

Eastern Vicariate Clergy Concerned Over Rural Poor

By ALEX MacDONALD

Auburn — Problems of poverty, coordination of rural parish catechetical work and improvements needed in the pastoral ministry of the area were discussion subjects this week at a meeting here of parish priests of the five counties of the Eastern Vicariate of the diocese.

Alarmed by the enlarging economic and pastoral problems of the broad area of Cayuga, Seneca, Ontario, Wayne and Yates counties, 30 priests met under chairmanship of Very Rev. Raymond J. Wahl, Bishop Sheen's Vicar for the Eastern Counties of the diocese, to hear informal commission reports on their mutual concerns.

Father John L. O'Connor of St. Michael's parish, Newark, and Father John J. Glogowski of Holy Family parish, Auburn, reported on problems of religious instruction in the area. The need for more coordination and support of the lay and religious teachers, in terms of cur-

riculum, supplies and direction was stressed.

Wayne County was described by discussants of rural and urban poverty as "a disaster area" calling for full concern by the Church. Inadequate housing and a complex migrant population has resulted in a serious condition of "stable poor" existing in "marginal living conditions," it was said.

Father John J. Hempel, of the diocesan Secular Mission, Father Sebastian Falcone, O.F.M., Cap. of St. Bernard's Seminary, Father Joseph M. McDonnell, pastor of St. Michael's, Newark, were leaders of the discussion on poverty in the Vicariate.

They described the migrant situation of Mexicans, Puerto Ricans and Negroes in the Eastern Vicariate as the most serious in the diocese. Lack of funds for meeting their needs has hampered the small local churches of the area, they said.

Father Daniel V. Hogan, pastor of

St. Bernard's parish, Scipio Center, reported on "Shaping an Apostolic Ministry for Rural People". Questions about inter-parish cooperation, effective utilization of religious and lay and efficient use of pastoral facilities were discussed.

The regional meeting was termed "an examination of conscience" for the area clergy rather than establishment of a specific program for broad action.

But agreement on the pressing pastoral priorities and continuing fact-finding about the economic and pastoral problems in the Vicariate will lead immediately to "a greater involvement of the area-priests in the regional issues," Father Wahl said.

Committee heads for the study of CCD programs, poverty and pastoral ministry were elected by the priests for each county of the vicariate. They will attempt to formulate concrete proposals for attacking the problems in their county and will report to the clergy of the Vicariate at their next meeting in February.

Catholic Interracial Council

Inner City Speakers Scheduled Sunday

Representatives from several "inner city" groups will be featured at the final session Sunday of a seven-week series of seminars conducted by the Catholic Interracial Council.

Sunday's meeting is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist's school hall, Humboldt Street. The series is titled, "Confrontation: Black and White."

Paul W. Brayer, CIC president, said brief talks will be given by representatives, among others, of the Urban League, Friends of Fight, Board of Urban Ministry, Risk Inc., Area Youth Ministry, Rochester

Neighbors, Better Rochester Living Inc. and the Rochester School Volunteer Program.

The session will be closed with a ceremony in the church.

Brayer said he hoped many persons will sign for membership in CIC, which is now conducting its annual membership drive.

He noted that among other activities, CIC has presented a proposal to the three major faiths to undertake "Project Equality," a means to make "fair hiring" practices more effective.

300 Sisters to Meet In Study of Urban Ills

Sisters from every part of the diocese will study urban problems and current programs of the urban ministries of Rochester churches at a day-long Urban-Suburban Workshop to be held at St. Agnes High School on Saturday, Nov. 23.

About 300 religious women will attend the scheduled talks sponsored by the joint Office of Urban Ministry of the Rochester Diocese and the Area Council of Churches.

Keynoting the lectures and discussions planned for the day will be Rev. Mr. Franklin Florence, President of Fight; and summarizing, will be Father P. David Finks, Vicar of Urban Affairs for the Diocese of Rochester.

The purpose of the program is to acquaint Sisters with various approaches to urban problems. Important issues to be investigated in lectures and small group discussions will be: "Probing the Urban Crisis," "Involving the Suburbs," "Organizing the Community for Action," "Understanding the Black Point of View"; and "Reaching to Youth."

Active workers for urban renewal have been invited for the day. Some of these include the Rev. Mr. Marvin Chandler, Rochester Area Council of Churches; DeLeon McEwen, the manager of the newly created FIGHTON; Miss Patricia Thompson, Director of the Rochester Police Force's TOP; the Rev. Mr. Larry Copard, Director of the Ecumenical Community Ministry; Mrs. Sophie Divers, the Community Relations Adviser for the City of Rochester; and the Father Robert Kreckel, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church.



Chairman for the Urban-Suburban Workshop for Religious, Sister Grace Miller, RSM, herself is employed full time on the west side of the city as liaison between the Office of Urban Ministry and the people of the area.

Religious desiring to attend, contact Sister Mary Thaddeus, S.S.J., at St. Agnes High School. A program for the day and a suggested reading list is sent to each prospective attendee. Registration will stop at 300. In-depth follow-up discussions are being planned to be held subsequent to the Workshop.

Next Week

Centennial Edition Due --Deadline Monday Noon

Next week's Courier-Journal will be a special edition containing a 100-page Centennial Supplement marking the 100th anniversary of the Diocese and featuring a cover photo in color of Bishop Sheen and Bishop Kearney suitable for framing. Because of its many pages, it will be mailed one day early (as will the following Thanksgiving week's edition). Correspondents are urged, therefore, to be sure all news for the next two editions arrives at the Courier office no later than noon on Mondays.

Church in Anti-Vandal Move

St. Margaret Mary Church, Irondequoit, is now "on guard" against vandals.

Following several acts of vandalism and stealing, church officials for the last two years have been locking the church doors during all but the morning Mass hours.

Through formation of an Honor

Guard of the Blessed Sacrament, the doors are open again throughout the day and evening.

Each of the nearly 300 parishioner members of the Honor Guard spends a half-hour a week at the church between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Since the church has been reopened under the watchful eye of its own guard, there have been no further problems.

Newman Apostolate Discussed

Brockport — Representatives from Catholic students' organizations on ten college campuses met at the Newman Oratory of State College at Brockport last Sunday to discuss desired new structures for inter-cooperation and the personnel needs of the Newman apostolate across the diocese.

The proposal was argued that the diocesan Newman Apostolate would function better divided into a Rochester region and a Southern Tier region. Representatives elected from the 8 secular colleges in each of the separate areas to serve on a diocesan board would be expected to know the needs of their nearby schools when invited to meet on a diocesan level.

Father Thomas Statt, chaplain at State College at Geneseo, was chairman of the meeting and Father Michael Daly and students of the Newman apostolate at Brockport State were hosts.

The purpose of the gathering was to clarify the delegates' awareness of the total and individual needs of the 16 Newman organizations in the diocese, leading to the election of a Diocesan Board and the presentation of recommendations for Diocesan Director.

This year there are nearly 12,000 Catholics at secular colleges within the diocese, Father Statt said. The fast growing community colleges, Monroe County, Auburn and Corning offer a special challenge, it was agreed, because there all students are commuters and no facilities are offered on campus for either a chaplain's office or religious worship.

Yet the 2-year community colleges "feed" their graduates to the four year state-colleges, Newman leaders said. It was stressed that the Church's concern and proximity to the collegians in the community institutions would make them more responsive to the religious programs when they reached the higher schools.

Lay Association To Hear Head of Washington Group

James Gibbons, president of the Washington Lay Association, District of Columbia, will be principal speaker at the constitution and election meeting of the newly-formed Rochester Association of Catholic Laymen at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, in St. John the Evangelist's School hall, Humboldt Street.

Ernest J. Curran, temporary president of the local group, said Gibbons, 36-year-old president of an insurance agency, is president of a Community Action program and is on the board of directors of the Washington Anti-Poverty Program.

Curran said next Thursday's meeting will vote on adoption of a constitution and will elect officers who will serve until a scheduled annual meeting in May.

A nominating committee will present a list of names for election, with at least two persons nominated for each office to be filled. Curran said nominations also will be accepted from the floor. He listed nominees by the nominating committee as follows:

J. Raymond Hensler, Ernest J. Curran, John T. Carey, Robert McLaughlin, Mrs. Herman Walz, Sister Dorothy Keefe, RSM; Mrs. Paul Brayer, Elizabeth Finks, Thomas C. Cotterill, Richard A. Rinks.

Also James E. Cloonan, Mrs. Robert Engel, Barbara Fedele, Terrance Flynn, Mrs. Roger Greiten, Joseph J. Hauser, James Koller, George McVey, Robert Newmiller, John Owens, Charles Racz, Gerald Sass, John Schottmiller, Sister Bernard Marie, SSND; Sister Mary Kiernan Sweeney, SSJ; Monica Sullivan, Edward Wintertorn, David G. Zimpter.

Bishop Sheen Will Address St. Martin Campaigners

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will address more than 200 volunteer committeemen for the St. Martin dePorres Center Development Fund Campaign at their kickoff dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, in Blessed Sacrament School hall.

A minimum goal of \$100,000 has been set for the drive, to provide for purchase or erection of a larger building for the innercity services provided by the Center, as well as operating funds for 1968-70.

The Center, founded and operated by Mrs. Margaret Muchard, is in its fourth year of service to hundreds of poor Whites, Negroes and Puerto Ricans in the St. Bridget's Parish neighborhood.

It is located at 537 Clinton Ave. N., in a small storefront of a century-old building just north of the New York Central railroad.

Thomas H. Brenna, campaign chairman, and Alfred G. Boylan, assistant chairman, announced that a men's and women's division of the general committee will be headed by Anthony P. Terrotto and Mrs. Gerald J. McGuire.

Previously announced campaign leaders include Martin G. Moll, coordinator; Mrs. Lynn F. French, campaign director; and L. James Shaw and Angelo L. DiNieri, special gifts division chairmen.

Donors or volunteers may reach Mrs. French at the temporary campaign headquarters at 502 Main St. E., or by telephoning 454-1950.

Cash and pledges are being sought in the drive, with pledges being payable over a 16-month period to include three tax years. Contributions to the Center are tax deductible.

The Center, through the assistance of many volunteers, provides food, clothing, counseling, companionship and recreation for both adults and children.

COURSE IN SPANISH

Nazareth College and UHF Channel 21 have teamed to present beginning course in Spanish at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



Among committeemen for the \$100,000 St. Martin dePorres Development Fund Campaign are (from left): seated — Mrs. Edward H. Carson, a member of the campaign's executive committee and captain of a special gifts team; Mrs. Raymond F. Healy, who will assist Mrs. Carson; standing — L. James Shaw and Angelo L. DiNieri, leaders of special gifts divisions.

Retreat League to Meet

Canadaigua — Annual meeting of the Notre Dame Retreat League will be held from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Retreat House on Canadaigua Lake.

William E. Kramer, league president, announced that a buffet supper will follow the session.

He also announced that an engaged couples' retreat is scheduled from Friday evening through Sunday noon, Dec. 13-15.

League officers who will head delegations to the Dec. 8 annual meeting include:

Executive vicepresidents, Joseph

Mercier and Robert Kennedy; regional vicepresidents, Joseph Clement, Ontario-Yates; Anthony DeStafan, Wayne-Seneca; Anthony Valvo, Livingston; Victor Gessner, Steuben; Ben Cool, Cayuga; Arthur Keffer, Chemung-Tioga; William Finn, Monroe Southwest; William Miller, Monroe Northwest; Al Matekls, Monroe Northeast; Joseph Evangelista, Monroe Southeast.

Retreat officers and men from throughout the Diocese have been invited to the meeting, "to be held happily," Kramer noted, "on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception." The progress of the retreat movement in the Diocese will be reviewed.

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