

St. Martin de Porres Center Plans \$100,000 Drive

By ARTHUR P. FARREN

For the first time in its five-year history, one of Rochester's "inner-city" service centers for Negroes and Puerto Ricans will seek public financial support.

It is the St. Martin de Porres Center at 537 Clinton Ave. North, a few hundred yards east of St. Bridget's Church among the dreary, deteriorating blocks of buildings just north of the New York Central railroad tracks.

John H. Coleman, board chairman of the Center, said it will conduct a development fund campaign for \$100,000 during the next few weeks, to erect and maintain a building within a block or two of the present rented quarters.

Reduced from 12 rooms to five by a fire 19 months ago, the Center must have larger and more adequate space, the board has concluded, in order to meet the increasing need for service to the community's indigent adults and children.

Heading the drive will be Thomas H. Brenna, general chairman, and Al-

fred G. Boylan, assistant chairman. They said more than 200 volunteer men and women solicitors are being organized.

Members of the campaign's special gifts committee will have a kickoff meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at Immaculate Conception School hall.

Brenna noted that the \$100,000 campaign goal includes funds not only to erect an adequate building but also to provide sufficient operating funds through 1969 and 1970. Campaign pledges may be paid over a two-year period.

The St. Martin Center has experienced a rather unique progress since it was opened by Mrs. Margaret Muchard in May, 1963. It has served thousands of persons and attracted hundreds of volunteers.

As a member of the Legion of Mary, Mrs. Muchard had been attempting to aid the spiritual needs of the then predominantly Puerto Rican neighborhood. Recognizing the many material needs for which there was no facility in the neighborhood,

she sought the backing of a few friends to open a one-room store front.

Originally the Center was open evenings and weekends only, while Mrs. Muchard continued her full-time employment. Six months later she cut her employment back to half time and opened the Center daily at 2 p.m. Less than two years later, with the help of voluntary contributions, she was able to devote full time to the work.

Succeeding months witnessed expansion of the Center's services. Since the 1966 fire, however, remaining space has been far too small, and services have had to be delayed or discontinued accordingly.

Originally, 70 per cent of the services were rendered to Puerto Ricans. Neighborhood change now finds that 60 per cent of those using the Center are Negroes.

Mrs. Muchard said there is a waiting list of nearly 200 adults or children who cannot be accommodated currently. Activities include:

Sewing, cooking, adult club, mothers' club, Saturday recreation, boys' club, girls' club, distribution of used clothing, free groceries, evening study groups, choir, CCD classes, counseling.

Volunteerism has been fundamental to the thinking of those connected with the Center. No funds have been received from public sources. Coleman outlined the facts and philosophy of the work:

"Contributions have been many, but preponderantly quite small. But this casual approach will no longer suffice.

"Public assistance to the Center per se is not available unless the basic nature of the service, conducted by non-professional and volunteer help, were to be changed completely. Those connected with the Center have a deep commitment to the "unstructured", non-professional, volunteer service-to-fellow-man philosophy.

"Therefore it is intended that our present voluntary contribution approach must be continued, but in a vastly expanded form."



Leaders of \$100,000 campaign for St. Martin de Porres Center are, from left: Thomas H. Brenna, general chairman; Alfred G. Boylan, assistant chairman, and John H. Coleman, president of the Center's board of directors.

She Helps Viet GIs Help War Victims

If you think that those plastic bottles that vitamins and other pills come in are useless when empty you're wrong.

Mrs. Arthur Costello has a perfect use for them. A Navy lieutenant stationed in Vietnam needs them to distribute medicine at an orphanage at Hoa Khanh.

The reason he wrote to Mrs. Costello is that she runs "Boxes of Hope" which in conjunction with "Operation Morale" helps American servicemen in Vietnam help victims of the war there.

In addition to the plastic bottles, Mrs. Costello also needs lightweight clothing and medicinal supplies.

"Boxes of Hope" got its start when Mrs. Costello's son, Cpl. Arthur P. Costello, wrote home concerning the plight of a little Vietnamese girl who attended a "Thanksgiving" (1966) party in rags. He wanted to help her and his mother took up the cause,

sending clothes along with other items.

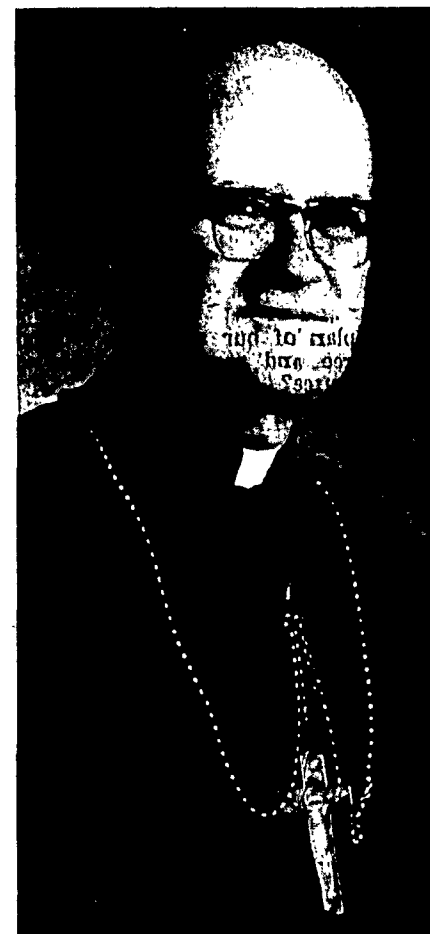
After her son left Vietnam, other servicemen began writing to Mrs. Costello in behalf of their personal projects. "Boxes of Hope", largely a family job for the Costellos and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bronyard, was born.

If you want to help, Mrs. Costello says you can call her at 546-7682 for pickup. Her address is 86 Union St. Although hers is an all-year project, the deadline for the next shipment is Tuesday, Nov. 19.

If you wish to send Christmas cards to servicemen in Vietnam, the "Operation Morale" aide is Mrs. Donald Skinner, 671-6090.

To send packages to your relatives and friends at a reduced rate, contact Mrs. Carl Nielsen at 482-1540.

Mrs. Costello has prepared a talk and slide presentation to give at any women's or church groups that may be interested in sponsoring such a project.



BISHOP HICKEY

Bishop Hickey Plans Visits To Churches

Auburn—Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will make his first official visitations to churches in the Eastern Tier Vicariate beginning Sunday, Nov. 3.

Very Rev. Raymond J. Wahl, area vicar, announced that Bishop Hickey will celebrate Mass at 8:30 a.m. Sunday in Sacred Heart Church, Auburn, and will preach at all Masses.

On successive Sundays during the month the Bishop will celebrate Mass and preach at all Masses in the following churches:

Nov. 10 — St. Hyacinth, 8:30 a.m.;
Nov. 17 — St. Alphonsus, 7 a.m.;
Nov. 24 — St. Aloysius, 7:30 a.m.

It also was announced that Bishop Hickey will concelebrate Mass at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 22, in St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva, for Legion of Mary Curia of the Auburn area. Concelebrants will be spiritual directors of Legion units in the area.

Youth Mass At Cathedral

Sacred Heart Cathedral will initiate a "Youth Mass" on Sunday Nov. 10, at 5:30 p.m.

According to Miss Barbara Hall, principle organizer of the innovation in the Cathedral's liturgy, the overall aim of the Youth Mass is to bring unity among people. She said the purpose is to give participants the chance "of seeing God in a little different light than before."

Father Philip Billotte, assistant pastor, has been working with Miss Hall to finalize plans for the liturgy, which will include discussion-type sermons, guest preachers, modern and "meaningful" music and more concelebrated Masses.

The new program will strive to be ecumenical and everyone is welcome.

CCD Plans 'Teach - Ins' In 10 Diocesan Cities

Methods and approaches for teaching religion to youngsters — particularly those in elementary grades one through four — will be thoroughly outlined in a series of 14 "teach-ins" scheduled in 10 cities of the Diocese beginning next week.

First of the series will be a five-hour program at Christ the King School, Irondequoit, from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7.

Sponsoring the "teach-in" demonstrations, designed particularly for Christian Doctrine (CCD) personnel, is the diocesan Office of Christian Formation, Sisters and Confraternity of Formation, of which the Very Rev. Albert J. Shamon is episcopal vicar.

Talks and panel discussions will be based principally on the "Come to the Father" textbooks. Introduced into diocesan schools and CCD classes four years ago, these books are now in use in nearly 100 schools and in many CCD programs.

Similar "teach-ins" to that slated for Christ the King School are scheduled through Dec. 15 in the following parishes:

Nov. 17 — Guardian Angels, Rochester; St. Mary, Canandaigua; St. Ann, Hornell; St. Mary, Elmira.

Nov. 24 — St. Michael, Rochester; St. Mary, Waterloo; St. Patrick, Corning; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca.

Dec. 1 — Our Lady of Lourdes, Rochester; St. Alphonsus, Auburn. Dec. 8 — St. Agnes, Avon; St. Michael, Newark. Dec. 15 — St. Lawrence, Rochester.

"Teach-in" participants will be charged \$1 admission, and will be asked to bring a box lunch. Program for the Nov. 7 session at Christ the King follows:

Welcome — Anthony Terrotto, chairman of religious education, Christ the King parish.

"Come to the Father" Approach — Mother Helene, SSJ, director of the Religious Education Center of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Trinitarian Perspective of "Come to the Father" — Father Foster P. Rogers, assistant, Christ the King Church.

Psychology of the Child — Sister Eugenia, SSJ, consultant, Office of Christian Formation.

Our View of Curriculum (group meetings for grades one, two, three, four) — Sister Leonardo, SSJ, St. Mary, Canandaigua; Sister Mary Marena, RSM, St. Andrew, Rochester; Miss Joanne Corriero, St. Andrew, Rochester; Sister Clarina SSJ, Christ the King.

Demonstration Lesson (grade one level) — Mrs. Herman Strnisha, CCD, Christ the King.

Panel (priests only): Role of the Priest in "Come to the Father" — Father Rogers; Mother Helene; Mrs. Ronald Gledhill, CCD administrator, Christ the King; Sister Mary Ellen RSM, principal, St. Andrew School.



Four seminarian participants in panel on priest vocations are pictured with Serra International officers, from left: seated — James Bringley and James Callan, Becket Hall; James Bucaria, St. Bernard's Seminary; standing — Paul Mangiafico, St. Bernard's; William R. Noonan, president, Serra Club of Rochester; Thomas J. Hart, Buffalo, Serra trustee.

Bishop in Call for Vocations

Priests, religious and laity must "set a greater example, through prayer, mortification and self-denial," if there is to be an increase in the number of priests, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen told delegates to the district convention of Serra International Clubs here last week.

Noting the drop in the number of men being ordained for the priesthood, the Bishop said the cause was more the "materialism" of the times rather than the "affluence."

Quoting Pope Pius XI that "God always gives a sufficient number of vocations in any age," Bishop Sheen declared that "these vocations must be brought to flower through the power of good example."

Principal speaker at the convention's dinner in Midtown Plaza last Friday night, the Bishop praised the Serrans for their devotion to voca-

tions and told them their role is even more vital "in this time of crisis."

Approximately 75 delegates attended the two-day conclave, including representatives from Buffalo, Syracuse, Watertown and Ogdensburg, and observers from other parts of the state.

Serra is a business and professional laymen's organization founded in 1934 to foster priestly vocations. The Rochester Club was organized in 1961.

Convention meetings, held in Becket Hall, were highlighted by a noon Mass Saturday, celebrated by Father Louis J. Hohman, rector of Becket Hall and chaplain of the local Serra Club.

Father Hohman said there will be an increase in ordinations only when

there is a re-examination of "the hierarchy of values."

Father Lawrence Murphy, spiritual director of Becket Hall and diocesan director of vocations, recommended greater effort to reach youth "through their peer groups," and adults through vocation-oriented parish programs.

A panel discussion on "Vocations from the College Campus" brought an agreement that parish priests need to become better acquainted with youngsters so that the latter may see and realize the great services to mankind inherent in the priestly role.

Panel participants included Father L. John Hedges, former Newman Apostolate chaplain at the University of Rochester, and Newman chaplain Fathers Thomas R. Statt, Gerald Appely and Christopher Trovato.

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