

Cayuga County Priests Map Campaign to Fight Poverty

Auburn — Poverty in urban and rural areas of Cayuga County is disturbing the consciences of priests in the 14 parishes of the area.

Father Raymond J. Wahl, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Auburn, and episcopal vicar for the five-county Eastern Vicariate of the Diocese, said Wednesday that priests from nearly all the county parishes had voted to ask diocesan officials to consider some financial assistance toward alleviating hardships of the poor in the area.

Father Wahl noted that the priests

will name committees to look into various "areas of concern" such as housing, employment, education, and the needs of the elderly and of children. He added that committees will confer with representatives of other churches in the county, with social welfare agencies, and with governmental and civic leaders.

The first committee chairman chosen was Father Richard G. Stanton, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Church, King Ferry, and its mission at Ludlowville, who will coordinate volunteers to form self-help groups to aid the elderly.

Father Wahl said the priests' meeting heard research reports in three broad phases — human needs, religious education, and pastoral ministry.

Presenting the report on human needs were Monsignor James D. Cuffney, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn; Father Charles Mulligan, assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Church; Father Elmer W. Heindl, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Cato; and Father Stanton.

Among topics discussed were ways and means to accelerate more housing for large, low-income families;

increase foster-home care and nursing-home facilities; establish child day-care centers and group homes for youths, and bring more medical services to the north and south portions of the county.

Father John J. Glogowski, assistant pastor of Holy Family Church, Auburn, and area coordinator for the diocesan Office of Christian Formation, submitted a report on religious education.

Among numerous recommendations, it called for establishment of a committee of priests and laymen to study

a new program for religious education of Catholics in public schools in Auburn, in view of the relocation changes planned for elementary and high school students here beginning in September 1970.

Funds also should be sought, the report recommended, for establishment of a Christian Formation Center in the county, with a full-time secretary, and for the assistance, if possible, of Sisters to work in the county's rural areas.

A report on pastoral ministry submitted by Father Daniel V. Hogan, pastor of St. Bernard's Church, Scipio

Center, and its missions in Geneva and Fleming, brought discussion on whether parish buildings could be used for more purposes than they now are, whether priests could combine their residences so that some rectories could be put to other uses, the possibilities of savings through a system of centralized purchases, and other topics.

Father Wahl said priests of Wayne County have been conducting similar meetings, and that priests of Seneca, Ontario and Yates counties will meet at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at St. Stephen's School, Geneva.

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Winter Carnival at Holy Angels Home

Kids enjoying a recent winter carnival at Holy Angels Home for girls, Winton Road North. Among thrills were rides contributed by members of the Salmon Creek Snowmobile Club. Club directors included Carl Wohlers (left) and Norbert Gravelle. Their smiling passengers, from left, are: Anne Bergeron, 7, of Christ the King School; Judy Jermy, 10, of School 52; Laura Logar, 10, of St. James School, and Robert Rogers, 8, also of St. James.

Fisher Students to Join 3 Faculty Committees

The faculty of St. John Fisher College has for the first time voted to elect three of their standing committees.

Earlier in the year a series of conferences between faculty and student representatives had agreed that student departmental committees should be established through which the major students in each department would have a means to confer with the faculty at departmental level in their major fields of interest. The students who will sit on the faculty committees will be elected by and from the membership of the student departmental groups.

On the faculty library and curriculum-instruction committees, three students will sit as advisers and consultants. They will be chosen by and from members of the student departmental committees with no more than one student from any one division, and at least one member being a junior. The terms will be for one year with the opportunity for re-election.

On the third committee, admissions, two seniors will serve as consultants and advisers, also to be

chosen from the student departmental committees.

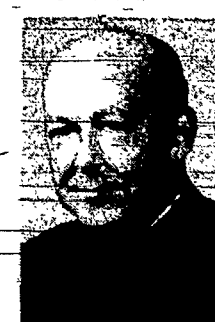
Those chosen will be asked to consider such items as admission policies, composition of the student body and ideal numbers of students, kinds of students and terms of admission for transfer students. The two students will participate in all policy-making work of the committee with the exception of that involving access to the personal files of student applicants and decisions on individual cases.

Father Joseph B. Dorsey, vice-president for academic affairs, said that "these actions reveal mutual recognition by faculty and students that the complexities of the educational process are greater than ever and that working together on problems and policies brings the two vitally important views into contact from the outset. This process should significantly diminish misunderstanding and polarization of opposite points of view."

Last fall a President's Advisory Committee was established with elected faculty and elected student members to consult with the president on matters of general college policy.

Jesuit Dinner Planned

The fourth annual Jesuit Benefit Dinner is slated Monday evening, March 24, at Logan's, Scottsville Road.



Fr. Dolan

Principal speaker will be Father Charles F. X. Dolan, S.J., a native of Jersey City, who taught English and Spanish at Canisius High School, Buffalo, before giving full time to retreat work. He has had many appearances on radio and television.

Proceeds of the dinner, sponsored by the Loyola Jesuit Council of Rochester and McQuaid Jesuit High School, benefit the high school and Jesuit missions.

Co-chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony G. Cashette and Mr. and Mrs. James T. Connolly. Other committees are headed by Mrs. Anthony Cashette and Mrs. Vincent Stanley; tickets; Mrs. Joseph Vasile, reservations; Michael Culhane, special gifts; Mrs. Thomas Presnitz, entertainment; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Siconolfi and Thomas Maggio, hotel arrangements; Mrs. William Wilmot, hostesses; Mrs. Jack Young, decorations.

Several Rochester Jesuits, as well as former McQuaid teachers, are now assigned to missions. They include:

Caroline Islands — Father William Suchan, Brothers William Cronmiller, Joseph Griffin and Cyprian Moses, Rev. Mr. John Garvey; Philippines — Fathers Leo Walsh, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Thomas Green, Richard Miller; Marshall Islands — Father Francis Staebell; India — Father Michael Kavanagh.

Pre-Cana Conferences Set at Six Parishes

Pre-Cana Conferences — a marriage preparation course for engaged couples — will begin next month in six parishes in three counties of the diocese — Monroe, Ontario and Steuben.

The four-part, once-weekly Sunday conferences, sponsored by the diocesan Family Life Bureau, are scheduled as follows:

Mar. 2, 9, 16 and 23 — Assumption Church, Fairport, 3 p.m.; Holy Apostles Church, Rochester, 7:30 p.m.; St. Ann's, Hornell, 3 p.m.

Mar. 9, 16, 23 and 30 — St. Mary's, Canandaigua, 7 p.m.

Mar. 30, Apr. 13, 20 and 27 — Guardian Angels, Henrietta, 3 p.m.; St. Monica's, Rochester, 7:30 p.m.

Dinner to Launch New Church Building

Presentation of an American flag to St. Philip Neri parish will feature the dinner-dance March 21 marking the dedication of the new church building.

Congressman Frank Horton will present the flag at the dinner at Logan's, Scottsville Road. Nearly 500 reservations already have been received by the dedication committee.

DePaul Clinic Celebrates 10th Anniversary of Service

Staff and guests of the DePaul Clinic, a mental health service for children which is affiliated with Rochester Catholic Charities, attended a luncheon Feb. 13 to mark the clinic's completion of 10 years of service.

Honored guests were Monsignors Arthur E. Kalligan, Charles W. Boyle and Donald J. Mulcahy; Dr. Harold C. Miles, director of the Mental Health Board of Monroe County, and George Montgomery, executive director of the Rochester Catholic Family Center.

The idea of a guidance clinic for children in Catholic schools of the county was conceived by the Mental Health Board under Dr. Miles' direction. Montgomery, whose agency worked closely with the clinic, provided counsel, equipment and service.

The clinic was established during the time Monsignor Kalligan directed Catholic Charities. Monsignor Mulcahy, now Charities' director, provided administrative counsel during the clinic's early years. Monsignor Boyle, during his tenure as diocesan superintendent of schools, also gave guidance to clinic personnel.

Fr. Hempel To Speak At Communion Fete

Father John J. Hempel, director of the diocesan Secular Mission, will speak at a father-son Communion breakfast at 9 a.m. Sunday, Mar. 8, in Holy Cross School hall.

The Holy Name Men's Club of the parish will have a St. Patrick's Party beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 15. Dinner is slated at 7:15 p.m. to be followed by a variety show and dancing.

children and parents, diagnostic services to courts, agencies and institutions, and a school consultation program.

Its staff of 21 includes psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, mental health aides and five clerical personnel. It has been involved in field work training for social workers.

It is supported by the Community Chest, the Mental Health Board, and fees. A fee schedule is based on the size of the family and its income.

The clinic is headed by Father G.

Charbonneau, and is directed by Dr. Albert W. Sullivan. Included on its advisory board are:

Dr. John P. Kelly, chairman; Carroll E. Casey, vice-chairman; Mrs. Daniel G. Kennedy, secretary; Monsignor Mulcahy; Father Charbonneau; Monsignor William M. Roche; Sister Mary DePazzi, RSM; Sister Walter Marie, SSJ; Thomas E. Byrne Jr., Francis X. Donovan, Winifred Fletcher, Mrs. C. Peter McClough, Thomas J. Meagher, George Montgomery, George Rentsch, Edwin F. Rivera, Mrs. Catherine Terrell.

'Family Rosary' to Note 19 Years of Broadcasts

Multiply 6,948 by 30 and you have the number of minutes the Family Rosary for Peace program has filled air-waves of the diocese in the past 19 years.

Next Tuesday, Mar. 4, is the 19th birthday of the nightly prayer program heard on WSAV, Rochester, WMBO-FM, Auburn.

To mark the occasion of the 6,948th consecutive broadcast Monsignor Joseph A. Cirincione, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester, the founder and director of the program has invited priests and friends who have assisted him over the years to share the Rosary prayers.

Fathers Paul Wohlrab, Paul Gibbons, William Trott, Frank Lol and Richard Torney will participate. Aux-

iliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will give the talk after the Rosary prayers.

Two of the three laymen who were original members of the Executive Committee which helped start the project in 1950 are still active in the Family Rosary: Frank R. Davis of Holy Rosary parish and Frank Wolfe of St. Thomas More parish.

The 30-minute live evening programs include the Rosary led by laymen and shared by small groups gathered in the chapel-studio at 401 Orange Street. A short spiritual talk or reading follows the Rosary.

Bishop James E. Kearney has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Family Rosary personally leading the Rosary or speaking on the programs on all feastdays of the Blessed Mother.

Recommended Reading for Priests

By BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

A RUMOR OF ANGELS

By Peter Berger, Doubleday 1969 123 pp. \$4.50

Expensive! About 3 1/2 a page, but it is worth it, especially Chapter 11! The author, who has already written that humiliating book, "Noise of the Solemn Assemblies," is professor of Sociology in the graduate faculty of the New School for Social Research. His point of view is Sociology, Ltd. for this "dismal science," he admits, is "intrinsically a debunking discipline that to prove that the supernatural, or a sense of "otherness" and transcendence should be most congenial to nihilists, cynics and relativists." His purpose is to the human, is still "rumored about."

In a brilliant first chapter he reviews how "secularism," or contempt of the Divine, became popular. The problem is how to resist it: Not by a "counter-community" which is ghettoism and sectarianism, however liturgical and "churchy" it be; not by surrender to it by "translating" the Divine into the social. The trouble with this identification is that "these benefits are already available under strictly secular labels." Even agnosticism is dangerous, for the "theologian who sips with modernity will find his spoon (with which he sips with the devil) getting shorter and shorter — until he is alone at table with no spoon at all and with an empty plate."

He strongly attacks so-called "relevance" which is nothing but following mass communications. The relevant of today will become the irrelevant of tomorrow, and the theologians who live by it will be "on the outside of the cocktail party looking in." Summarizing the history of thought, he says that the answer to the human situation will be found by "disregarding the spirit of an age, and even to arrive at answers that contradict the spirit."

A rather dull chapter about sociology being relative follows which is atoned for by a criticism of the false optimism of Marx and Robinson, both of whom are now obsolete.

Analyzing man, he finds four features which imply transcendence and the supernatural: Play, Hope, Justified Condemnation and Humor. Brilliant! Next he deals with tradition, pleads for an ecumenical theology, which does not attempt to blend Christianity and Buddhism, but which "affirms the classical realization — adversus Modernos — against the moderns" in the faith of secularized consciousness. Modern society needs redemption and Christianity offers it through suffering love.

If there is any global impression derived from the book, it is that if you marry the spirit of this age you will be a widow in the next; and from the Christian point of view, secularism is inadequate and needs a world where there is a "Rumor of Angels." We have already passed through the stage where "theology is socialized." Here a distinguished sociologist pleads for theology and the supernatural.

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