

## Leading Candidates Give Capsule Views on Social Issues

New York — (RNS) — America magazine, a national Catholic weekly published here, carries exclusive interviews with both the Republican and Democratic presidential candidates in its Nov. 2 issue.

The following are capsule responses of the candidates to some of the issues discussed in the two lengthy interviews conducted by the Jesuit editors of America with Richard M. Nixon and Hubert H. Humphrey.

**Q. Do you favor withholding federal funds to compel state compliance with current civil rights laws?**

Mr. Nixon: "I would withhold federal funds, as the law requires, from school districts that continue to practice segregation. I would not, however, bend the interpretation of law so as to force local boards into busing and other programs designed to correct the so-called racial imbalance. That, I believe, is not a function of the federal government."



HUMPHREY NIXON

Mr. Humphrey: "We cannot permit the expenditure of public funds in a manner that supports segregated and unequal education. And I think any presidential candidate who suggests

otherwise is doing this country a great disservice."

**Q. Would you extend medicare to the entire population?**

Mr. Nixon: "A universal government health program could seriously reduce the quality of American medicine. The goal of protecting younger people against medical expense can be achieved much more efficiently and humanely by encouraging and improving private insurance programs."

Mr. Humphrey: "I would place the doctor bill part of Medicare on the same social insurance prepayment basis as the hospital part. I would provide protection against the heavy cost of prescription drugs. I would extend medicare to disabled social security beneficiaries."

**Q. Do you favor federal aid to major cities now bearing the brunt of the population shift from rural areas?**

Mr. Nixon: "I have long been on record in support of sharing federal tax revenues with both state and local governments. Such a program would give these governments money with no bureaucratic strings attached to it, trusting them to spend it to meet their own particular problems in the way they think best."

Mr. Humphrey: "I have proposed a Marshall Plan for our cities. To finance it, I've proposed creating a National Urban Development Bank and affiliated regional banks to mobilize private capital and public investment guarantees for urban projects planned and implemented through local initiative."

**Q. What is your stand on the various proposals to guarantee a minimum income to all U.S. families?**

Mr. Nixon: "I have opposed plans for unconditionally guaranteeing income across the board on the grounds, first, that we cannot begin to pay for

such a program without ruinous inflation, which will hurt the poor more than the program will help them. The second reason for my opposition is that such programs perpetuate poverty rather than end it. They represent a 'custodial' approach to welfare while I favor a 'remedial' one."

Mr. Humphrey: "As President, I will propose a new and basic right for every American: the right to live above the poverty level. We will provide jobs for everyone who is willing to work but who is without a job. We will consider those practical alternatives to establish a system of supplementary income maintenance."

**Q. Given the prohibition against government aid to certain schools that is contained in some state constitutions, what do you consider the federal government's role to be?**

Mr. Nixon: "Federal money must never, never mean federal control. I

favor the bloc-grant concept for giving federal money to the states and localities, which can then make the best decisions as to how the money should be spent. If a state is barred from actually distributing monies to private institutions, then another public agency can be designated to administer those funds."

Mr. Humphrey: "I believe the role of the federal government is to assist in the process of guaranteeing a quality educational opportunity for every child, from pre-kindergarten through college or post-secondary technical and vocational education, based on his ability to learn — not on his ability to pay. I believe it is the primary responsibility of the state legislatures to make quality education available to all. If the states, in the final analysis, are unwilling to meet their obligations, then I would favor a by-pass agency to administer federal funds."



### Priests of Diocese Concelebrate Anniversary Mass

A Mass of Thanksgiving for a century of blessings on the priests of the diocese was offered at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Oct. 25, the anniversary of the consecration of the church. Bishop Sheen, center left, is pictured surrounded by some 40 of the 105 priests who

concelebrated with him and Auxiliary Bishop Hickey. The scene is the moment before Communion: each priest is holding a Host and all will receive together. The concelebrants then came to the altar to drink from the chalices.

## Bishop Announces Plans to Establish Council of Laity

Plans to form a Pastoral Lay Council "to build up the Church to its maturity in Christ" were announced this week by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

Nucleus for the council, the Bishop said, will be "veterans in apostolic service and spiritual formation" who are or will become members of existing organizations "whose apostolic work centers around four bulwarks of the Catholic faith — the Priesthood, the Teaching of Christian Faith and Morals, the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin."

(Full text of the Bishop's announcement is on Page 6.)

He identified the groups as the Serra Club, teachers of faith and morals, the Nocturnal Adoration Society and the Legion of Mary.

"May we urge our faithful," the Bishop pleaded, "who in these troubled days want to do more for the Church, to attach yourselves to either of these four lay organizations."

"Help build up the Church, not tear it down. Our Faith can suffer not because of evil done against it, but because the good do nothing."

The Bishop's statement concluded:

"Ever since we came into the Diocese of Rochester we sought to form a Pastoral Lay Council. Many plans were derived and later examined in the light of pastors' judgments and the experiences of other dioceses."

"Out of dozens of suggestions, one alone had merit: let the originating members be not those whom we chose or those who chose themselves, but rather those who already have fought the good fight, whose love of Christ and His Church has been tested, and who are not beginners but veterans in apostolic service and spiritual formation; who already in their lives, in accordance with the Vatican Council, have striven to 'make the Gospel known as people holy.'"

"These battle-scarred servicemen and women of the four groups mentioned above, who were a leaven in the mass of the diocese both before and after the Vatican Council, are those who will form the nucleus of the Pastoral Lay Council of the Diocese of Rochester."

"Pray to the Holy Spirit that they may harmoniously unite so as to build up the Church to its maturity in Christ Our Lord."

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Father John Steger, pastor of the new parish of St. Jude the Apostle in Gates, does his part toward renovating existing barn into church to seat 400 persons.

### Bishop Hickey To Help Open New Church

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will celebrate the first Mass in the as yet uncompleted Church of St. Jude the Apostle Church, Gates, at 11:15 this morning.

Father John Steger, pastor, said many parishioners are assisting in renovation of the former barn at 4100 Lyell Rd. He hopes the structure will be completely furnished this month.

Since August, Father has been having Masses for his 400-family parishioners in a nearby abandoned Methodist church. Because the latter building is unheated, Father rushed heat into the barn, and will continue daily and Sunday Masses there even though the refurbishing still is uncompleted.

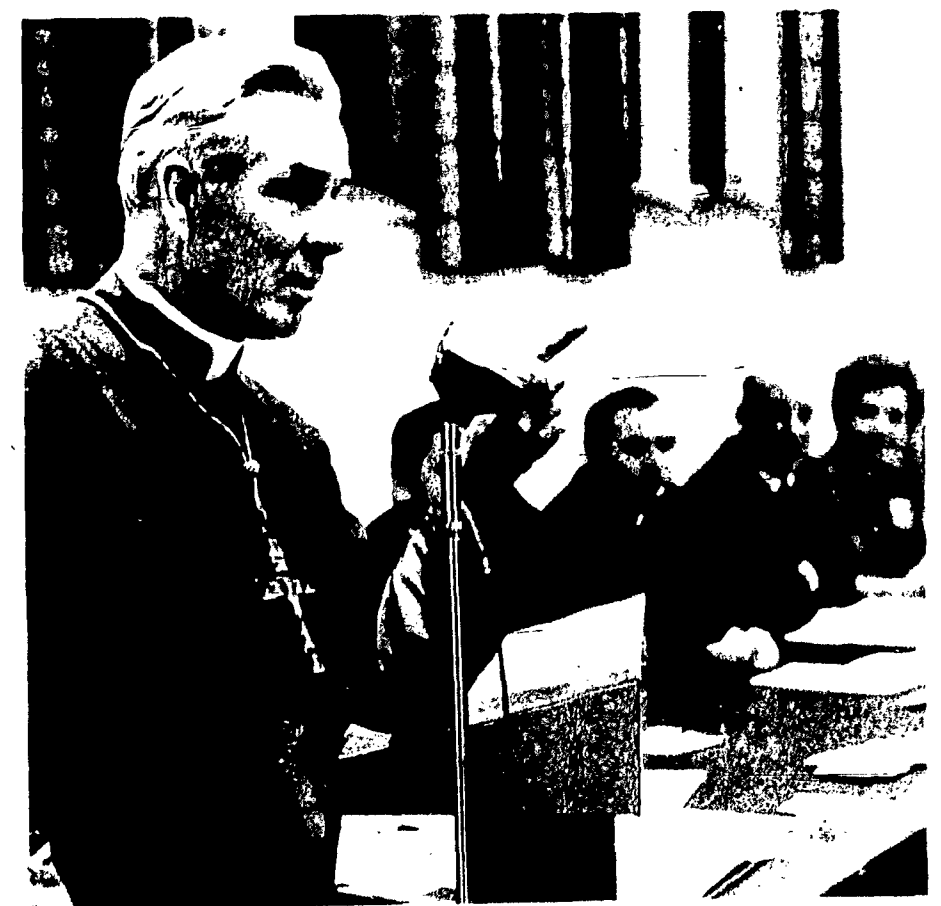
Sunday Masses will be at 8, 9:45 and 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

The barn was extended westward to provide for the sanctuary. At the east end of the building is a large silo which will be transformed into a confessional and may be destined to become the church baptistry and bell tower.

Near the building on the 35-acre plot is a frame house, also presently unfurnished, which will soon become the rectory. Father Steger currently is residing with Bishop Hickey at 31 Woodbine Ave., Rochester.

Asbestos siding has been added to the barn structure, and suspended ceiling installed to conserve heat and hide the hayloft. Pointing to several glass doors, Father said they had been obtained from a chain store which had been remodeled.

The parish, which will undergo a burgeoning residency during the next few years, now has wide expanses of open land. Five horses were grazing in a field next to the church this week.



"Increase your numbers," Bishop Sheen urges officers and members of Legion of Mary at recent opening of their membership drive.

## \$10 Million Foundation To Seek Civil Solutions

The Kennedy family has announced plans for a \$10-million foundation in memory of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, to act as a "catalyst" in trying to solve some of the nation's severe problems. The announcement was made by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

He announced that the chairman of the foundation's executive committee would be Robert S. McNamara, president of the World Bank and former secretary of defense. Fred-

rick G. Dutton, assistant secretary of state under President John F. Kennedy, was named organizing director.

The 56-member board of trustees ranges across the Kennedy family, names in business, universities, government, labor and civil rights. Included are Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Richard Cardinal Cushing, Mrs. Aristotle Onassis, W. Averill Harriman, Cesar Chavez, Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy, Mrs. Martin Luther King, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Sargent Shriver.