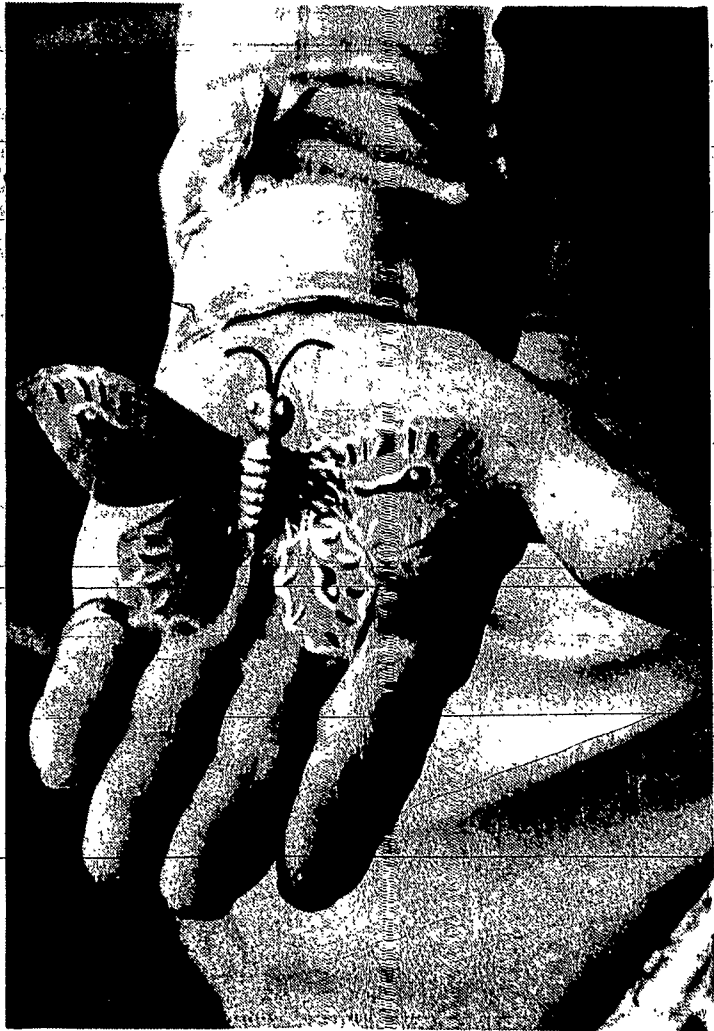


Metal Craftsman at Work

Frank Lorenzo puts final touch on napkin holder. The skilled metal craftsman has an extensive display of Florentine items from ornate candle holders to amusing decorative butterflies. He invites visitors to view his varied display at his home, 177 Marne St., off Goodman Street North, near Norton St., Rochester.



A bright butterfly made of metal.

Shortage of Priests Discussed

Providence — (RNS) — The current shortage of priestly vocations can be attributed to the fact that many people today "just do not know what the priest is or should be," Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston said here.

Addressing the fourth annual New England Regional Conference of Serra International, the cardinal said that a priest must be identified as "a man of God."

"I think people are looking," he said, "for men who will speak to them calmly, but movingly, of God and His presence in their lives. I see this work as most satisfying and challenging. I see it as the kind of work which can attract the most talented young men."

Cardinal Cushing cited as a possible cause of the vocation shortage the "growing sentiment emerging among young people that it is possible to accomplish more for the world outside of the traditional priesthood."

"The attractive offers," he said, "that are made to promising young men even as early as high school are a critical factor in influencing them to aspire to lucrative careers in the professional or business world. The more idealistic are attracted to temporary volunteer programs of service rather than commit themselves to a permanent way of life which they do not understand or appreciate fully."

Another factor, he said, is the use of priests in Church offices which can be filled more than adequately by laymen.

"In some of these positions it is important to have a priest," he said. "In many other cases the sooner that competent laymen can share this professional responsibility, the more priestly pastoral work. One of our prime difficulties is that these institutions and organizations have often become financially viable because of the willingness of priests to work in normally high-paying positions for very low salaries."

Priests Form New Unit

A new organization of priests of the Rochester Diocese was launched this week with a statement of its purpose—"to listen . . . and to speak . . . to all men of good will."

The new group already counts 100 members and a letter has been sent inviting the close to 300 other priests of the Diocese to become members too.

No officers and no name of the organization are yet decided on although present members emphatically point out that it is not a "union" organized to bargain with the Bishop.

Monsignor William H. Shannon of Nazareth College who aided in formation of the group said the present 100 members were contacted somewhat "haphazardly" simply to sound out clergy opinion on the subject.

Most of those contacted agreed with the stated aims of the organization even if they didn't agree to join at this time.

Full text of the organization's objectives is as follows:

"Let us speak the truth in love: so shall we fully grow up into Christ."—St. Paul, Ephesians 4:15

We priests of the Rochester Diocese bind ourselves to one another to seek first the Kingdom of God and His justice. We joyfully profess our faith in all that our holy mother the Church teaches us and we respectfully acknowledge all those the Church sets in authority over us. We recognize our duty as priests to act responsibly as men come of age. In order to fulfill this duty more effectively we form an association.

The purposes of this association are:

1. To discover and to fulfill our collective and individual responsibilities.
2. To aid us to listen atten-

tively and to speak promptly and clearly to all men of good will, whether this be, as the occasion may require it, our Bishop, our fellow priests, the people of our parishes or the total community in which we live.

3. To reach an articulate and mature expression of our convictions after mutual study and systematic and open discussions with one another. We envision the very real possibility of diversity of opinion and we may come in some cases to both majority and minority reports.

Our purpose is to be a force for unity and not in any way a divisive group.

The association will determine its own form of organization, its own agenda and its topics of concern. Such topics, at this time, may well include:

1. practical implementation of diocesan liturgical programs, e.g. the "home-church" mission.
2. discussion of proposed catechetical programs, e.g. adult religious education, First Communion, teenage Confirmation.
3. fraternal concern for aged and infirm priests.
4. ecumenical relationships.
5. practical cooperative programs for the poor.

Priests Team For Parish

Milwaukee — (NC) — A pastoral team of priests has been named by Archbishop William E. Cousins of Milwaukee to direct the Church's spiritual work in the inner city from St. Boniface parish, headquarters for open housing marches in the month-long demonstrations here.

Included on the team are Father James E. Groppi and Father Michael T. Neuberger who have been curates at the parish. Father Groppi has led the city's civil rights demonstrations and Father Neuberger has consistently supported his associate's controversial techniques. Like Father Groppi, Father Neuberger has often publicly criticized the archdiocese's lack of civil rights leadership.

Father Eugene F. Bleidorn, who has been pastor at St. Boniface, is on temporary sick leave. Father Bleidorn has also constantly supported Father Groppi's civil rights activities.

Bishop Named Pastor

San Francisco — (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop William J. McDonald, former rector of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., has been assigned as pastor of St. Anselm's parish in the San Anselmo section of San Francisco.

Prelate Doubts Aid Reaches N. Vietnam

New York — (NC) — A public warning that European Catholic agencies are unable to guarantee that donations sent to them to aid civilians in North Vietnam ever will be used for that purpose was issued here by the director of the worldwide relief agency maintained by U.S. Catholics.

Auxiliary Bishop Edward E. Swanstrom of New York, executive director of Catholic Relief Services, issued the warning here in disputing recent statements and appeals made in U.S. Catholic publications.

"I must warn the American people, and especially American Catholics, despite statements made by directors of European Catholic aid agencies and repeated in Catholic publications in this country that aid could be dispatched to North Vietnam, this has not proved to be the case," Bishop Swanstrom said.

"Whereas the editorial in Ave Maria urged its readers to send contributions to Caritas Internationalis in Rome for North Vietnam, we have been informed by that organization that such gifts will be accepted for the agency's general Vietnam fund and no promise

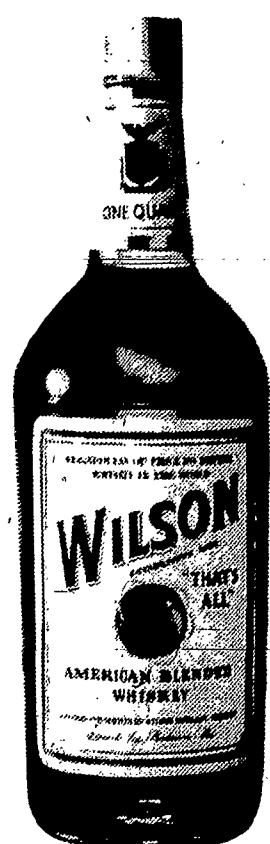
of special action on behalf of North Vietnam can be given," he continued.

"Furthermore, as of this date, neither Pope Paul VI nor Caritas Internationalis has transferred any funds to North Vietnam. Nor do they have any intention of doing so because no assurance from the North Vietnamese government has been received that the funds will be used properly or for the intentions of the donor.

"Last June, French and German Catholic Charities made two small shipments of medical supplies to Hanoi. On both occasions, it was clearly stated that any further shipments would be made only on condition that the Hanoi Red Cross would assure the safe arrival of the supplies and that proper use was made of them, i.e., for suffering civilians only. To date, no such assurance has been received and all other shipments are pending," Bishop Swanstrom said.

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