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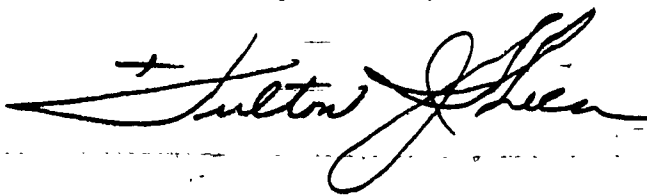
The Diocese of Rochester is to have a new Courier!

To this end, we are appointing as editor, Father Richard Tormey, who will assume his new duties in a short time.

We have written a letter describing the philosophy of the Catholic Press, which letter will appear the week the Courier takes on new form and becomes a positive and constructive force in the country.

It may take us a little time to do this, but be patient, bear with us, support us and pray for us that the Work may become print.

Faithfully in Christ,



New Editor, New Courier



FATHER TORMEY
Former associate editor coming back as Courier editor

In Chicago

Bus Plan Under Fire

Courier News Summary

Chicago — Public and parochial school executives are under pressure to abandon their plans for busing Negro children into suburban districts.

Organized protests quickly followed John Cardinal Cody's announcement that diocesan schools would engage in a busing program like that proposed for public schools.

Cardinal Cody's home and City Hall were gathering points for about 200 placard-bearing cars, in a parade marshalled by the Taxpayers' Council of the Northwest Side. The Organization

of Northwest Communities called an emergency session and voted to campaign against a school bond issue unless the city school board rejects Superintendent James F. Redmond's bus plan.

A group calling itself Concerned Catholic Parishioners finds the bus plan "racist," and an indication of "church-state alliance," in the words of co-chairman Stanley Kuzlik.

The Chicago Conference on Religion and Race, the Conference of Laymen and the Catholic Interracial Council are supporting the bus plans. The council, however, says they do not

go far enough. There should be an exchange, the council says; white children should be taken into Negro schools.

"We do not think the burden of busing should fall solely on Negro children and their parents," a C.I.C. directors' statement observed. But, even as it stands, the program "must be sustained."

Cardinal Cody, as Archbishop of Chicago, heads the nation's largest see. The Catholic school system has an enrollment of 214,000 pupils in the city, 27,700 of them Negroes. There are nearly 130,000 in suburban parochial schools.

It is expected that the diocesan busing program will take effect next September, whether or not the city acts. Cardinal Cody has been described by a colleague as "committed," and "determined that the Catholic schools will not become a haven for racists."

Auxiliary Bishop William E. McManus, superintendent of Catholic schools, pointed out that the bus program "will not offer some kind of millenium" for Chicago. It will be successful, he said, "to the extent that the receiving schools are prepared to show a genuine hospitality to children from the inner city."

14 Priests Assigned

Father Tormey Returns to the Courier-Journal as Editor

Father Richard Tormey, who served his journalistic apprenticeship with the Courier-Journal earlier in his career, will return to take over the editor's reins, Bishop Sheen announced this week.

Father Tormey, who has served as chaplain for Cornell University's Newman Apostolate since 1960, was associate editor of the Courier-Journal from 1947 to 1950.

Father Tormey, in returning to the Courier-Journal, this time as editor, brings a wealth of experience in the communications media with him.

In addition to his newspaper experience, he directed religious programming in radio and TV for the diocese for more than a decade. He has also filled in three years as a Navy chaplain and nine years as chaplain at Our Lady of Mercy High School, as well as assistant pastorates in two parishes.

His appointment was one of fourteen affecting priests of the Rochester diocese this week. The others include three pastoral appointments and one to fill Father Tormey's place at Cornell. Named by Bishop Sheen to new posts were:

MONSIGNOR JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN as pastor of Holy Family Church in Auburn, to succeed the late Father William E. Davis, who died on Jan. 22 of this year. Monsignor Sullivan has been pastor of St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan, and St. Andrew's Church, Dundee, since 1958.

FATHER THOMAS F. McVEIGH as pastor of St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan and St. Andrew's Church, Dundee. Father McVeigh has served as pastor of Epiphany Church, Sodus and St. Rose of Lima chapel, Sodus Point, since 1964.

FATHER JOHN F. CAVANAUGH as pastor of Epiphany Church, Sodus and St. Rose of Lima chapel, Sodus Point. His most recent appointment was as assistant pastor of St. Cecilia's Church in Irondequoit, since last September. Most of his priestly career was spent in the seminaries of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's, however, where he taught English and Homiletics for 19 years.

FATHER ROBERT G. SMITH as chaplain of the Newman Apostolate, Cornell University in Ithaca. Father Smith's 15 years in the priesthood have included seven years as professor of music at St. Bernard's



MONSIGNOR SULLIVAN



FATHER McVEIGH



FATHER CAVANAUGH



FATHER SMITH

Seminary. His last appointment was as assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport.

Assignments of assistant pastors include the following: ...

Father James Wolfe, from Our Lady of Lourdes, Rochester to St. Rita's, Webster.

Father Francis Erb, from St. Rita's, Webster, to Sacred Heart parish, Owasco.

Father Albert Cason, from Sacred Heart parish, Owasco to St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport.

Father William Gordinier, from Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester, to St. Mary's, Waterloo.

Father James Burke, from St. Mary's, Waterloo, to Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish, Brockport.

Father Bernard Carges from chaplain at Bishop Kearney High School, Rochester, to St. Alphonsus, Auburn.

Father Winfried Kellner, from St. Alphonsus, Auburn to St. Cecilia's, Irondequoit.

Father M. Gerard Hafner, from Holy Apostles parish, Rochester, to St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn.

Father Chester Kloczek, from St. Anne's, Rochester, to St. Leo's, Hilton.

All the appointments are effective Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Courier News Summary

The recent rash of heart transplant operations have raised questions in the minds of some regarding the moral aspects of such a procedure.

In the United States, Sen. Walter Mondale (D-Minn.) proposed that Congress establish a commission to study the ethical and social implications of this recent medical development.

He said there is need for answers to such questions as who should receive heart and organ transplants, who should live or die, whose genes should be altered, how long and under what conditions life should be prolonged, and how far science should go in creating artificial life and under what conditions.

The senator's proposal drew mixed responses from Minnesota medical, religious and scientific leaders.

Dr. Eugene Scott of St. Paul, physician and chairman of the Committee on Medicine and Religion of the Minnesota State Medical Association, said he agreed there are problems, but questioned whether a federal commission would be the right vehicle to solving them.

The question of how long life should be prolonged has been discussed by doctors for a long time, and there is now general agreement that "a man should be permitted to die in dignity," he said.

Ethical problems raised by transplants have been under discussion with religious leaders on local, state and national levels for the past three years and the American Medical Association plans a national workshop about them in February, he revealed.

Dispassionate Discussion

The Rev. William C. Hunt, professor at St. Paul Seminary (Roman Catholic), said he would welcome "dispassionate" discussion and research on the questions raised by Sen. Mondale "before we begin fighting about them."

He said transplants were originally looked upon by the Catholic Church as "mutilation" but since Pope Pius XII the Church has been "very much open" toward them.

Prior to an audience with Pope Pius VI recently Dr. Christian Barnard, a pioneer surgeon in the area of the heart transplant operation, told newsmen that he did not expect to discuss the morality of heart transplants with the Pope. "We have had no moral obstacle in carrying out this operation," he said. "It is not necessary for me to discuss it with anyone."

During the meeting the Pope congratulated Dr. Barnard on his operations and assured him of continued prayers for their success.

But serious reservations

about heart transplant operations were expressed by a popular Roman Catholic moral theologian writing in the Vatican City weekly newspaper L'Osservatore della Domenica.

Mgr. Ferdinando Lambruschini did not find fault with the transplant operations themselves but he cautioned against taking organs from patients before they were certainly dead and criticized actions which give the impression that organs are engaged in a "race" to complete the first successful heart transplant.

Science Must Serve Man

Surgeons, Mgr. Lambruschini said, must ensure "that science remains in the service of man and the man is never sacrificed to the idol of science, even for experimentation."

"It is not easy," he said, "to overcome the impression that persons who have recently come into prominence have speeded up their experiments, yielding to a temptation to compete, almost straining to be first, in a

contest where it does not really matter who wins."

On one point, he said, doctors must be absolutely certain that the person from whom the heart was taken was certainly dead. Without such certainty, he said, the operations would involve "great moral perplexities."

Permission of the donor and his relatives for the removal of a heart would not affect this problem, he said. "Nobody has the right to end his own life, therefore he has not the right to dispose of his organs while his body is still alive."

In Britain theologians and medical men are studying the ethics of heart-transplant operation according to Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury.

At the same time, Archbishop Donald Coggan of York said he is generally in favor of such operations.

Archbishop Ramsey was questioned on the subject when he spoke to 1,000 students at Manchester University. He said the religious-medical group was

seeking to determine whether there were any "little problems one doesn't see at this moment" in heart transplant operations.

Archbishop Coggan expressed his view when questioned at York. "Increase of knowledge and scientific progress," he said, "can only be made by continuing research and experimentation."

At the same time, however, he said there were great dangers in this realm of knowledge, since human personalities were intimately concerned.

"Not only is there the question of the real death of the donor, and the consent of the person to be operated on; there are also the feelings of the beloved relatives of the donor and all the problems of publicity which can be exceedingly painful to those concerned."

"Scientific progress and ethics impinge very closely on one another. The advance of scientific knowledge must go hand in hand with immense care in the field of personal ethics."



Vatican City—Pope Paul VI greets Dr. Christian Barnard of Capetown, South Africa, surgeon noted for pioneering in heart transplants. The pontiff received Dr. Barnard at a 20-minute Vatican audience described by observers as "very cordial." Dr. Barnard said he did not discuss the morality of heart transplants with the Pope, since he has found no moral objections in performing such operations. (Religious News Service Photo)

Pope Says Love For Christ Must Be 'Impassioned' One

Vatican City — (NC) — The Pope told a general audience that lay apostles must have "impassioned love" for Christ.

Once again concentrating on the role of the lay apostolate, as he has been doing in recent general audiences, the Pope said "to be apostles as the church wants all of us to be, laymen included, it is necessary to have an impassioned love for Jesus Christ, a true, a full love."

The Pope said the "apostolate is overflowing, bursting with love which becomes testimony and action" and is the result of the "impulse and grace of the Holy Spirit springing from intimacy with the word of God, heeded, meditated on and experienced."

The Holy Father added that the apostolate derives from the "mysterious force of the Church's 'mandate.'" "In himself," the Pope added: "one cannot become an apostle unless he has in some due form the compulsory obliging and reassuring mandate of the authority of the Church."

Priest-Educator Who Left Received Back By Church

Milwaukee — (NC) — Father John F. Peifer, who resigned from the Catholic Church last July while serving as head of the philosophy department at St. Francis Seminary here, has been received back into the Church.

At a private ceremony arranged by Archbishop William E. Cousins of Milwaukee, Father Peifer made a profession of faith and adjuration of error. After a retreat he will return here for reassignment.

The priest caused a sensation

here last July 3 when he announced his resignation from the Catholic Church and the priesthood. He announced his intention to join the Anglican church, and took up residence at Nashota House, an Anglican theological institution at nearby Oconomowoc Lake.

Father Peifer for years has had the reputation as a leader in seminary education in this area. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1947 and holds a doctorate in philosophy and a degree in sacred theology.

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