learning processes known to religion teachers. Whatever is needed, to accomplish this goal, will be available to each center.

The schedule of this program of Teacher Formation is printed below. Any interested Catholic adult should contact his parish priest to register for these programs. Final registration date is Sept. 15. More information on the program will be available in the Courier in the weeks to come.

Rochester—Monsignor Schnacky, director—Monday evenings at Bishop Kearney High School, Tuesdays at St. Agnes High School, Wednesdays at Fairport School of Religion with Father Leonard Kelly as director.

Auburn—Father John Glogowski, director—Mondays at Mt. Carmel High School.

Corning—Father John Mulligan, director—Tuesdays at St. Mary's School.

Elmira—Father Robert Miller, director—Mondays at St. Mary's School, Wednesdays at St. Charles Borromeo School.

Geneva—Father Phillip Lioi, director—Tuesdays at DeSales High School.

Hornell—Father Gerald Connor, director—Tuesdays at St. Ann's School.

Ithaca—Father David Gramkee, director—Mondays at Immaculate Conception School.

Newark—Father John O'Connor, director—Wednesdays at St. Michael's School.

Owego—Father John Dettliff, director—Wednesdays at St. Patrick's School.

Conesus—Father Hubert Posjena, S.V.D., director—Thursday afternoons at the Divine Word Seminary.

### Fourth in a Series

## Lay Leaders Developing in Mount Carmel Parish

The rise of Puerto Rican laymen to responsible roles in recent months is a hopeful development in inner-city Mount Carmel parish, according to Father Genaro Ventura, pastor there.

An effective lay apostolate, "generated mainly by men who have made a cursillo," has emerged in the Ontario Street parish, he pointed out.

(A cursillo is a weekend program, part retreat, part instruction, part inspiration. The Spanish word means "course"—and is the first word in the full title of this spiritual movement, "A Short Course in Christianity.")

The "cursillistas" (those who have made a cursillo) are using several techniques to reach out to the Puerto Rican community in Rochester.

### Enter the Parranda

One of the most successful of these in the Mount Carmel area, Father Ventura stated, is the Saturday night "parranda." The word means party, but as evolved locally, it starts with a Mass at someone's home, develops into a time of discussion and socializing that has become very popular with the Puerto Rican people.

Entire families attend the parrandas, and a typical gathering will attract 80 to 100 people. "They sometimes fill the house and overflow to the lawn," Father Ventura mentioned.

The parranda Masses are not only well attended, they are marked by rich participation. Several Spanish-language hymns highlight a low Mass, which is usually accompanied by one or two guitars and even a pair of maracas.

Father Alvaro Tomayo, a Franciscan priest from Colombia in South America, has been assisting in the Puerto Rican apostolate during his stay here. He's living at Mount Carmel rectory while finishing the work on his Ph.D. thesis.

He usually celebrates the home Masses for the parrandas in the Mt. Carmel area. Commenting on the "party" notion of the term, Father Tomayo explained, "we're deepening the meaning of the term."



"WE ARE HERE!" When participants for a home Mass arrive at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Fernandez of Maria St., they announce their arrival by a light-hearted song at the front door.

"We see it as meaning that we are happy together as members of the Catholic community," the Colombian priest stated.

Father Roger Baglin, coordinator of the Spanish Apostolate for the Rochester Diocese, is enthusiastic about the parranda trend.

"It's a way for those who have been inspired by a cursillo to spread its spiritual impact more widely. We think of the parranda as a sort of spiritual outreach program," he commented.

Father Baglin meets weekly with 40 to 50 cursillistas in a follow-through program to the cursillos. This session consists of a talk by a layman, one by a priest, group prayer and discussion. Following this, many of those present attend the parranda.

Another parranda, on a bi-weekly basis, involves Puerto

Ricans from the St. Michael's and St. Patrick's areas, Father Baglin pointed out.

Father Ventura has been encouraged by the development of this lay participation, since his Mount Carmel parishioners are almost fifty per cent Puerto Rican now.

The intense, fast-talking pastor has put the welcome mat out in every way he could think of for the Spanish-speaking Catholics in his neighborhood.

One sign of this is a Spanish-language Mass every Sunday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome, but the sermon is in Spanish and the hymns are, too.

Father Laurence Tracy, assistant pastor at the parish, is spending 9 weeks studying Spanish in the University of Ponce in Puerto Rico this summer, to better equip himself for the work at home.

### Other Activities

Like most inner-city parishes, Mount Carmel maintains a busy summer program.

Two classrooms in the parish school are being used for the federal Head Start program, aimed at preparing pre-schoolers for their first plunge into formal school this fall.

Another classroom has a double session in the English language for children newly arrived from other lands. Miss Mary Ann Kinsky, who teaches the class under the Federal Elementary and Secondary School Act, has youngsters from China, Poland, the Ukraine, Italy as well as from Puerto Rico.

City services pull up on wheels weekly. The Public Library's Bookmobile is at Mount Carmel one day, the "Pool on Wheels" arrives on another day.

Two seminarians are working in the parish this summer. The Rev. Mr. Eugene Lower, a deacon from St. Bernard's is doing census work, helping with the Legion of Mary and bringing Holy Communion to some of the sick parishioners.

Michael Costello, another St. Bernard's student, is doing social work in the area, under the auspices of the Catholic Family Center.

In addition there are two other social workers from the same agency working part-time in the parish, while two Sisters of Mercy, Sisters Regis and Robert are doing home visitation.

Like most of the inner-city parishes, Mount Carmel could not carry on its program without help from outside. During the current year, Father Ventura reported, his parish is receiving \$17,000 from the Diocese of Rochester and \$5,000 from suburban St. Helen's parish, which helps Mount Carmel in a "twinning" program.

All in all, Mount Carmel parish is a parish on the move, summertime or not!

—Father Robert Kanka

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### Legion Booth At Fair

The Legion of Mary will sponsor the Catholic Information booth at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, August 14-19.

Theme for this year's exhibit will be "Faith, A Priceless Treasure."

Visitors are welcome from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. The booth will be staffed by legionaries and seminarians. The display is under the direction of Mrs. Mary Schell and Jim Alessi.



Doing apostolic work in Rochester for the month of August are Redemptorist seminarians Joseph Senflug, Joseph McMahon, and Leslie Nyiri. Fathers Senflug and McMahon are doing parish census work in St. John the Evangelist and St. Ambrose parishes; Father Nyiri is at the St. Martin de Porres Center. The seminarians are being sponsored by the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua.



IN CLOSE HARMONY! Besides the Mass celebrant, Father Alvaro Tomayo, his servers and song-leader Daniel Diaz (far right), there were about 25 others in the living room and another 25 in an adjoining kitchen for this "parranda" Mass at a Maria St. home.

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