

Will Permanent Diaconate Function in United States?

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tribute Communion, preach the Sunday Homily, help lead parish music, sometimes baptize."

Each member of the Deacon class also spends 8 to 10 hours per week in "field work placement." Father Brennan said. They do not rotate in these assignments but spend the full scholastic year working under close supervision of professionals who direct the various agencies.

Rochester Deacons work for the Association for the Blind, Catholic Family Center, Charles and Genesee Settlement Houses, De Paul Clinic, Monroe County Penitentiary, St. Ann's Home, Northside General Hospital and the State Hospital. Some fifteen seminarians work in city parishes associated with Strategy Training in Renewal (STR) and the Inner City Urban Ministry apostolate.

"These training experiences help mature our men greatly," Father Brennan said. "It helps many of them to clarify their vocation by exposing them before ordination to the realities of parochial life and the problems of the urban ministry."

"Their contact with the experts and the follow up which these professionals give us have been most helpful in broadening the impact of this off-campus training."

Each Summer the Rochester Deacons are given full-time parish assignments where they live-in with parish priests and share the entire range of parochial duties.

"Our goal in appointing a man to a particular phase of work is to raise the question: 'What will the man get from the job?' as pointedly as 'What will the man bring to the job,'" the Rector said.

In the ancient church deacons supervised the charitable, financial and other administrative works of the church. Chapter VI of the Acts of the Apostles relates that the Apostles chose from among "the multitude of the disciples" seven men "of good reputation, full of the spirit and of wisdom" to perform charitable works among the widows and orphans so that the Apostles might "devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

The first listed Deacons were Stephen (who became the first martyr of the Church), Philip, Timon, Nicanor, Procorus, Parmenas and Nicholas.

It is the duty of the deacon to the extent that he has been authorized by the local Ordinary, to carry out these functions:

- 1) To assist the Bishop and Priest during liturgical actions.
- 2) To administer Baptism to children and adults.
- 3) To be custodian of the Eucharist and to distribute it, to bring the Eucharist as Viaticum to the dying and to impart on the people with the sacred Ciborium the Eucharist blessing.
- 4) To assist at and bless marriages in the name of the Church and on the authorization of the Ordinary or of the parish priest in

the event of a priest not being available.

- 5) To administer sacramentals and to officiate at funeral and burial services.
- 6) To read the Sacred Scriptures to the faithful and to instruct and exhort the people.
- 7) To direct the liturgy of the Word, particularly in the absence of a Priest.
- 8) To preside at the worship and prayer of the people in the event of the Priest not being present.
- 9) To fulfill perfectly, in the name of the hierarchy, the obligations of charity and of administration as well as works of social assistance.
- 10) To guide legitimately, in the name of the parish Priest and of the Bishop, scattered Christian communities.
- 11) To promote and sustain the apostolic activities of Laymen.

The People of God have very special needs and very special requirements in this first decade of the second half of the 20th Century. Perhaps even more so, the unchurched of this period have very special needs. It is not inconceivable that properly thought out and properly programmed, the permanent diaconate could have the decisive voice in bridging an ever widening gap between those who have made a formal acceptance of an established religion and those to whom religion is a meaningless affectation.



Archbishop Igno Cardinale (center), Apostolic Delegate to Great Britain tours the founding place of the Graymoor Friars in Garrison, N.Y. Accompanying the prelate are Father Jerome Gallagher, S.A. (left), vicar general of the order; and Father Jeremiah Kelliher, S.A., guardian of Graymoor. (Religious News Service.)

Pope Raises Miami to See Status

Washington — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has raised the diocese of Miami, Fla. to the status of a metropolitan see, and the center of a new ecclesiastical province. In so doing, he created two new dioceses, St. Petersburg and Orlando, which together with the now-existing diocese of St. Augustine, will be suffragan branches of the Miami province.

Miami's Bishop Coleman F. Carroll has been raised to the rank of archbishop as head of the new province. Raleigh's Auxiliary Bishop Charles McLaughlin has been named first bishop of St. Petersburg. Msgr. William Borders, rector of St. Joseph's

Cathedral in Baton Rouge, La., will be the first bishop of Orlando.

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Poor Begin Protests In Capital

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There is considerable concern just where a shanty town is to be erected, beginning May 13, where thousands of the poor will be housed. It is not known whether it will be erected on public or private property. The place listed as most likely is The Mall, a green area stretching for two miles and four blocks wide from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial.

Many of the city's main tourist attractions, including the Washington Monument, major government buildings and the Smithsonian Institution line the mall.

On May 12, Mrs. Martin Luther King will lead a Welfare Mothers' March through Washington's slums. The first arrivals are expected between May 16 and 20. Marches emanating from other cities also are planned.

Formal climax of the March is scheduled for May 30, when thousands are expected to be on hand, rivaling the famous march of 1963 headed by Dr. King.

The March leaders, who are pledged to non-violence, reiterated that if Congress is not well on the way toward meeting their demands by May 30, massive civil disobedience will ensue, including, some say, blocking the Virginia bridges to the city and forcing virtual shutdown of government facilities.



Nuns seek shelter under the 175th anniversary rain continued, Archbishop... Mass obligation

Mixed Marriages Topic of Study

London — (RNS) — The mixed marriages was discussed at the first meeting of a special commission established by the Roman Catholic Joint Study Commission. The sub-committee met for three days here.

A statement said the commission discussed various aspects of the mixed marriage problem. Members considered the attention to be raised by the canonical requirements concerning the Roman Catholic bringing of children of mixed marriages, especially in those areas where such an agreement is acceptable to the non-Catholic grounds of conscience.

Albany Schools Seen Nearing Financial Crisis

Albany — (RNS) — School Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany are nearing financial crisis.

"Our situation is very difficult almost at the point of crisis," said Father Thomas J. Diocesan superintendent of schools.

Causes of the problem are rising costs in general, and costs in hiring lay teachers up for a growing shortage of our teachers.

The resulting money squeeze making it hard for Catholics to expand their staffs, program facilities.

Inner-City Schools

Baltimore — (NC) — A committee on urban education has recommended extensive programs for inner city Catholic schools and requested an archdiocesan appropriation of \$699,500 to finance changes.

The committee — established by the Baltimore archdiocese — based its recommendations on a six month study of 41 urban Catholic schools. It sent its findings in a 50-page report called "The Urban Schools."

Schools

Ghetto Plan

Washington — (RNS) — Plans ranging from "disappearing" and "disabling" to "anger and defiance" shown by many Roman Catholic parents to the suggestion the Church allow some of its schools to close and concentrate in the ghetto areas, according to Meeklenburg, national president Citizens for Educational Freedom.

The suggestion that schools channel their resources into ghetto areas was made by James C. Donohue, director of the Department of Education, United States Catholic Conference at the annual convention of the National Catholic Educational Association at San Francisco in mid-April.

The CEF solution to the crisis in Catholic schools, said Donohue, "is to ask that the funds, which are raised by equating all families, be equitably distributed to all families." He

"This could be done very under a plan similar to the of Rights, which gave absolute priority of treatment to all veterans and poor, white and Negro, and secular."

Visit to Istanbul
Istanbul — (RNS) — Roman Orthodox Patriarch Justinian Ecumenical Patriarch Athanasios spiritual leader of Eastern Orthodoxy for several days here.

'Civil Disobedience' Backed by Methodists

Dallas — (RNS) — The right of Christians to "non-violent civil disobedience in extreme cases" was upheld by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church here.

A report on "The Rule of Law and the Right of Disobedience" asserted the necessity for respect to the law, but declared:

"Where a civil disobedient has a fundamental respect for legal institutions of society and is prepared to accept penalties for disobedience, there is little threat to the basic concept of the rule of law."

The portion of the report on civil disobedience stated:

"We affirm the right of non-violent civil disobedience in extreme cases as a viable option in a democracy and as a sometimes requirement for Christians who are to have no other God than the God of Jesus Christ."

By civil disobedience we mean the deliberate and non-violent disobeying of a law believed to be unjust or unconstitutional and the willingness to accept penalties for that violation.

"We believe that such disobedience under conscientious control does not justify, nor would it encourage widespread casual and indiscriminate disobedience."

Protestant Chaplain

Detroit — (NC) — Dr. Gene B. Montague, an Episcopalian clergyman, has been named first Protestant chaplain of the Jesuit-operated University of Detroit.

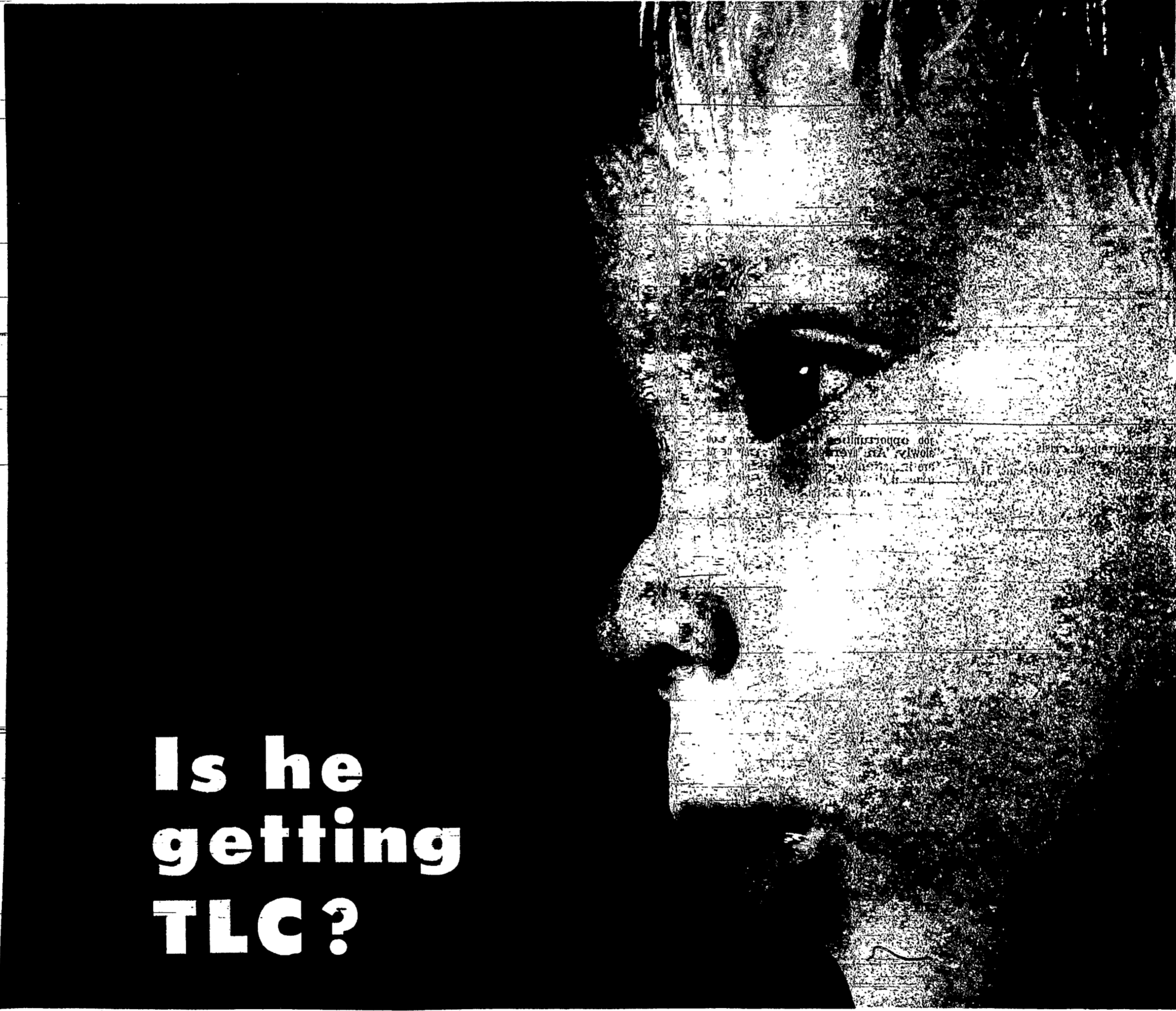
violation of law. Some may misinterpret the civil disobedient's motivation and action and respond accordingly; but this is one of the risks that must be taken in a society that gives some autonomy to an informed and sensitive conscience.

German Bishops Urge Effort To Keep Schools

Berlin — (RNS) — The five Roman Catholic bishops, including two famed cardinals, with jurisdiction in the West German state of North Rhine-Westphalia, have issued a joint pastoral letter urging parents to take last-minute action to preserve the state-supported Catholic school system.

Most of the Catholic and Protestant schools in the state are scheduled to become interdenominational under a recently passed law. If two-thirds of the parents with children in a given school request it, the school can be maintained on a denominational basis with continued government support.

Under the new law, which was passed over vigorous opposition by the bishops, the state will continue to support denominational schools for children aged six to 10 but schools above that age level will normally be interdenominational "Christian community schools." A few exceptions will be made for private denominational schools which receive state subsidies.



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