

11 to Retire Under New Saginaw Policy

Saginaw, Mich. (NC) — Seven parishes of the Saginaw diocese will lose their pastors Jan. 1, under the new "retirement at 70" policy.

All priests of the diocese have been invited either to apply for, or recommend successors for the soon-to-be vacant pastorates.

A letter to each priest from the diocesan personnel board also notes that "maybe, too, you might have ideas about economical deployment of our priests in such way that manpower could be better utilized in the administration not only of these but also of other parishes and missions in the diocese."

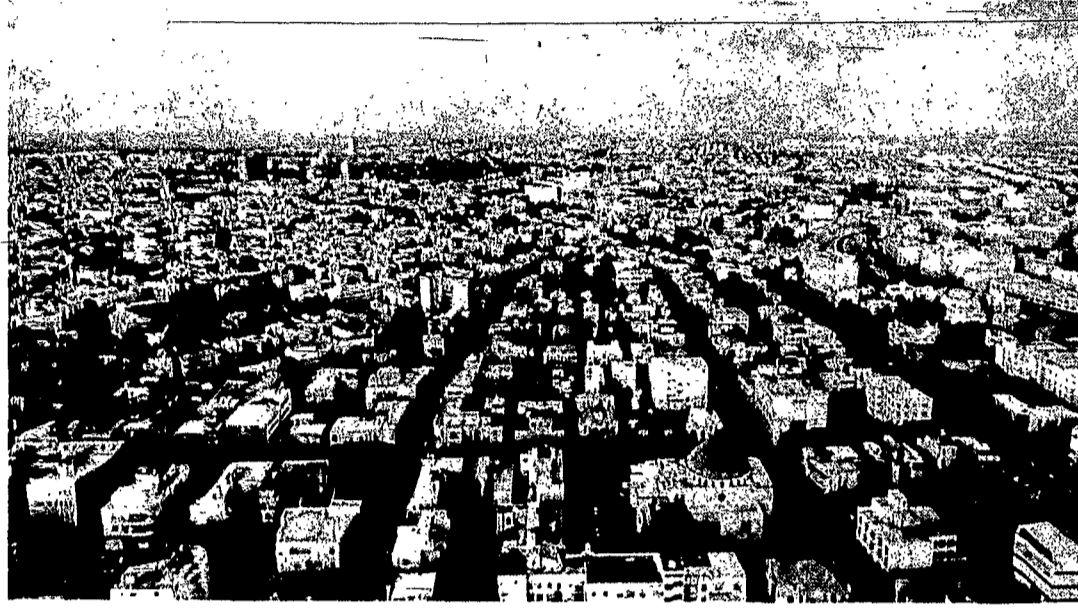
"If you desire change from your present post," the letter adds, "now might be a good time to inform our board."

Recommendations for assignment of the new pastors will be made by the diocesan personnel board, but the appointment will be made by Bishop Francis F. Reh of Saginaw.

The new retirement plan for priests goes into effect on Jan. 1. Under it a pension of \$500 per month is paid to priests who may retire at 65, but must retire at 70.



TEL-AVIV . . . 1909 and 1969—The founders of Tel-Aviv, above, cast lots for building sites in 1909, in a photograph by Abraham Soskin from the exhibit "Israel: The Reality" at the Jewish Museum in New York. Today the city of Tel Aviv is a major city, a far cry from the desert it was 50 years ago. Leonard Freed photographed the city from the Shalom Building in 1968. (RNS).



Missionary Reports:

African Catholics Support Celibacy

Dayton, Ohio (NC)—African Catholics resent the actions of Westerners aimed at extending to the continent a campaign for the abolition of priestly celibacy. Father Theo Van Asten, W.F., superior general of the White Fathers, said here.

The head of the 3,667-member society devoted exclusively to missionary work in Africa, said celibacy in the Church in Africa presents no serious problem. There is no "vocation crisis" in Africa, where vocations are increasing, he stressed.

The priest was interviewed here, where he participated in a two-day workshop on

vocations and communications, designated as a White Fathers' "promoters' meeting."

The White Fathers, also known as the Missionaries of Africa, work in 60 dioceses of Africa. As part of their apostolate, they operate eight major seminaries for African diocesan clergy.

The community has always placed stress on the formation of African clergy and the opening of the White Fathers to Africans themselves is regarded as a logical development.

"The Church in Africa has reached a new stage of maturity," he said. African

priests in the White Fathers will be missionaries to other African nations, he added.

Father Van Asten said the aim of the missionary is to serve until his place can be taken by clergy native to the country to which he is assigned. But missionaries will be needed in Africa for many years, the superior general said, citing a statement made at the African Bishops' Conference in Kampala, Uganda, at the time of Pope Paul's visit there in July.

The Church in Africa "is fully open to assistance but reacts to any colonial attitude," Father Van Asten said. The missionary is welcome

The Week's News In Review

Cdl. Cushing Speaks at Temple

Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston told a Boston Jewish congregation that "new understanding" is needed if relations between Christians and Jews are to improve.

The Catholic prelate, in an address at Brotherhood Temple Mishkan Tefila said that both groups should "build up a treasury of common knowledge in which Jews will better know Christians and Christians will better know Jews."

This, he said, "must not be—or even be thought to be—a missionary venture" but rather a meeting of friends who wish their friendship to grow "by knowing each other better."

Fear of the missionary character of the Christian church and the varying problems connected with the State of Israel are cited by some as dangers to religious harmony between the two groups, the cardinal said.

However, he added, if both continue to grow in knowledge of each other's traditions it will be possible to move Jewish-Christian relations beyond the plateau where it is now grounded.

20,000 Greet Polish Cardinal

Karol Cardinal Wojtyla of Krakow, Poland, the first Polish prince of the Church to visit the United States, was given a warm-hearted welcome by 20,000 Polish-Americans

Church Racial Action Termed a Necessity

Houston — (RNS) — The Churches are deeply involved in American society's failure to respond "in a compassionate, sustained manner" to the nation's ghetto crisis, Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of the National Council of Churches said here.

Addressing the annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, Dr. Flemming said that dis-

approval of "confrontation" methods now being used against Churches by black militants should not be used as an excuse to avoid responding to the crisis.


He called on the Churches to "study, speak and act on conditions in the nation and the world, which involve moral issues."

Because of the "non-response" to ghetto problems by "our society," including the Churches," Dr. Flemming said, "we have now been called upon to respond to 'confrontations.'"

If the Churches fail to respond to confrontations because they disapprove of the methods used, he said, "the confrontations will increase and instead of two societies black and white, the nation will be split into three or four societies."

"For 100 years the Churches have been passing the ghettos without seeing the needs there. Why shouldn't Churches now urge our national leaders to see this need and respond, with the Church?" he asked.

"Churches should be out in front introducing and naming the political, economic and social issues of our day," he said.



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Black History Included

Rockville Centre, N.Y. (NC) — Black history will be brought into every Catholic elementary school in Nassau and Suffolk counties through the joint efforts of the Long Island Catholic, newspaper of the Rockville Centre diocese, and the diocesan department of education.

The program will be mandatory for students in grades seven and eight in the elementary schools. The 17-week series, to appear biweekly in the Long Island Catholic, will trace the history of the black man from his origins in Africa to the present day. Each unit will include a short

quiz and bibliography.

Leroy L. Ramsey of West Hempstead, a teacher of black history at Hofstra University and a member of the faculty at Plainview High School, will write the series, which began in the Oct. 9 issue.

'No Desks' for School

Brooklyn, N.Y. (RNS)—An experimental high school for residents of the Williamsburg-Borough Park-Stuyvesant ghetto areas will be established here in 1970 by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn.

The new school, first of its kind in the area, will seek to provide individual attention for up to 500 pupils to compensate for any "deprivation due to economic or ethnic circumstances," Brother Bartel Brady, director of diocesan special projects, said.

For one thing, the school will have no desks.

Control of the school—including policy, personnel, finance, and operations—will be heavily vested in a Board of Parents drawn from the local community.

Brother Brady said that an expected enrollment of 175 is planned for the opening of the high school in September 1970.

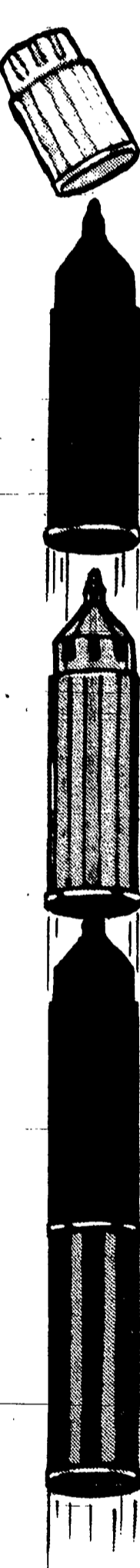
Admissions criteria, he explained, will include residence, teacher recommend-

ORDER SUSPENDED

New Delhi—(RNS)—The Indian government has suspended a proposed expulsion order for approximately a dozen foreign missionaries serving in the border areas of Assam State, Home Minister V. B. Chavan announced here. Mr. Chavan said that the case of the missionaries had been reopened pending the outcome of their applications for Indian citizenship.

BISHOP INSTALLED

Fresno, Calif. — (NC) — Bishop Hugh A. Donohoe was installed as bishop of Fresno Oct. 7 in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Archbishop Luigi Riboldi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States was installing prelate, and James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles presided.



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The original Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa is within the Archdiocese of Krakow. The painting of the Virgin at that shrine, darkened by time and the many candles burned before it, is sometimes called the Black Madonna.

John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia, whose parents were born in a village not far from where the Polish prelate lives, celebrated a Mass with Cardinal Wojtyla in front of the massive basilica which dominates the 23-acre site here.

The Archbishop of Krakow is making a 16-day tour of Canada and the U.S. A spokesman said the cardinal has referred to his trip as "strictly religious," refusing to discuss political issues.

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