

Father Finks' Inner City Work Lauded

The burden of caring for the poor is the "cross of Christ" which the diocese and the city of Rochester have only just begun to take up, like Simon of Cyrene," Bishop Fulton J. Sheen told a banquet audience honoring Father P. David Finks on Tuesday at a farewell testimonial.

Father Finks, the Bishop's vicar for inner city work for the past two years, leaves his office of the Urban Ministry this week for duties on the Washington staff of the U.S. Bishops' division of Urban Life.

"Have no fears," Bishop Sheen said to the ecumenical and civic gathering of 450 guests at Immaculate Conception auditorium, "This work is going to continue."

"It was our plan that Father Finks was sent to the humanity of this whole city. This ministry, started so well, is not going to be decapitated by the departure of one man. His work will be continued by the people of Rochester loving the people he has served so faithfully."

Guests of honor gathered to cite Father Finks' contributions to the welfare of innercity residents during his years as assistant at Immaculate Conception and as director of the Urban Ministry, included City Manager Seymour Scher, Rev. Mr. Richard Hughes of the Rochester Area Council of Churches, City Councilman Robert Woods, Bernard Gifford, president of FIGHT, and State Senator Thomas Laverne.

U.S. Congressman Frank Horton and Episcopal Bishop George Barrett, although unable to be present, were among sponsors of the banquet. All proceeds were for the work of the city's Urban Ministry.

Principal speaker was Msgr. John

J. Egan, director of the Chicago archdiocesan Office of Urban Affairs, a long-time associate of Father Finks and his counsellor in many phases of the work.

"As a man and as a Christian," he said of Father Finks, "he offers us

insights into what we can be and do in this era of change and crisis—and great spiritual need. Father Finks has worked at the task of building the world we have inherited into a more human habitation. His has been a day-to-day fight to assure "the least of these My brothers" a foothold on human existence."

Praising Father Finks for "skillful involvement in the concrete needs of man," the Chicago priest said: "Our task as persons, as a Church and as a nation, is to have the vision to translate terms like mercy and justice into concrete active brotherhood that shares the needs of all until their needs are fulfilled."

Looking to the future of the Rochester diocese's ministry to both urban and rural poor, Father Egan said: "It is a challenge to the Church—to continue to produce other 'Father Finks' in greater numbers, and to equip them with the affirmation, support and resources that will make their efforts worthwhile."

In a brief response Father Finks thanked the many "teachers" who had taught him that "walking the streets of innercity was not enough to change the lives of the poor."

"There has to be organization, education, and cooperation with many kinds of groups and structures and peoples. The Church must use its strength and people and power to touch the very heart of society."



Bishop Fulton J. Sheen pictured with Father P. David Finks at testimonial dinner for Father Finks Tuesday in Immaculate Conception School Hall.

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Priest Elected to RACC In Ecumenical 'First'

Another area "ecumenical first"—the seating of a Rochester priest on the board of directors of the Rochester Area Council of Churches—was widely viewed as a step toward formal admission of the Rochester Catholic Diocese to the RACC.

"We can make a larger impact on the community together than we can separately," said Msgr. Charles V. Boyle as he was elected to the council's 47-member board at its annual meeting.

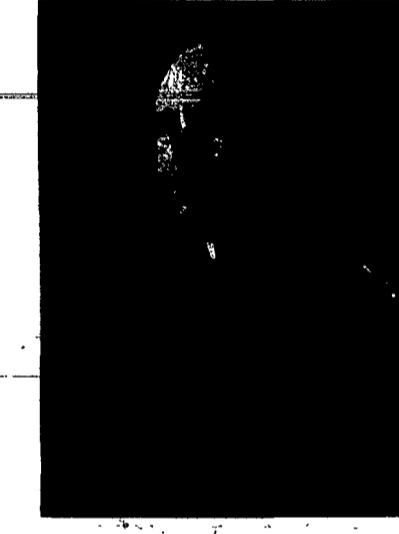
"We've always had good relations with the council here," he declared, "and now we're moving closer together."

Msgr. Boyle, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Humboldt Street, is chairman of the diocesan Ecumenical Commission. He has been a member of the RACC's "committee of 35" which has been planning the council's reorganization during the last year.

The council is now organized by individual churches, with approximately 250 persons representing seven denominations. Under the new proposal, it would be structured by denominations.

Area black churches, who heretofore have not been officially members but who have worked in the restructure planning, also would be included in the new organization.

Msgr. Boyle noted that an ecumenical effort would be more effective



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particularly in the areas of low-income housing and in anti-poverty activities.

"We're trying to do everything in a collective way, united together, that we possibly can do—rather than do it separately," he stated. Joint efforts also would avoid duplication of work, he added.

Msgr. Boyle, a native of New York City, served as associate superintendent of diocesan schools from 1946 to 1954, and as superintendent from 1954 to 1959. He taught at St. Mary's School of Nursing, at Nazareth College and at the former St. Andrew's Seminary. He has been pastor of St. John's for 10 years.

Priests Listed at Seminar On Family Education

Fathers William Graf, chaplain to Ithaca College, and Daniel Brent, assistant superintendent of schools in the Rochester Diocese, will be among speakers at a workshop on family life and sex education to be sponsored by the University of Rochester.

Scheduled July 7 through 18 at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, the workshop is designed to acquaint educators with the general concept of family life and education and ex-

amine its implications for inclusion in the school curriculum.

To be discussed are certain aspects of human sexuality, curriculum content, methodology, resources and teaching techniques, reports on school programs, panel and general discussions on selected topics.

Father Graf's lecture will be devoted to sex on the college campus, and Father Brent will discuss family life education in Catholic schools.

Fitzgibbon Heads Board at Genesee Settlement House

Charles E. Fitzgibbon, 94 Commodore Pkwy., was elected president of the board of directors of Genesee Settlement House at its annual meeting Thursday evening, May 12, at headquarters on 10 Dake St., Rochester.

In an acceptance, Fitzgibbon emphasized the role the settlement house performs as a generative body within the urban community. He said that settlement houses have been responsible for implementing important changes in city neighborhoods, and will continue as leaders in that area as more rapid changes occur in the future.

Other officers elected were: John E. Finnegan, Lincoln Rochester Trust Company, vice president; Sister Eva Marie, Nazareth College, secretary, and Samuel Phillips, a retired executive of the Rochester Council of Social Agencies, treasurer.

Elected board members were: The Rev. Herbert Hinman, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church; Mrs. Dorothy Traywick, agency representative to the Model Cities Council; James Viavaine, chairman of the Central Park Neighborhood Council; and James

Wertz, Rochester Industrial Systems Inc.

Fitzgibbon is director of public affairs planning for Eastman Kodak Company's corporate relations division.



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Sisters to Profess Vows Before People They Serve

Sixteen Sisters of St. Joseph will profess their final vows Sunday, June 22, and for the first time the people they have been working with will be able to witness this ceremony.

Each Sister will make her profession in the place where she has worked and lived for the last year. Formerly, the profession has a group ceremony at the Motherhouse, not open to the public.

Explaining the change, a spokeswoman for the St. Joseph Community observed that "the religious profession is seen more and more as a promise to service—and what is more fitting than that it be made among the people whom the Sister promises to serve?"

Five churches in the Rochester area—and three elsewhere in the diocese—have invited parishioners to take part in the profession Mass and to attend receptions afterward. Other Masses are scheduled for Nazareth Academy Convent, St. Ann's Home, the Motherhouse and St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira.

The Schedule:
Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1 p.m.—Sister Cora Marinaro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross S. Marinaro of St. Andrew's, Rochester.

St. Thomas More, 3 p.m.—Sister DeSales Ganley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ganley of Holy Family, Auburn.

St. Pius X, 1:30 p.m.—Sister Eileen Dannie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dannie of Holy Trinity, Webster, and Sister Alma Mary Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell of Holy Family, Auburn.

St. Monica, 2 p.m.—Sister Frederic Klier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Klier of St. Pius X, Rochester.

St. Ambrose, 11:15 p.m.—Sister Laurene Laurer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Laurer of St. Helen's, Rochester.

St. Patrick, Seneca Falls, 2:30 p.m.—Sister St. Benedict Bardeen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bardeen of St. Joachim's parish, Canisteo.

St. James, Waverly, noon Mass—Sister Celeste Stephen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stephen of St. Moritz's, Rochester.

St. Stephen's, Geneva, 2:30 p.m.—Sister Ann Patrice Carrigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carrigan of Sacred Heart, Auburn.

School Study Launched

Buffalo—(NC)—Faced with a crisis of declining student enrollments and difficulties in staffing schools with teachers, especially nuns, the diocesan school department has launched the first major study of schools in the history of the Buffalo diocese.

Involved in the study are the 238 schools in the eight-county diocese—199 elementary and 39 secondary schools.

The study's principal aim will be to strengthen the schools, according to Msgr. Leo E. Hammerl, diocesan school superintendent.

Father Norman C. McLaughlin, associate superintendent of schools and coordinator of the study, emphasized that the study will seek to bring "quality rather than quantity" in the school system.

They said they hope to complete the fact-finding by the end of June, then evaluate the information and have recommendations ready by the target date of Nov. 1.

In a letter dated May 27, Bishop McLaughlin notified pastors: "The Department of Education, at our request, is making an extensive evaluation of Catholic education in the diocese. This fact-finding study is necessary for the best utilization of our present facilities as well as for evaluating future needs."

Msgr. Hammerl said similar studies have been conducted across the state and nation as parochial schools experience steadily decreasing enrollments and membership of religious communities continues to decrease.

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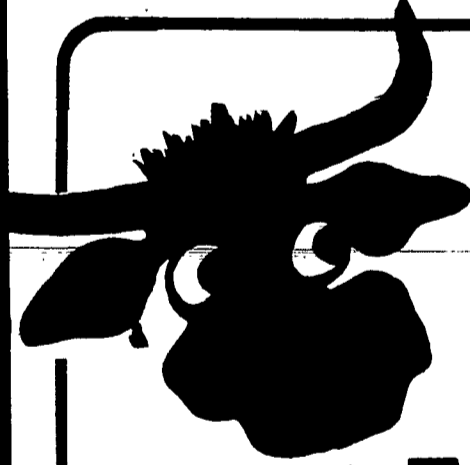
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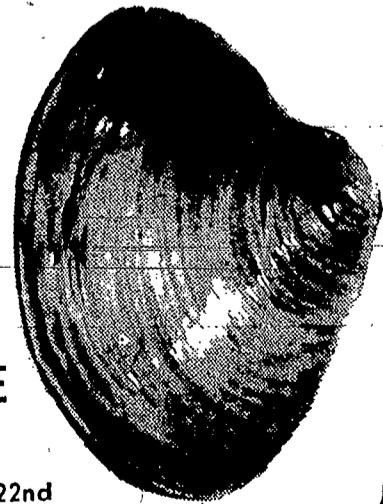
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