

The Week's News In Review

Closer Ties with Church Sought

The Dutch Reformed Church, in a public letter to its members, declared that it wants increasing collaboration with the Catholic Church in the Netherlands.

The letter stated that the Reformed Church hopes to reach together with the Catholic Church—"that unity that the Lord Himself wants."

The letter declared that renewal in the Catholic Church is probably not as remarkable anywhere in the world as in the Netherlands.

School Superintendent Resigns

Father George Elford, superintendent of schools for the Indianapolis archdiocese, announced his resignation after the archdiocesan board of education rejected proposals to reorganize Catholic education here.

The board voted to restate its commitment to all 12 grades of Catholic education in populous Marion County, which includes 39 elementary and four parish-supported high schools. At the same time the board increased tuition for the high schools to \$350 per student from the present rate of \$225.

Figures for the four high schools indicate that it will cost \$476 per student to operate this year, requiring a parish subsidy of \$300,000.

Father Elford had supported a plan retaining all eight grades in inner-city schools and the four diocesan high schools, while closing the first four grades in suburban parish schools.

Suit Tests Episcopal Donation

Two Episcopal laymen filed suit seeking to stop the National Episcopal Church from giving \$200,000 to the National Committee of Black Churchmen (NCBC).

David Arms and Walter Gates said NCBC is a "conduit" to the Black Economic Development Conference headed by James Forman, who has demanded \$3 billion in "reparations" from churches.

A special episcopal convention in South Bend, Ind., voted last summer to give \$200,000 to NCBC.

The suit, filed in the New York State Supreme Court, claims the money was going to black militants advocating violence.

They proposed, as an alternative, that the money, or any part of it already raised, be given to an established, non-violent group such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Poverty Front Housing Project Planned

San Francisco (NC) — Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken announced plans for the construction of a \$2.8 million residential development in the city's South of Market area, starting in the Fall of 1970.

Consisting of 200 low-rent apartments, the development will be built on land owned by the archdiocese and sponsored by St. Patrick's Church, within whose parish boundaries it will be erected. Occupants will be single men or women who are displaced

by redevelopment agency projects, senior citizens or handicapped persons.

The pastor of St. Patrick's, Msgr. Clement J. McKenna, said that although the project is aimed at helping people displaced by urban development, this is not the sole purpose.

"This is something the parish has been wanting to do for a long time for the elderly and lower income people," he said.

Archdiocese Contributes \$5 Million to Aid Poor

Seattle (NC) — The laity and institutions of the Seattle archdiocese have contributed \$5,198,792 in monies goods and services during 1969 to both worldwide relief organizations and its own local agencies, in an effort to aid the impoverished and elderly.

A detailed account of the archdiocese's charitable contribution, in the theme of the special 56-page Christmas supplement of the Catholic Northwest Progress, archdiocesan newspaper.

Archbishop Thomas A. Conroy of Seattle said that the archdiocese "has demonstrated a practical commitment to the needs of the poor... an essential to one's being a believing Catholic."

Archbishop Conroy asserted that the archdiocesan response to all types of appeals was "immediate and generous," showing "a real concern for... all the problems that effect our fellowmen."

There are 325,000 Catholics in the Seattle archdiocese.

NEW PROVINCIAL

Boston (NC) — Father Joseph Kerkins, CSSA, former provincial, was chosen provincial in the first election of the 800-priest Baltimore province of the 237-year-old Redemptorist community.

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Memo to Father Halloran, Rector of Kings Prep

Your volunteer students working in the St. William House Depot are truly doing a great job on Saturdays. They are refinishing furniture, sorting clothing and cataloguing canned food. They are to be complimented for their concern for the disadvantaged. I sincerely hope their enthusiasm will continue as they are not only helpful but are themselves going through a learning experience.

Memo to Phyllis Donahue, Secretary

Remember to send notes of thanks to the ST. THOMAS MORE WOMEN'S GUILD, the ST. PAUL'S ROSARY SOCIETY of Honeoye Falls and the CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS of East Rochester for their generous donations toward our work in the rural and urban areas of need. This spirit of giving should make it possible for us to expand our programming throughout the Diocese.

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From the Office of Human Concern

By Father John J. Hempel

Memo to Father Kleintjes, Guardian Angel Church

It was a real treat to celebrate the Eucharist with your school children. Their gifts and those of your CCD pupils made the offering of the Mass most understandable. The canned food and gifts were distributed to Immaculate Conception, St. Lucy and the House of Concern in Seneca County. I would guess that some would say that my time could be better spent in relating to the mighty who are capable of producing a better society. Yet, too often, those

who sit in high places are men of words and not action. Could it be that your little, wonderful people are saying more by their action than the 'great people' by their words?

Memo to Bishop McCafferty

I was pleased to be a part of the meeting that you called for the Steuben area priests to discuss social action. It appeared to be not only a meeting that was informative but also one that gave some direction. The concept of a County Social Action Task Force is already in

Confrontation

By JOAN ZUMMO

In considering the many facets of the job of a parish CCD principal one can become so involved in the administration of religious education programs that the reason for their existence becomes obscured.

If a Christian formation program and its administrator are concerned in the final analysis with anything other than helping persons form themselves to the image of Christ they have missed the point somewhere.

The principal must constantly remind himself that it is the Christian formation of the student that is the reason for all the planning, the meetings, all efforts and programs. A principal should consider all aspects of a program from a student-centered view. If an effort is not for the student's benefit it does not belong in the program. The students should not be used to please parents, pastors, or anyone else.

Student feedback is essential. A student council arrangement is a possibility. The principal must be available. He should not become tied down with secretarial duties.

The importance of the teacher's role was stressed in last week's column, and the necessity for an up to date, meaningful course of study has been discussed here many times. A few words on overall organization at this point may show what is behind the scenes in a successful program.

Rev. Michael Conboy of St. Margaret Mary's gives this organizational outline using his own parish as a guide. Among those items which the principal must assume responsibility are enrollment for all grade levels, preschool through high school; budget, including sources, materials (texts and manuals, subscriptions for student and faculty, adult education materials); personnel, which includes administrators, including general priest administrator and principals for pre-school, elementary, and junior-senior high level; teachers, including pastor and assistants, seminarians, religious and lay from parochial schools, teaching teams for grades 7-12, substitute student counselors, one priest and one sister, registrar, treasurer, secre-

tries, materials and audiovisual agent, team of additional staff workers).

The principal must also encourage parental participation by instituting parent meetings, open house programs, First Communion meetings and preparation of children, involvement in preparation for First Penance, course guidelines and letters written to parents.

Parents can be kept informed by publication of a yearly calendar which lists classes and all special events. Principals must also see that teachers take training courses, and they must screen and interview teachers.

Publicity can be obtained by using bulletin inserts, flyers, calendar, programs, etc. These methods can be used to recruit personnel and involve parishioners. Faculty meetings must also be organized and publicized by the principal.

Although it is evident that the principal must spend a great deal of time on these things, still the one final criterion for judging the value of any one part must be its ultimate value to the student.

Kolping Society Schedules German Mass

The Catholic Kolping Society will assemble at 9 a.m. tomorrow in St. John the Evangelist Church, Humboldt Street, to take part in a German Mass.

Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, pastor and praeses of the organization, will be the celebrant. Father Frederick Eismann of Our Mother of Sorrows will deliver the homily. Afterward, Christ-stollen and kuchen will be served in the school hall.

Issuing an open invitation, Leo P. Saum, society president, pointed out that it should be "a special treat for German immigrants to take part in the singing of the traditional Christmas songs they remember from the old homeland."

Family Rosary

The Family Rosary for Peace program is broadcast each evening at 7 p.m. by Rochester radio station WSAV, WMBD-FM in Auburn, television cable companies Channel 5 in Hornell, Channel 8 in Elmira and 88.75 mc. in Corning. Those who will lead in recitation of the Rosary this week are:

Sunday, Dec. 28 — Joseph Entress of Holy Ghost.

Monday, Dec. 29 — Anthony Annunziata of St. James.

New Year's Dance At Mt. Carmel

Auburn—Mount Carmel High School students and their friends will usher in the New Year with a dance followed by a buffet supper in the school cafeteria.

This Student Council project involves all classes. Seniors and freshmen will decorate the gym, juniors are selling tickets, and sophomores are working out the menu.

Deaths

Mrs. Mackay

A requiem Mass for Genevieve Dags Mackay, widow of Elmer Mackay, was offered last Friday in St. Augustine's Church.

Mrs. Mackay, of 217 Ridge Road East, died Dec. 16, 1969. Survivors include cousins, nieces and nephews.

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