

Cayuga Priests in Socio-Economic Study

Auburn — Representatives of Catholic parishes in Cayuga County have joined with many other area churches in an effort to organize an agency called Friends in Service Here (FISH) through which concerned volunteers could go quickly to anyone in an emergency and meeting help.

During the next three months efforts will be undertaken by each congregation to obtain volunteers for the organization with the aim to launch it officially by Nov. 1.

Each FISH volunteer is available for a 24-hour period per month when he or she is either a coordinator who takes telephone calls for help, or supplies such emergency services as he

is equipped to render — such as transportation, temporary baby-sitting, or locating a needed article.

Plans to form such a group for emergency aid were among many suggestions and projects which have been discussed by Cayuga County priests during the last year.

Need for low-income large-family housing, increased medical services, nursing home facilities and programs for the elderly is the theme of a socio-economic study of the county by the Cayuga priests. Titled "Cayuga County Report on Urban and Rural Needs," it was released for publication two weeks ago.

The report was released by Father Raymond J. Wahl, episcopal vicar for

the Eastern Vicariate, and Msgr. James D. Cuffney, Cayuga County dean. Father Charles Mulligan, assistant at Sacred Heart Church, Auburn, served as coordinator for the document.

During many meetings over the last few months, priests of the six-county vicariate (Cayuga, Wayne, Seneca, Ontario, Yates) have been meeting in their counties to study three broad areas—the effectiveness of parish programs with regard to human needs, religious education, and parish structure. Future publication of their findings is expected.

Cayuga County's priests' committee on human needs recently participated in a countywide ecumenical clergy conference on "The Role of the

Church in Social Action." The meeting included representatives from various social agencies.

Chosen for intensive study at the conference were: 1) a proposal to found the FISH emergency aid organization; 2) a study of the confrontation-reconciliation function of the churches; 3) an examination of the needs of the elderly, with special emphasis on their medical problems.

Commenting on the human needs studies, Father Mulligan declared:

"Certainly no great fruits yet, but many hopes are budding, and a healthy realism regarding the capacities of the churches for action prevails. Interest has been aroused, and people are beginning to make demands on the churches."

Combining Work, Play Pays Off

Facilities of two Rochester inner city parishes provide the background for an eight-week, federally-financed summer program now in progress for Spanish-speaking youngsters.

More than 100 boys and girls of grammar school age attend classes in St. Bridget's School and participate in recreation activities in the large fenced-in parking area at St. Michael's Church.

Among things which attract children to the program, now in its second year, is its flexible schedule — three days a week of classes and recreation, and two days a week of excursions. City school bus trips include visits to state and county parks, museum, art gallery, zoo and other points of interest.

Half the youngsters attend classes at St. Bridget's on three mornings, while the other half are at St. Michael's playground. The two groups switch sites in the afternoon. All are provided with lunches at St. Michael's.

Classes include reading, mathematics, social studies (featuring Puerto Rican history and culture), art, and music. In the latter class some of the pupils make their own musical instruments.

A "live animal" technique is one means to insure against class boredom. Entering the school, the children rush to a small cage to view what's in it that day. It could be baby ducks, chickens or rabbits.

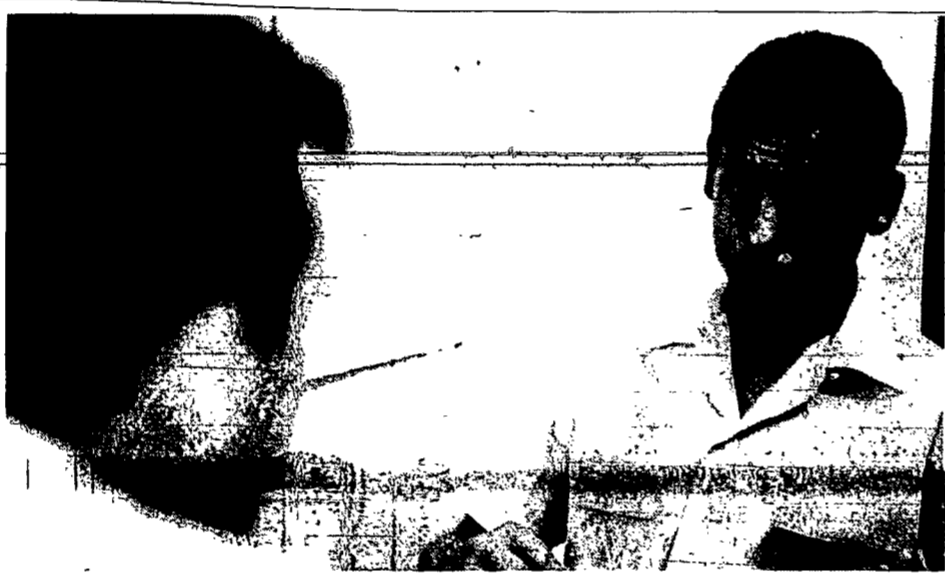
The program is conducted by the Ibero-American Action League, with assistance by the diocesan Spanish Apostolate. It is funded by the federal Office of Economic Opportunity through the local Action for a Better Community.

Also cooperating are the city's Board of Cooperative Education Services, the Neighborhood Youth Corps and the Urban League's "Uplift" program.

The paid staff numbers forty, and is directed by Peter Maniero, a student at Monroe Community College.



Photos show activities at summer program for Spanish-speaking youngsters in Rochester's inner city. Upper right — reading class at St. Bridget's School; above — youngsters board buses in St. Michael's playground for trip to Letchworth Park; below — Raphael Baya in art class sketches Peter Maniero, director of summer program.



Bishop Sheen To 'Pitch' at Silver Stadium

All priests and nuns of the Rochester Diocese have been invited as guests of the Rochester Red Wings and this paper at Courier-Journal Night at Silver Stadium, Monday, Aug. 11.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will throw out the game ball during festivities before the Wings take on the Syracuse Chiefs in the night International League baseball game.

In a special offer, all Courier-Journal subscribers can get 50 cents off the price of each general admission ticket by clipping and bringing coupons appearing in this paper to Silver Stadium the night of the game.

Adoptive Homes Sought for Blacks

Barbara, Susie and Robert are children on whom to build dreams of the future. They are lively, inquisitive and full of fun. They are beautiful — and black.

The children are also homeless, among 120 homeless children expected to be placed in adoptive homes by the Catholic Family Center this year.

But, according to Miss Catherine E. Wobus, casework director of the CFC, Barbara, Susie and Robert will have a harder time finding the love and security of an adoptive home.

The reason is that they are the children of Negro and Caucasian couples.

The Catholic Family Center, in the Columbus Building on Chestnut St., Rochester, is an arm of the Catholic Charities services of the Diocese.

According to Miss Wobus, the 120 estimated children to be placed in adoptive homes this year will be white, and the agency is having difficulties in placing Barbara, Susie and Robert.

She estimates that the agency will be required to find homes for at least 10 more mixed-race children in the coming year; and, she says, "We leave

no prospects for doing that."

According to Miss Wobus, Barbara, Susie and Robert have been waiting more than a year for couples to take them into their homes.

All three children are now in foster homes, under the care of the CFC, until they are adopted.

Barbara's picture and story appeared last week, on this page. Susie's accompanies this article; and

next week Robert's will be near a story on how two diocesan couples adopted and adjusted to black children in their families.

Any diocesan family interested in obtaining further information on adopting these children are invited to write Miss Catherine E. Wobus, Catholic Family Center, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y., 14604; or phone: (716)-546-7220.

Father Ignatius Cameron, Ex - Pastor, Dies at 73

Mass for repose of the soul of Father Ignatius X. Cameron, 73, former pastor of parishes in Hornell, Ontario and East and West Bloomfield, was celebrated Monday, Aug. 4, in St. Bridget's Church, East Bloomfield.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen was concelebrant of the Mass. Others included Monsignors Edward and John Ball; Fathers George Wood, Francis Hester and Raymond Epping; Msgr. Maurice Lahey of Fresno, Cal., a relative of Father Cameron, and Father Elmer Nedicksberend, SVD.

In his eulogy Bishop Sheen spoke of Father Cameron's "friendliness and cordiality to everyone, particularly to young priests," his "suffering through life," which the Bishop described as an inspiration toward lessening of disloyalties to the faith, and his "soldierly" — "he was a good soldier who was ready to report to his Captain to render an account of his services."

Father Cameron died Aug. 4, 1969, in Thompson Memorial Hospital, Canandaigua, after a long illness. He had begun his 49th year in the priesthood, and had been retired since 1967.

His elder brother, Monsignor Joseph S. Cameron, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, for 30 years, died in 1952 at the age of 70.

Born June 12, 1896, in Hornell, Father Ignatius Cameron was the youngest of 10 children of Joseph and Mary Curry-Cameron. He attended St. Ann's School, Hornell, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminars, and was ordained June 11, 1921, in old St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Joseph H. Connor of Ogdensburg.

After serving as assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, he was named July 5, 1922, assistant at St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva, and as a teacher of religion, science and Latin at De Sales High School. He became assistant pastor of St. John's Church, Rochester, on Oct. 3, 1928.



FATHER CAMERON

Two years later, on July 27, 1931 — the feast of St. Ignatius Loyola — Father Cameron was named by Bishop John F. O'Hern to found the new St. Ignatius Loyola Church in Hornell. He supervised the building of the present church there.

In 1950, because of ill health, Father Cameron resigned the Hornell pastorate. He was appointed administrator of St. Mary of the Lake Church, Ontario, in 1951, and pastor in 1954.

On July 2, 1956, following the death of Father George W. Doud, pastor of the two parishes in Bloomfield, Father Cameron was named to succeed him. He served there until his retirement Sept. 13, 1967.

Father Cameron is survived by a brother, William J. Cameron of Rochester, and several nieces and nephews.

CDC Presses Drive on Smut Movies

Citizens for a Decent Community have been making progress in Rochester during the last month in efforts against the showing of allegedly obscene movies.

Current target of the CDC is the Lyric Theater on North Clinton Avenue, which has been showing "adult hits" which CDC members describe as "harmful to the social and moral well-being of the community."

Joining in backing CDC recent picketing at the inner city movie house have been several priests, and members of the area's Ibero-American (Puerto Rican) Action League.

Complaints to city officials by CDC and the League resulted 10 days ago in district attorney and police seizure of a film and two projectors, and of a subsequent charge against the theater manager of promoting and presenting obscenity. His case in City Court has been adjourned to Aug. 15.

Also joining in demonstrations in front of the theater have been State Sen. James E. Powers and State Assemblyman Raymond J. Lill.

Priests who have aided the pickets' aims include Father Benedict Ehmann, pastor of St. Michael's Church; Father Francis Vogt, pastor of St. Bridget's; Father Anthony Calimera, pastor of St. Jerome's, East Rochester, and director of the diocesan Spanish Apostolate; Father Laurence Tracy, assistant at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, and Father Terence Fleming, assistant at St. Jerome's.

Picket signs included such pleas as "Clean Up Smut," "Keep America Beautiful — Throw Out Garbage," and "Save Our Neighborhood."

Michael Macaluso Jr., chairman of the CDC, this week expressed pleasure at receiving a new ally in their campaign — the Monroe County American Legion. He said the Legion unanimously endorsed the CDC aims and named a committee to work with the group.

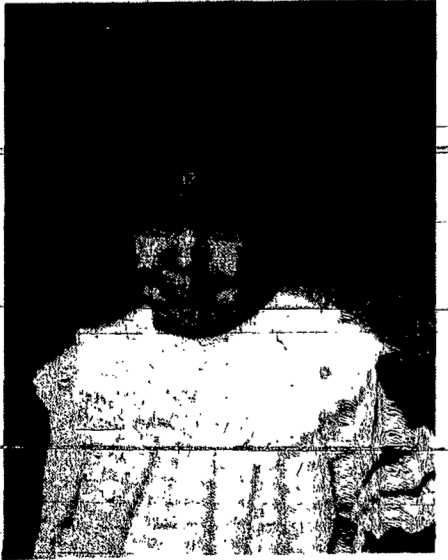
"We're not out to remove all sex and nudity from the movies," Macaluso said, "only the perversion of sex for sex's sake." He said many of the films involve lesbianism and "give approbation to marital infidelity."

The CDC claims the films also "bring undecorated into, and downgrade the neighborhood."

Legal decisions are due soon regarding both sides of the current controversy.

Last January the CDC picketed the Coronet Theater on Thurston Road for similar allegedly obscene films. The theater manager announced in June it would change the type of movie fare and challenged neighborhood residents to indicate their support for the change by attendance.

Homeless



SUSIE

Wistful little Susie is 15 months old. She loves to peek at friends from around corners, and run giggling away.

With deep brown eyes and soft curly brown hair, Susie is the child of Negro and Caucasian parents.

Today, Susie needs a home. She needs adoptive parents who can give her love and affection and security.

Diocesan families who are interested in adopting Susie may write to Miss Catherine E. Wobus, Catholic Family Center, 50 Chestnut St., N.Y., 14604; or phone: (716) 546-7220.

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