

Eastern Vicariate Priests, Laity Seek More Involvement

Auburn — Eleven priests and laity asked diocesan officials here Tuesday night for more interest and involvement in the problems of the five-county diocesan Eastern Vicariate.

Requests for more personnel and funds were made at the exploratory meeting of the diocesan Priests' Council in Mt. Carmel High School.

More than 200 persons, equally divided between religious and laity, attended the 2½-hour session. It was the first meeting open to the laity in the two-year history of the Council.

Also present were Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and Auxiliary Bishops Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty. Thirteen of the 16 Council members from throughout the diocese attended.

Msgr. George A. Cocuzzi, pastor of Holy Family Church, Rochester, and president of the council, presided. He explained that because of the lengthy agenda it would not be feasible to

have discussion by those in the audience, and that questions or comment could be addressed to Council members after adjournment.

The agenda was arranged by Father Raymond J. Wahl, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Auburn, and episcopal vicar for the vicariate. Each invited speaker read a prepared statement.

Bishop Sheen closed the meeting with brief remarks and a prayer. He said all present had been "enriched by the presentations," that it was well there be "less monologue and more dialogue," and that Christians "have America to save" through the virtues of "decency, honesty and patriotism."

Similar open Council meetings are scheduled Nov. 5 in Rochester and Nov. 17 in Elmira.

Among speakers at the Auburn meeting and highlights of their remarks were the following:

Frederick J. Farrell of the Cayuga County Catholic School Board, who asked that "a unified Catholic school system" for Auburn be inaugurated by September, 1970 and that the Diocese provide funds for a "pilot program" with "a qualified and acceptable administrator."

Father Brian Murphy, O. Carm., of Mt. Carmel High School faculty, who urged greater sacrifice to maintain Catholic schools.

Father John Glogowski, Office of Christian Formation coordinator for the vicariate, who contended that funds should be more proportionately spread for the education not only of children in parochial schools but also of Catholic youngsters in public schools and of adults. He advocated reduction of the "diocesan tax" for vicariate parishes and inauguration of a vicariate tax to provide for a pooling of resources, full-time Christian Formation personnel and establishment of Christian Formation Centers.

Francis J. Mastropietro, of the St. Francis of Assisi Parish School Board, asked why their parochial school, closed last June, could not be reopened through merger or consolidation, why the Diocese has not mandated Parish Councils, and "why are the parishioners of St. Francis being deprived of the services of an assistant pastor?"

Father Kevin Murphy, assistant at St. Mary's, Canandaigua, and a member of the vicariate's Liturgy Commission, who advocated frequent regional priests' conferences and establishment of "liturgical task forces" for the vicariate.

Father Charles Mulligan, assistant at Sacred Heart Church, Auburn, who called for continuance of the parish tax at the present rate, but according to "the principle of subsidiarity" return a percentage (50 per cent) to be administered by regions or counties. He noted disparities of wealth and substance among various diocesan regions.

Father Ronald Gaesser, assistant at St. Mary's, Auburn, speaking for a committee on assistant pastors, who maintained there exists much "duplication of efforts," and proposed assignment of some assistants to "major ministries" which would be their prime concern, such as those for Newman Apostolate, family life, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine work, youth, adult education, hospitals and nursing homes and so forth.

Robert M. Murphy, commissioner of Auburn's Department of Social Services, who urged investigation of possible government monies for establishment of a home for neglected children and day care centers, as well as the training of volunteers for such work.

Mrs. Paul Updike, who praised the work to date of the diocesan Secular Mission and called for even greater attention to migrants and the rural poor.

Father Gerald O'Connor, assistant

at St. Thomas More Church, Brighton, who has been doing some part-time work among the area poor and who declared there is a great need for someone to work especially with the Spanish-speaking in Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties.

Father Sebastian Falcone, OFM., of St. Bernard's Seminary faculty, who has been very active in assisting the poor in Wayne County, insisted that much greater effort should be directed to "the severe poverty and desperate housing conditions" in that area. Father Sebastian dramatized his points by presenting a 15-minute slide-film story of the rural area, which he termed "the dumping ground of the stagnant."

He called for an official diocesan representative "with a specific mandate to be of service to the poor of the Eastern Vicariate" and for "exertion of moral pressure (if presence alone will not do it) upon established structures to keep them honest and effective."

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Bishop Visits Clyde, Savannah

Clyde — Bishop Fulton J. Sheen last Sunday visited St. John the Evangelist's Church in Clyde and its mission, St. Patrick's in Savannah, and urged parishioners to maintain attitudes of faith and love.

The Bishop blessed the St. Patrick's Church building and offered Mass there at 3:15 p.m., then journeyed to Clyde to celebrate a Mass at 5 p.m. marking the 100th anniversary of the St. John's Church building.

Basing his sermons on the day's Gospel, the Bishop noted that Jesus, challenged for claiming the power to forgive sins, proved His divine power both by revealing unspoken thoughts and by curing a paralytic.

Christ, he said, "conferred that same power on the Apostles and their successors in the priesthood." Quoting the Gospel, he added: "At

the sight, a feeling of awe came over the crowd, and they praised God for having bestowed such authority upon men."

Sinners "should never despair," Bishop Sheen declared. "Worse than sin itself," he contended, "is denying that we are sinners. If we never had sinned, we never could call Christ our Savior."

Despite "today's crisis in the Church," he maintained, "God our Savior will be with us, as He said, 'all days' and the Church will weather the storm." Crises, he said, "are not new in history, and the Church has experienced 'revolutions' about every 500 years."

Among stories he related, the Bishop told about one of his converts who has been so grateful for her conversion that "she prays the Rosary

for me every one of her wakened hours, on the hour."

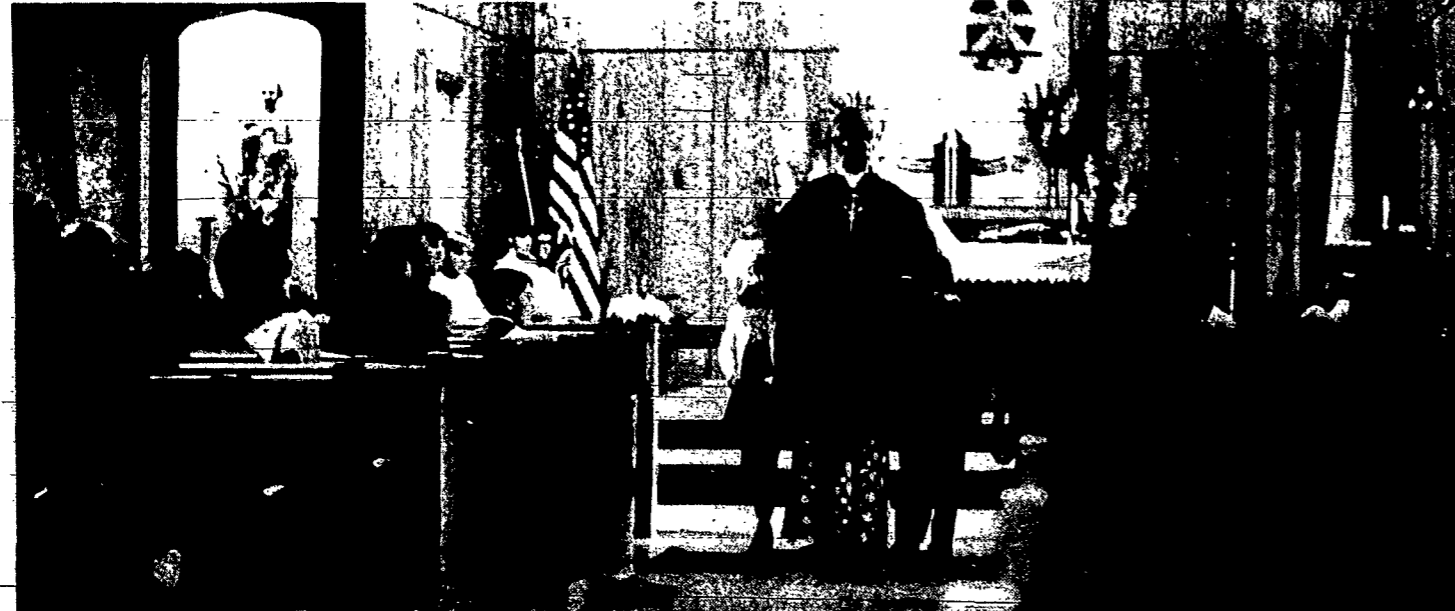
The Savannah church building which the Bishop blessed was erected by parishioners beginning in 1964. It seats 240 persons. One Mass is celebrated each Sunday.

The brick St. John's Church in Clyde celebrates its 100th anniversary. It is the scene for four Sunday Masses celebrated currently by Father John L. Coonan, pastor, and Father Robert M. Egan, assistant.

Concelebrating the centennial Mass with Bishop Sheen, besides Fathers Coonan and Egan, were priests formerly associated with the parish, including Fathers James L. Callan; Walter E. Fleming, William J. Gaynor and Eugene McFarland. Also present was Father Francis Turner.



Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, preceded by Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, altar boys and priests, proceeds from rectory to St. John the Evangelist's Church, Clyde, last Sunday to celebrate Mass marking 100th anniversary of church building.



Bishop Sheen, following homily at Mass last Sunday in St. Patrick's Church, Savannah, goes to middle aisle to answer questions from parishioners. Youngsters pictured with him are Susan Waterman and Jack Stowell.

25th Anniversary Mass Set at Elmira Monastery

Elmira — Three Bishops will officiate here Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 7, at ceremonies marking the 25th anniversary of the Dominican Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will be principal celebrant of a Mass of Thanksgiving at 5 p.m. in the Monastery chapel. Concelebrants will be Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty, the Very Rev. Kenneth C. Sullivan, OP, of New York City, pro-

vincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph, and the Very Rev. Albert C. Drexelius, OP, chaplain of the Dominican Nuns' Monastery in Buffalo.

Bishop James E. Kearney will preach the homily.

(History of the monastery and a description of the life of the nuns will be found on Page 12.)

'Changing Church' 3 Parishes Set Lectures

Three Rochester parishes — Corpus Christi, St. Francis Xavier and St. Philip Neri — are sponsoring a series of six alternate Tuesday lectures beginning Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. in Corpus Christi Church hall.

Titled "The Changing Church — From Peter I to Paul VI," the series will feature three priests, a minister, a layman and a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine film. Fee for the series is \$2. The schedule:

Oct. 7 — "The Biblical Church," the Very Rev. Joseph P. Brennan, rector, St. Bernard's Seminary; Oct. 21 — "The Decreasing Role of the Layman," CCD film; Nov. 4 — "Imposed Christianity," Robert McLaughlin, St. John Fisher College faculty.

Nov. 19 — "The Catholic View of the Reformation," Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, pastor, St. John the Evangelist's Church, Rochester; Dec. 2 — "The Protestant View of the Reformation," Rev. Herbert Hinman, pastor, Christ Lutheran Church; Dec. 16 — "The Isolated Church," Father Patrick Logan, St. Bernard's Seminary faculty.

Fisher Lists 4 Changes

Four major changes in administrative positions and faculty chairmanships have been announced by Father Charles J. Laverty, CSB, president of St. John Fisher College.

Dr. Clarence G. Heinger Jr., 41, of 2048 Five Mile Line Rd., Penfield, has been named dean of faculty, a position which includes curriculum planning and instruction, academic staffing and academic preparation.

Dr. Joseph A. Valenti, 33, of 4383 East Ave., has been named dean of student personnel.

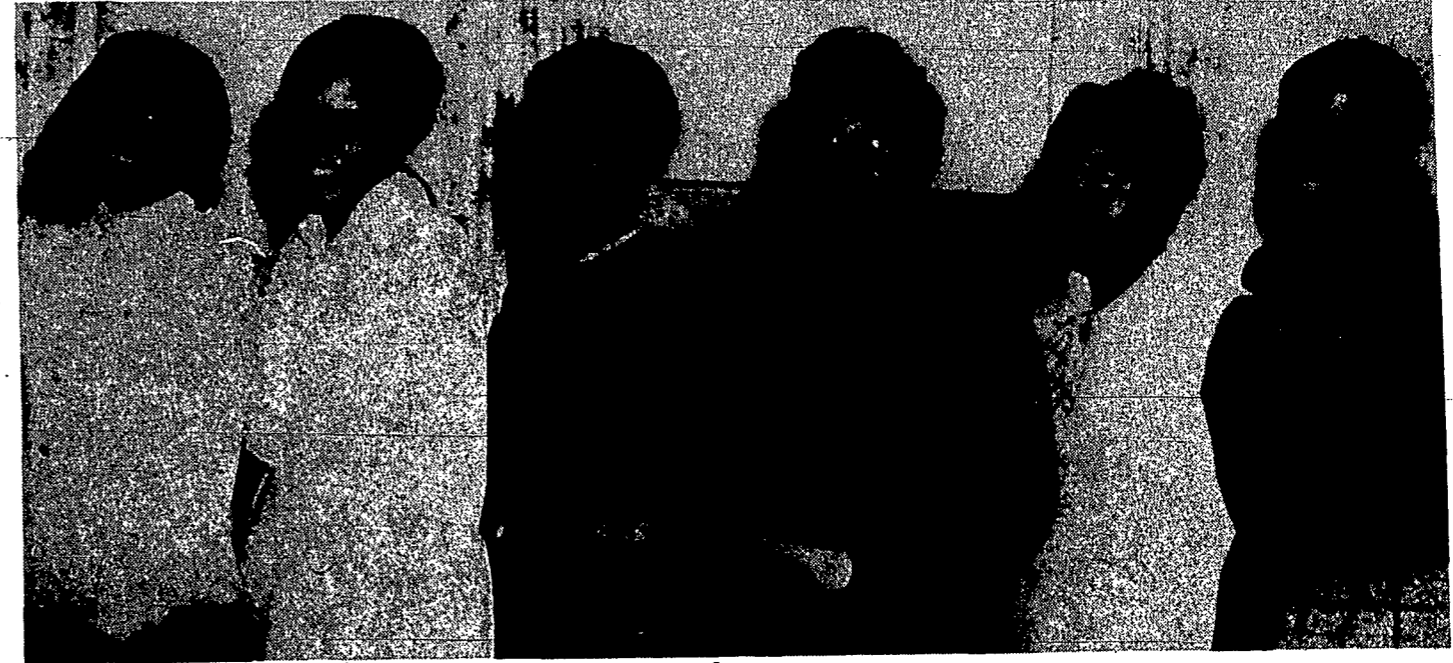
Dr. Robert J. McLaughlin, 42, of 209 Buckland Ave., has been appointed chairman of the department of

philosophy, and Father William C. Marceau, CSB, has been named chairman of the department of modern languages.

2 Cursillos Slated

A four-day Cursillo for women — third to be held in the Rochester Diocese — is scheduled from 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Cenacle Retreat House, Rochester.

Cursillo No. 6 for men is slated Nov. 20-23 at St. Ambrose School Hall. A Cursillo is termed a 70-hour "short course in Christianity."



Mrs. James Harris (fourth from left), chairman of 23rd annual Mother Cabrini Circle tea, is pictured with some of high school students who have received Cabrini scholarships. In photo, from left, are: Brenda Roberson, Donna Carroll and Mesca Radar, St. Agnes High School; Mrs. Harris, Linda Siplin and Jacqueline Belton, Nazareth Academy.

Bro. Carpenter Gets K. of C. Friar Post

Brother Ralph J. Carpenter of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, former parishioner of St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, recently became the first person other than a priest to hold a faithful friar post in the 87-year-old history of the Knights of Columbus.

Brother Ralph was named friar of Father Gallagher General Assembly, Fourth Degree K. of C., in Youngstown, Ohio. He is serving at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Youngstown, and was selected for the K. of C. post because of the many pastoral duties of priests today.

Mother Cabrini Tea Oct. 5 To Boost Black Scholarships

The Mother Cabrini Circle of Monroe County will conduct a tea Sunday afternoon Oct. 5, to help continue a 23-year-old tradition — providing funds toward scholarships in high schools for Negro boys and girls.

Its 23rd annual tea is scheduled from 3 to 6 p.m. in Cutler Union, 560 University Ave. Special entertainment is slated from 3 to 4 p.m.

The circle plans to give 31 scholarships this year. It is interracial and non-sectarian, and is financed solely by voluntary contributions.

Mrs. F. G. Shaughnessy, chairman of the Cabrini scholarship committee, said it has been encouraging that so many of the students have gone on to higher education.

Two of the boys, she said, have doctorates in chemistry and medicine. Another, after completing military service, is now enrolled in St. John Fisher College. A Nazareth graduate is working in Vista. Still another has a master's degree in nursing. Currently there are four students in college, and two others, employed during the day, are attending evening college courses.

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