

N.Y. State Priest Councils To Meet Here Nov. 24-25

Father Patrick J. O'Malley of Chicago, president of the National Federation of Priests' Councils, will be among speakers at the second convention of Priests' Councils of New York, to be held in Rochester on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 24 and 25.



Father O'Malley, who addressed the semi-annual meeting of the nation's Catholic bishops last week in Washington, D.C., will speak here on "The Issues Facing American Priests."

Representatives of priests' councils and associations in the eight dioceses of the New York State Province will

hold sessions in the Flagship Hotel beginning at 10 a.m. Monday. Approximately 70 priests are expected to attend.

Monday morning's meeting will include adoption of convention procedures, an address by Msgr. James F. Coffey, rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Hunting, L.I., and a report by Father John Fagan, executive secretary of the state's Priests' Councils.

A seminar at 1:30 p.m. will examine the role of priests' senates and association with their Bishop, the Religious and laity, and each other. Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m.

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey of Rochester will be principal speaker at the 6 p.m. convention dinner.

Speaker at a 7:30 p.m. meeting will be Mrs. Frances Zubryd, president of Zubryd Associates, systems analyst of Hauppauge, N.Y. Her topic is "An Approach to Problem Solving in a Diocesan Structure."

Father O'Malley's address is slated at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. At 11 a.m. Percy E. Sutton, Borough President of Manhattan, will discuss "Racism—Our Response Now." Resolutions are scheduled at 1:30 p.m., and adjournment at 3 p.m.

Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, pastor of St. John the Evangelist's Church, Humboldt Street, will be president of the two-day convention. Hosts are the Rochester Association of Priests and the Rochester Senate of Priests.

Father Lynch Dies, Pastor at Holy Spirit

Mass for repose of the soul of Father Joseph H. Lynch, 53, was celebrated Wednesday in Holy Spirit Church, Penfield — the parish he founded in 1965 and of which he was first pastor.

Father Lynch died in his sleep early Sunday morning, Nov. 16, 1969, in his rectory at 1282 Shoecraft Rd., Webster. He was an older brother of Father Leo E. Lynch, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls. Two of his sisters are Sisters of St. Joseph.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was principal celebrant of the Mass. Concelebrants included Father Leo Lynch and several classmates of Father Joseph Lynch.

Laymen of Holy Spirit parish served as pallbearers. Interment was in the priests' plot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Father Joseph Lynch, a native of Rochester, attended St. Theodore's School and Aquinas Institute, and received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Niagara University. He later received a master of arts degree from Canisius College.

He attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop James E. Kearney on Dec. 18, 1943.

After a year's service as assistant pastor of St. Ambrose Church, Rochester, Father Lynch was appointed to the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary. He was a professor of science there for 20 years.

In 1965, he was asked by Bishop Kearney to undertake the establishment of a new parish in the Penfield-Webster area. He worked tirelessly at this assignment.



FATHER JOSEPH LYNCH

Father Lynch was spiritual director of the diocesan Cursillo Movement — an intensive retreat-like experience in Christian regeneration.

He celebrated his 25th anniversary of ordination last Dec. 18.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Joseph (Ida) Lynch; five brothers, Father Leo Lynch, Seneca Falls; Warren J. Lynch, Brockport; Edward M. Lynch, Buffalo; Walter G. Lynch, Rochester; Bernard J. Lynch, North Chili; three sisters, Sister Mary Ida, S.S.J., superior of Nazareth Academy, Penfield; Sister Mary, S.S.J., faculty of St. Agnes High School; Mrs. Curfise Amesbury; several nieces and nephews; his uncle, William Lynch, and an aunt, Mrs. Mary McCarthy.

Christmas Fund Needs Help

Christmas is just around the corner and all of us should be thinking of the poor. More than 500 families will receive food baskets, toys and clothing if you make our drive successful. Please donate to the Catholic Charities Christmas Fund, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.

Election Coming

A community election will be held soon to choose five new directors for the Genesee Settlement House, 10 Dake St., a neighborhood agency affiliated with Rochester Catholic Charities.

Bishop-designate Congratulated by Youthful Parishioners

Bishop-designate Joseph L. Hogan receives congratulations from youngsters of St. Margaret Mary School during recent visit. Monsignor Hogan, who will be installed as Rochester's seventh Bishop on Nov. 28, will celebrate his last Mass as pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church at 9 a.m. the day before, Thanksgiving Day. It will be a folk Mass. Monsignor Hogan has been pastor of St. Margaret Mary's parish since June 27, 1968.



New Thanksgiving Liturgy to Be Used in Diocese

An Impressive, new liturgy for parochial Masses on Thanksgiving Day will be used throughout the diocese next Thursday. Scores of parishes, following a growing trend in recent years, are scheduling special Masses on the holiday and urging full parish attendance.

The text of the Mass distributed to pastors this week by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, besides expressing thanksgiving, is also appropriate to the liturgical actions it accompanies.

The entrance song is a psalm of entrance into the thanksgiving sacrifice. The prayer recalls the Protestant notion of America populated by a covenantal society. In accord with the new Ordinary of the Mass, provision

is made for three scriptural readings.

Gifts of clothes and food for the poor, as suggested in the revised Order of the Mass may suitably be brought to the church at this Thanksgiving Day Mass and carried to the altar in the offertory procession. This gesture will serve as a reminder to the faithful of our obligation to share the goods of our stewardship.

The text supplies antiphons and psalms for the entrance, offertory and communion songs, but any appropriate hymn, psalm, or other sacred song may be sung at these times. This provides considerable flexibility in the choice of additional antiphons

and psalms as long as they correspond to the spirit of this Mass.

Introducing the new variations for the holiday Mass, Msgr. William Shannon, chairman of the liturgy commission said: "The Catholic Church has not hesitated to adapt existing festive days to liturgical needs. The Constitution on the Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council tells how the Church studies with sympathy and preserves intact elements of a people's way of life in the liturgy, so long as they harmonize with its true and authentic spirit."

From earliest times the Church has crowned many non-Christian feasts

with Christian fulfillment by instituting its own liturgical festivals. Msgr. Shannon said. Thus Christmas Day replaced the Roman winter solstice festival.

United States citizens have cherished Thanksgiving Day as a civil and religious festival since its institution by Governor William Bradford of Plymouth Colony in 1621. During the Revolutionary War the Continental Congress adopted it, and the states observed the day thereafter. President Abraham Lincoln designated it as a national holiday. A joint resolution of Congress in 1941 fixed the fourth Thursday of November as the national day of thanksgiving.

A Nun and the Campus Challenge

By SISTER KATHLEEN MILLIKEN
Cardinal Mooney High School

Ithaca — "Being at the right place at the right moment" is how Mercy Sister Patricia MacDonald summarizes her life at Cornell University.

Formerly a history teacher and student activities moderator at Notre Dame High School (1959-1967) and principal of Our Lady of Lourdes School in Elmira (1957-1959), (where she was known as Sister M. Jonatha) Sister Patricia has been assistant to the Catholic chaplains at Cornell for the past 2½ school years.

Students visit Sister regularly in her office at Anabel Taylor Hall, for counseling or just to "let off steam." Personal or academic crises, religious or moral difficulties, all are repeated in a variety of ways but with fresh poignancy each time they are told, for each time there is a new crisis for a different person, and another life is touched.

"The variety of our conversations is fascinating," Sister said.

"A freshman girl is overwhelmed by the impersonality of the world of math and science; should she change her program? A boy from a small high school cannot cope with the big university milieu and wants to transfer in January; would someone write a letter of recommendation for him? Girls with problem pregnancies need a woman to relate to; young people trying to adjust to the new Church need someone with a similar background who has gone through the same experience."

Sister Patricia serves as counselor, friend, or just an interested person willing to listen.

Sister Pat works actively with ministers of some 15 other denominations associated in the Cornell United Religious Work (CURW) in their twofold program of religious studies and social action.

As a member of this group she has helped to organize projects for students, e.g. inner city tutoring centers and visiting mentally ill patients. She was an advisor in the Cornell POWER project, a student summer program to organize white people to eliminate racism, based in White Plains in 1968 and in Ithaca in 1969.

Hired to be housemother in the Kappa Delta house on campus this year, Sister serves as adviser to forty sophomore and senior girls who are members of the sorority.

"They run their own activities," she says. "I am just available." She finds her present living situation more enjoyable than previously because it is part of a living unit at the sorority house, is able to sustain relationships over a period of time, and feels she is working with girls in their formative years.

For the past two years she had lived at Sage Hall, exclusively for



SISTER PATRICIA

graduate students. Although she met many graduate students, she found them too "bogged down" with studies to seek much interchange and community living.

As assistant to Catholic chaplain Father David Connor (and to his predecessors, Fathers Richard Torrey and Robert Smith), she helps to organize activities and programs for the Catholic community, from mundane tasks like scheduling babysitters and arranging for the coffee hour after Mass to planning "encounter" weekends, where groups meet to share views, liturgy and just "be together."

A native of Rochester, Sister Patricia graduated from Our Lady of Mercy High School and received her B.A. in history from Nazareth College. She earned an M.A. from St. Bonaventure University. She has done graduate work in economics at Union College, government at St. John Fisher College, and in organizational behavior and human relations at Cornell.

After five years of teaching at Holy Cross parochial school in Rochester, three years at Holy Family High School in Auburn and two years on the faculty of Rochester's Mercy High School, Sister Patricia was appointed first principal of Our Lady of Lourdes School in Elmira, where she served for two years, and from there moved to Notre Dame High School, where she spent eight years as history department chairman, director of student activities and instructor in history, English and theology.

"My ten years in Elmira were the immediate prelude to my work at Cornell," Sister Patricia recalls. "Getting a new school off the ground and working with young couples at Lourdes prepared me for my work now which involves me with young married people in graduate school."

Sister Patricia admits she owes much to the people of Elmira, who showed her a warmth and friendli-

ness she had never experienced in her earlier years in a larger community.

Sister Patricia feels that there is definitely a role for Sisters in the midst of the changing scene in the university and in the church.

Young people who will be leaders for the next generation are in the universities now, she maintains, and they need available experienced men and women who are still young enough to relate to them and to keep lines of communication open. This is where the "over thirties" generation can serve as resource people and understanding supporters, according to Sister Patricia.

"It is a challenge to keep open, dialoging, understanding but still keeping the values that are important and communicating them. We are links, bridge-builders in the culture revolution that is taking place."

A Sister can be most effective in such a role, Sister Patricia believes, because she is free of family ties and has more time for people. This will be even more true in the future, as more Sisters move out into the mainstream of life in new apostolates.

"Our convents are reservoirs of good which need to spill over into the world," Sister affirms. "I myself become refreshed and revitalized from my contacts with other Sisters when I return to my congregation, and I feel I can bring the values in my life of celibate community to people hungering for these values."

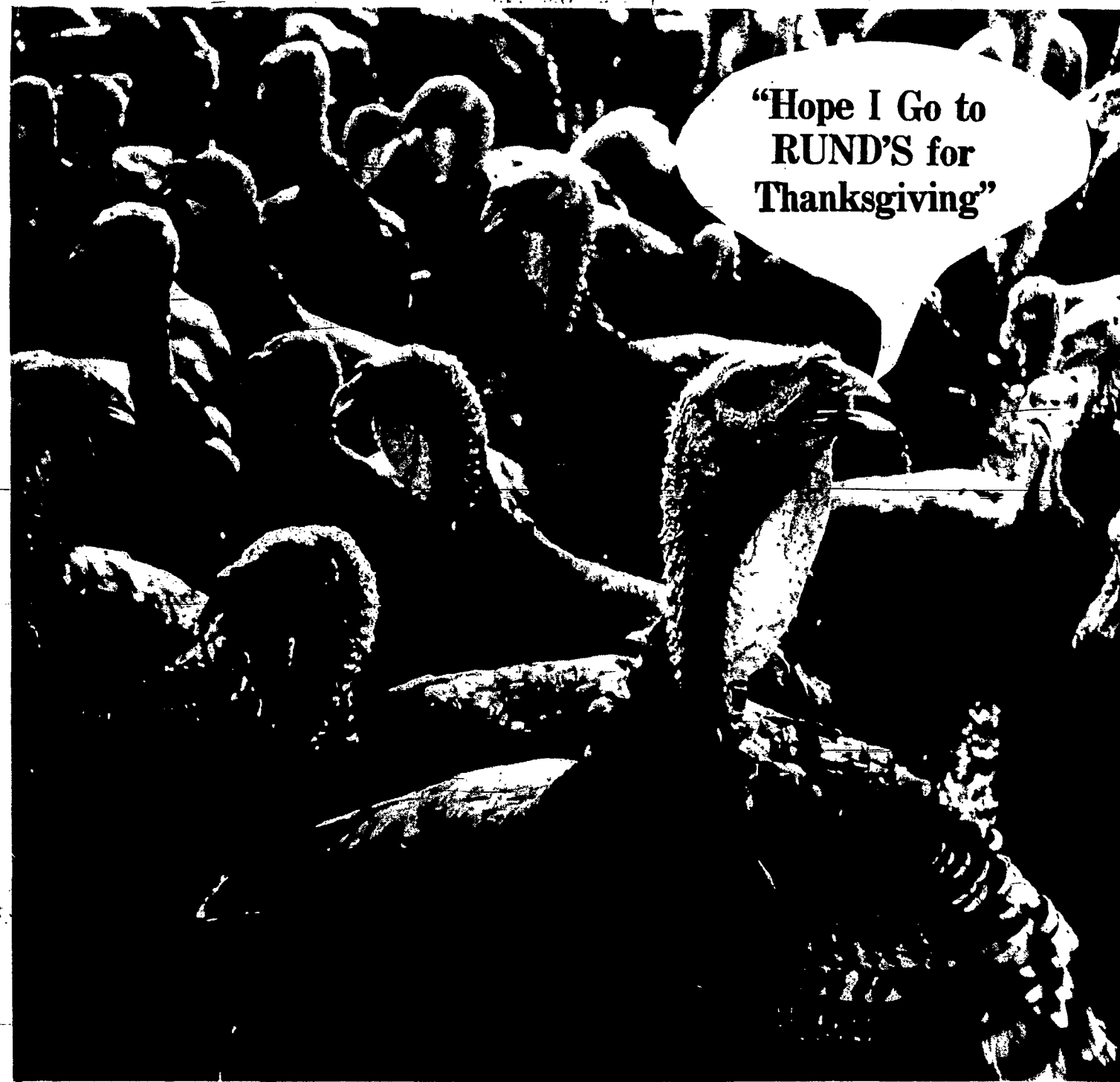
"Young people want community living, and the Sister can share this. For example, at the Kappa Delta house we have a small community trying to build its own spirit and revise its structure."

Sister Patricia sees the same struggles going on in the university world as in the church and in the religious life, though in a different manner. Questioning of the relevance of institutions and "mass production" education, and the search for personal meaning are uppermost in every thinking man or woman's life, and ready-made traditional answers are no longer acceptable anywhere.

Perhaps the greatest benefit she has experienced in her life at Cornell, and one she would like most to share, is the enlarging of her views, become more "catholic" in the universal sense, as she puts it:

"I realize how much ghettoism and provincialism has been entrenched in our Roman Catholic background, and how much we need to emphasize our Christian vocation and the human, Christian values, rather than the narrow, strictly Catholic mentality of the past."

And Sister Patricia MacDonald seems to be proving her theme: being at the right place at the right moment, for her certainly means the Cornell University campus, 1969.



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