

Vocation: to Build A Life of Service

In the Rochester Diocese, the Peace Corps, Vista and other such programs have accepted 13 people this year. Forty-three men have entered training programs for the Diocesan Priesthood. In the religious men's communities, 17 have entered, and in the religious women's communities, 15 women.

"The whole vocation trend today is toward building a Christian way of life," said Father Lawrence Murphy, Diocesan Director of Vocations.

"We now feel we must build up the Christian Family, the whole vocation of service."

Sister Margaret Mary, Directress of Postulants for the Sisters of Mercy said:

"Vocations are of the whole of man's life. We now speak of the entire life's search, each person, with her talents and qualities in mature service."

Sister Margaret explained her role as going out to speak with young ladies, at their request, on the varieties of Christian service available to them today. Both she and Father Murphy remarked that they no longer are concerned with "recruiting" young men and women into the religious life, but rather to help them discover the best ways they, as individuals, can apply their talents to the service of God and man.

However, should a young man or woman feel called to the religious life, he or she would proceed through the following steps:

A young man considering the diocesan priesthood, first contacts Father Murphy as the Director of Vocations and, after consultation and testing, enters King's Preparatory School, Becket Hall or St. Bernard's Seminary, depending on his educational background, to prepare himself for ordination.

Sister Ann Mary, Director of Vocations for the Sisters of St. Joseph and consultant to the Eastern Region of the National Sisters' Vocation Conference, explained the young woman's steps as she enters the Sisters of St. Joseph.

After consultation with the community's Director of Vocations, and careful testing both physically and psychologically, the young woman's application is reviewed and accepted.

Sister Mary McAuley discusses the possibilities for service in inter-racial relations with students of Our Lady of Mercy High School.



100 Groups Join

'Money Labels' Off to Fast Start

Nearly 100 organizations and groups already have enlisted in "Money Labels," a new money-saving and money-making project now being organized throughout the diocese.

The new program, which will replace the now-ending "Pop" contest, is sponsored by the Courier-Journal in the Rochester Diocese and by the newspaper Magnificat in the Buffalo Diocese.

Key feature of the label-saving program — labels, box tops, bottle caps,

etc. — is that participants not only save money themselves but also for the organization through which they enroll. The "players" in the "game" get credits of 75 per cent of labels they turn in, and the organization gets 25 per cent.

Money Labels deals only with non-profit organizations — not with individuals.

In brief, the program is set up in four 10-week periods annually. First

RACL Plans To Celebrate 'New Liturgy'

Celebration of the "new liturgy" of the Mass "in the spirit of Vatican Council II" will highlight the regular meeting of the recently-formed Rochester Association of Catholic Laymen at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in the gymnasium building of Sacred Heart Academy, 8 Prince St.

Msgr. William H. Shannon, chairman of the diocesan Liturgy Commission, will celebrate the Mass.

Members of the RACL liturgical commission, headed by its chairman, Ernest Curran, and cochairmen Sister Theresa Peters, RSM, and Mrs. John G. Swift, of Guardian Angels parish, will participate.

Curran said the evening's program will include a brief organization meeting, an explanation of the liturgical events to follow, a rehearsal of hymns, and the Mass.

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The Pastoral Office announces that the group known in Rochester as "Brothers of Our Lady of Perpetual Help" has no canonical standing as a religious organization.

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Bishop Kearney To Celebrate Mass At Alumnae Meet

Bishop James E. Kearney will celebrate Mass at noon Saturday, April 26, in King's Preparatory School chapel to highlight the annual spring meeting of the Upstate Chapter of the Good Counsel College Alumnae Association.

Bishop Kearney once taught at the college, in White Plains.

Alumnae from the Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse Dioceses will attend the meeting. Mass will be followed by lunch and a business meeting, at which there will be discussion of fund-raising plans for proposed new buildings at the college.



Photo by Louis Ouzer

"PEACE" ESSAYISTS — Youngsters from St. Agnes School, Avon (from left), Timothy McCormick, Janice Swan, Mark Norton and William Villone, are four of 36 public and parochial school pupils whose words will be sung in a musical, "Children's Plea for Peace," in premieres in Avon and Rochester on May 3 and 4.

Author to Speak At St. John Fisher

Prof. Leslie Dewart, author of "The Future of Belief," will be guest speaker at St. John Fisher College on Tuesday, April 22, at 7:45 p.m.

Sponsored by the philosophy club and the department of philosophy, Dewart will talk on "The Linguistic Basis of Western Thought: Philosophical and Theological Aspects."

Dewart, professor of philosophy and theology at St. Michael's of the University of Toronto, has just published a second book, "The Foundations of Belief."

Another noted author, Prof. Lewis Beck of the University of Rochester, will speak at the college at 7:45 p.m. Thursday, April 24, on "Socrates and Students on Stage."

Beck is professor of philosophy at the U. of R. and is also being sponsored by the two philosophy groups.

Nomination Meeting

Officers for 1969-70 will be nominated at the spring meeting of the St. John Fisher College Alumni Association at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at the college.

Top Pros, Kids Team For Musical on Peace

Avon — Pupils of Avon's public and parochial schools are word authors of a unique musical, "Children's Plea for Peace," scheduled for free premier performances in Avon on Saturday, May 3, and at Eastman Theater, Rochester, on Sunday, May 4.

Alec Wilder, nationally noted composer, set the children's words to music.

The 150-voice Eastman Children's Chorus, directed by Milford Fargo, will sing the peace plea, and the Eastman School of Music's famed 20-piece Wind Ensemble will provide accompaniment.

Warren Benson, Eastman School professor of composition, will be narrator at both performances.

The Saturday program will be at St. Agnes Church, Avon, at 3:30 p.m., and the Sunday performance at Eastman Theater at 3 p.m. Seating at the Avon church is limited to 300.

Nearly 300 children from the Avon schools wrote essays on peace last autumn. Wilder selected 36 for his composition.

The idea originated a year ago when Wilder, Louis Ouzer, Rochester photographer, and Father Henry Atwell, now pastor of St. Agnes Church, discussed the possibility of a choral work on the theme of peace — at a time when the war in Vietnam was being escalated by both sides.

Wilder endorsed the idea with enthusiasm and proposed: "Let the children write it themselves."

They later met with Daniel Patrylak, assistant director of the Eastman School, who encouraged Wilder to compose the music and committed the Eastman Children's Chorus and the Wind Ensemble for its performance. Walter Hendl, the School's director, also gave the project his support.

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FROM "POP" TO "MONEY LABELS" — Organization chairmen enlist for new "MONEY LABELS" program now being organized. They are women in center of photo—Shirley Fess (left) of St. John the Evangelist's Church, Greece, and Kathleen Murty of St. Augustine's Church. At far left is Mrs. Marcella Ennis, "POP" coordinator, who will do likewise for "MONEY LABELS." At right is Art Taylor, one of regional Money Labels representatives.