The Church in the Inner City

Urban Vicar:

Church's Mission to City Demands 'Deep Study', New Vision

(In this wrap-up article in action," he countered quickly. our "Church in the Inner City" The fact is the base advad The fact is, the keen-edged, terviewed Father P. David Finter for the most seven months, "we do have bases in our parseries, the Courier-Journal in-Finks, for the past seven months we do have bases in one and Vicar for Urban Ministry in the Rochester Diocese. We asked him to charify just where the Church was in "The City" and This is a time for "a deep

to suggest the direction in which it would likely be mov-of Catholic resources, the new This is a time for "a deep vicar believes.

By REV. ROBERT KANKA

A New Mission Field

"Just as 100 years ago, we The Catholic Office for Urban Ministry is "not a super par- felt it vital to pour our reish," aiming at telling the inner sources into a vast foreign miscity parishes what they should sion effort, we must now consider how we can make a great do effort to serve the problem-

So began Father P. David filled urban areas of America," Finks in a Courier-Journal inter- he stated.

view last week. As Vicar for Vatican II's teaching on "The Urban Ministry of the Diocese of Rochester, he heads up that Church in the Modern World" has provided Catholics with a recently formed department. new look at the Church's mis-

The function of his office, he sion, Father Finks noted. said, is "to plan, to map strat-"The Church today must be egy and to help fund new forms involved with the 'whole man,' of ministry by the Church in not merely his spiritual dimenthe city."

sion," he explained. The Church Two notes already character-ize the direction of this office, ize and liberalize" urban life he stated. It will stress co-today. operation with other faiths and

While his new "beat" is parit will stress lay involvement. Ecumenical and lay-oriented are ticularly the inner city, Father two adjectives which will be Finks stressed that inner city used often by the new Urban problems must always be seen as part of the metropolitan Ministry. scene. The solutions must be

After almost seven months in hammered out, he emphasized, office (he was appointed by by "an honest partnership of Bishop Sheen on Jan. 21), the the outer city and suburbs with energetic priest can offer some the inner city.' penetrating insights about the

He feels that our cities defuture role of the Church in the city, and especially in the inner mand an awakening, "a real conversion of thinking" of all people who are concerned to copal Bishop Barrett and other ecumenical activity. He also

He holds no brief for those theoreticians who want to phase viable answers. Father, Finks credited Bishop Sheen for focussing the gaze of Catholics on what he (Father Finks) calls "the first " out existing parishes and operate solely with super-parochial techniques.

city.

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Finks) calls "the first citizen of the Church-the noor man" added with a smile. "People talk about doing away of the Church-the poor man.' with institutions, but this isn't realistic. Institutions there must "Bishop Sheen is a man of be-in a complex situation like the city," he has "a keen insight" into ing that "we're anxious to avoid the urban society, you must the tangled problems of the reduplication of programs and have organization to accomplish anything," he stressed, finger urban milieu. jabbing to make the point.

He cited such efforts as the fers from secular social work Climate is Ecumenical "We do want to avoid the In Rochester, Father Finks cation schools that took place reflected a mom-ent, and tackled over · bureaucratization which

can lead to stagnation and in-|continued, Bishop Sheen, Epis-|last summer as an example of | the question:

FATHER FINKS His Job — "To plan, to map strategy."

"We've begun to plan several

wasteful competition."

he commented, and joint efforts," he recounted, add-

"We must see that it is the programs and all our main work of Christians to build up forts," he went on. humanity, the 'new man' that St. Paul spoke about," he began. Asked bluntly how effective

the Catholic Church has been "We must be alert to discern in meeting Rochester's inner where the Holy Spirit is operat-leity needs,-the articulate Faing in our day. We must try to ther Finks said carefully: meet those vital needs that

"We've been rather late in Christ pointed out-the poor, the hungry, the wanderers," he facing these needs. We've been continued content to maintain our 'traditional parish approach, as long

Christians with imagination as we still found satisfactory and courage must provide the numbers at Sunday Mass, etc."

"task forces" to pioneer in meet-ing modern needs. "And then," he added quickly," we must be willing, like John the Baptist, to hand over our works to

"The pressures of the racial others who can do it equally revolution, the questions posed well or even better in time." by Vatican II, the example of He cited Catholic hospitals as our Protestant brothers who an example of this type of pass saw the need of fresh urban ing the torch. ministries 10 to 15 years ago-

"The man of faith," he con- these have helped move us in cluded on this point, "sees cur- new directions.

The best thing that can be rent problems in the light of the future-of the total fulfill-said now, he concluded is that ment of God's plan for all man- "the climate is good for imkind." provement." He feels that there is now in Catholic circles, "a

Father Finks is slow to agree humble spirit of being ready to with those who would phase out accept new ideas, and to work Catholic schools in favor of all-hard to serve the city effectivenew parish apostolic programs. | ly.

This cannot be done by multi-No Easy Solutions plying meetings or running in

"I'm a bit cynical about rigid circles, he added as a postsolutions to complex problems," script, rather, the times demand he mused. He does think that "a large scale commitment of the Catholic Church in Roches- our total resources to the real ter must evaluate its use of needs of our day."

people and resources-that one of the first areas of study must be the Catholic school system, which absorbs such a large share of available resources of the Church.

He added that the Catholic meet the needs of our time with Council of Churches leaders mentioned the summer seminar have given helpful impetus to for collegians, who probed into school system had been invaluthe decision-making structures able in helping immigrant groups make the transition from alien status to full membership

Coming up soon will be a in American society-"but this seminar for interested people service is no longer required." on "Urban Issues," again a ven ture planned by the three faith

"One of the basic priorities for the Church is certainly edu-cation — but I think this is broader than just education of children," he added.

If the Church is going to meet contemporary needs - "of various neighborhood Bible va- Father Finks, Enit his brows, the poor, of our cities, of our Appalachias,"-there will have to be a revamping of priorities.

> Bishop Sheen has already inlicated, he stated, that churc Fisher Begins building programs must be in-cluded in this revamping study.

"I'd add that it must include

our schools, our social welfare

What Kept Rochester's **Summer Fairly Cool?**

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Improved communication between the black and white communities in Rochester was the main factor in the "relatively cool" summer of 1967 here, Father P. David Finks believes.

(Rochester Mayor Frank T, Lamb stated this week that Rochester did not experience "a riot" this summer. He wrote a Texas legislator that "what happened in July was not a major disturbance.")

Thanks to the existence of FIGHT, "a broad based Negro community organization,' Father Finks commented, "the black man now has an effective voice in the decision making process in Rochester."

Other factors which helped locally, the Urban Vicar stated were the "generally successful" efforts of the Rochester Police Department to maintain working communication with FIGHT and other Negro leadership, and a "good job market" which has kept the unemployment rate very low locally.

"The efforts of Kodak, Xerox, FIGHT and now Rochester Jobs, Inc. have produced hopeful programs to hire hard core unemployed people," he concluded.





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More than Social Work

Prodded as to how the "com

munity mimistry" approach dif-

of the city.

groups.

A reception for all new stu-dents and their parents Sunday, Sept. 10, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Haffey Hall lounge will mark Rochester City Court: Hon. ties at St. John Fisher College.

> "Fisher Week" orientation activities for all new students

will continue from Sunday aft-

Registration for sophomores will be held Meonday, Sept. 11, at 8:30 a.m. in rooms 206, 207, and 208 in St. Basil Hall, Freshmen will register Monday afternooma at 1 m.m.

Returning jurniors will register Tuesdary, Seept. 11, at 8:30 a.m. Seniors are scheduled to register Tuzesdary at 1 p.m.

Classes at St. John Fisher will begin Wedznesday morning, Sept. 13.

25-Years Ago

(From Catholic Courier files

Sept. 10, 1942) Aviator, It. Clarence E. Sanford, who won world fame because he miraculously escaped death when aborigines in the South Pacific discovered a mirraculous miedal about his neck, returned to his Auburn home on furlough.

Supreme Master Timothy P. Galvin of Hamnmond, Ind. was to go to Elmira Sept. 27 to confer the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus in Dunn Memorial Audātorium.

The outdoor shrine to the Sacred Heart donated by a family of Sacred Heart Church, Perkinsville was erected on the church gro-unds.

F. L. McCorry Mass

At St. Andrew

Funeral Mass for Francis L (Pat) McCorry was offered at Andrew's Church, Tuesday, August 29. Father James J. Marvin celebrated the requiem Mass. In the sanctuary were Monsignors Gesrald C. Lambert and William H Shannan, also Fathers Arathormy J. Valente and

Mr. McC-orry died August 26, 1967 at his home, 22 Portland Court.

He is survived by his wife. Cecelia Kuter McCorry; his daughter, Miss Kathleen McCorry; three brothers, George, John Intermerat was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, with final



Sweet dreams for her with these coordinated pajamas, gowns and sleeping bags. The sleepwear is Sanforized, "durable press, and never needs ironing.

1. Granny Gown-50% Avril®, 50% cotton. Tiered ruffles on sleeves and hem. Empire waistline; Daisy print of muted green and rose. Sizes 8-14 . 5.00

2. Matching Pajamas -To coordinate with granny gown. Tiered ruffles on sleeves and legs; Daisy print of muted green and rose. Sizes 8 to 14 5.00

3. Cozy Comfort Sleeper- - Opens to a full size bed comforter, or closes as a sleeping bag, for year around beauty and use. For variety, daisy 13.00 pattern reverses tto solid green.

> EDW ARDS -Girls' Wear-third floor; Ridgemont and Pittsford

10th Birthday For Legion Unit

Former spiritual directors returned to help celebrate the 10th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Junior Legion of Mary praesidium recently. From left, standing are Fathers Albert Ryan, Richard Mattie and Michael Reagan; seated, from left, current officers: Robert Zapf, treasurer, Robert Crawford, president, and Geraldine Crowley, president. The priests concelebrated a Mass marking the 500th meeting of this crack Legion unit, based at St. Augustine's Church.

Sister Makes Final Vows

Sister Marie, daughter of Mr. her final profession of vows at and Mrs. John M. Kerwin, 3830 St. Vincent de Paul Church in Canal Rd., Spencerport, made Buffalo on Saturday August Buffalo on Saturday, August

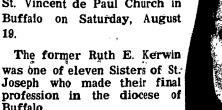
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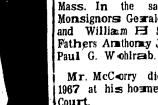
Marries in Michigan was one of eleven Sisters or SL. Joseph who made their final

Former Rochesterian, Thomas Buffalo. J. Fawkes, now of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Judith M. Pox-Sister Marie was formerly a member of St. John the Evanson, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, were married in St. Paul's She CP9 C-bdd Church, Grosse Pointe, August gelist parish in Spencerport.

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She entered the Order of the The bride is the daughter of Sisters of St. Joseph in 1959, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah G. Poxson, received her degree in educa-Grosse Pointe. Mr. Fawkes is tion from Mount St. Joseph Col-





and Emme-tt M-Corry.

blessing by Momsignor Shannon.



