

## 'Challenge to Peace' Issued By 90 Priests of Diocese

Ninety diocesan priests published a formal "challenge to peace" this week asking U.S. political leaders to take "immediate and concrete steps" in three phases of peace-policy during the new year.

Their specific demands were: deliberate action for reductions of nuclear armaments, for political rather than military resolution of the Vietnam conflict and for an increase of economic and social assistance for underdeveloped nations.

The statement, in the form of an advertisement in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, was the first public position-paper reflecting the mind of some of the Catholic clergy of the area on the controversial issues which have polarized many sections of the American people in the past year.

Written by two professors of St. Bernard's Seminary, it was mailed to all 975 priests of the diocese in the Christmas season asking for their signatures. The 90 signers include

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and the two auxiliary bishops, Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty.

The statement approved current withdrawals of U.S. troops from Vietnam, elimination of use of bacteriological and chemical weapons and the government's participation in arms limitation talks in Helsinki.

But it challenged the administration: "Believing that America can do immeasurably more for the cause of world peace than she is at the present, and disturbed that Christian people, and Catholics in particular, are so unfamiliar with the teachings of our Church on these issues, we implore our policy-makers to undertake a more profound review of our present efforts for peace."

On the reduction of armaments the statement Pope John XXIII, the Vatican statement quoted Pope John XXIII, the Vatican Council and the U.S. Catholic Bishops to support a contention that maintenance of armed superiority over other nations is "not

a safe way to preserve a steady peace."

In Vietnam, the statement said, the U.S. should make neither immediate withdrawal nor total takeover of Southern Vietnam: "What we want is a more responsible use of our power to effect a political not a military resolution of the conflict."

The priests' statement deplored "Vietnamizing the war" as simply a "further militarizing of the regime in South Vietnam and encouraging of it to fight to the bitter end against its enemies in the South as well as the North."

Pleading for "No more Vietnams," the statement asked the U.S. not to "help other people to fight other wars."

While assisting in the economic and social reforms the U.S. is offering to "the Third World," our nation, the statement declared, "must avoid at all costs the role of agent of escalation of their eventual conflicts."



Bishop Greet's Parishioners

Bishop Hogan greets parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Church last Sunday at "coffee hour" in school following his celebration of 12:15 p.m. Mass in the church. The new Bishop is scheduling Sunday Masses in churches throughout the diocese to preach and to meet the people.

## Fr. Thomas Kane Dies, Pastor of Moravia Church

Moravia — Mass for repose of the soul of Father Thomas C. Kane, 56, pastor of St. Patrick's Church here, was celebrated Wednesday in the church. Bishop Hogan was principal celebrant.

Concelebrants of the Mass included Monsignors John E. Maney and Charles V. Boyle and Fathers John A. Morgan, Alfred Herr, Vincent Collins, Edward Tolster, John S. Hayes, Joseph D. Donovan, George S. Wood, William Schifferli, Bernard Kuchman, John A. Murphy and Bartholomew O'Brien.

Father Kane, a native of Geneva, died Jan. 4, 1970, in St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, after a long illness. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Geneva.

He is survived by a brother, Robert Kane of Sohus, and an aunt, Miss Elizabeth Kane of Geneva.

Monsignor Maney, who delivered the eulogy, noted the physical sufferings which Father Kane long had endured, and said that "for our friend and brother priest death came as a merciful messenger of light dispelling the heavy clouds of earthly affliction."

Father Kane, he said, "was gifted by God with extraordinary talents, particularly in language... and many a soul was brought closer to God, to truth and the light of faith, through Father Tom's masterful oratory." He termed Father Kane's preaching and writings as "the outstanding expressions of his ministry."

Urging Father Kane's friends to "remember him constantly in your prayers, especially during the Holy Sacrifice," Monsignor Maney said "this would be his plea to us at this his final eucharistic celebration on earth."

Born Nov. 15, 1913, the son of the late Thomas and Catherine McAniff, Father Kane attended St. Stephen's School in Geneva and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries in Rochester. He was ordained May 18, 1940, by Bishop James E. Kearney in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

He subsequently served as assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Corning; Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca; St. Philip Neri, Rochester; St. Michael, Penn Yan; St. Patrick, Seneca Falls; St. Cecilia, Elmira, and St. Monica, Rochester.



FATHER KANE

On June 23, 1964, Father Kane was given a leave of absence to serve in the diocese of Honolulu, Hawaii. The following year, on Aug. 31, 1965, he was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Perkinsville. He was named pastor in Moravia on June 27, 1968.

## Priest from Rochester Nominated for General

A Rochester priest has been nominated for the rank of brigadier general by President Nixon. Chaplain (Col.) John F. Albert serves with the Air Force at Strategic Air Command headquarters at Offutt AFB, Neb.

The effective date of the promotion has not been announced, pending confirmation by the Senate.

Chaplain Albert has been command chaplain at SAC headquarters since Feb. 1, 1967. He previously served as command chaplain of the Alaskan Command, a joint Army, Air Force and Navy operation.

Chaplain Albert was born March 28, 1915 in Rochester. He is a graduate of Holy Cross Grammar School, St. Andrew's Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary, all in Rochester.

## Priests to Study Latin American, Viet Situations

Priests of the diocese will examine the Vietnam and Latin America situations at a Priests' Study Day Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 14, at St. Bernard's Seminary.

Conducting the sessions will be Douglas Hyde, who has visited Vietnam four times since the war began there and who also has toured Latin America.

Hyde, on the seminary faculty, is a former Communist who became a Catholic convert. An active Methodist in his youth, he espoused communism in the early 1920s because of an intense interest in the social woes of England. For a time in London he was editor of the Communist Daily Worker.

The Study Day schedule follows:

1:30-3 p.m. — Vietnam. a) the presuppositions and direction of our present policy; b) realistic appraisal of the ultimate prospects for peace; c) the future of Southeast Asia.

3:30-5 p.m. — Latin America. a) revolutionary situation; b) the historical, economic and military role of the U.S. in Latin America; c) new directions for the Church in Latin America.

He was ordained a Catholic priest for the Diocese of Rochester, June 7, 1941, and for the next four years was assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in Corning.

Chaplain Albert entered the U.S. Army by direct commission as a chaplain in March 1945 and after serving three years in the Philippine Islands he was assigned to Carswell AFB, Tex., where he transferred to the U.S. Air Force.

In June 1969, Chaplain Albert was elevated to the rank of major and promoted to the rank of major.

In addition to several service and campaign ribbons he holds the Joint Services Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster and the Army Commendation Medal.

## Christmas Funds Hit New High

By MARGARET CONNOLLY

They asked, and they received. Money given to help the poor at Christmas far surpassed the expectations of Catholic agencies which asked for it.

As of this week, \$8,566 had been received from appeals published Dec. 19 in the Courier-Journal. Last year, a total approaching \$2,000 was reported as a "bumper crop."

"Heartwarming" and "marvelous" are words overworked in reports from Catholic Charities and the rural missions.

"And some of those who gave are really needy themselves," Father Sebastian Falcone observed.

"The best year we ever had," said Father William G. Charbonneau, of Catholic Charities. Of the 562 givers who contributed nearly \$6,000 for the agency's work, 50 directed their money toward specific cases described in the Courier.

The traditional dinner baskets number 624, of which 299 were supplied by people who asked for addresses and did the buying, packing and delivering themselves. In addition, gifts were taken to 211 children in foster homes in the city.

Father Robert D. Buckland of the Secular Mission centered in Penn Yan reported contributions totaling \$1,470, with \$440 earmarked for 11 specific cases he had called to the attention of readers.

Pointing out that the rural areas generally lack the organized facilities

used to attack city slum poverty, he indicated some of the special uses to which the Christmas money will be put:

"Car insurance in one case was paid to allow the father of one of our families to get out and get a new job," Father Buckland wrote. "Fuel oil, rent, fresh fruit and milk, even psychological testing" now can be provided, he said.

Father Sebastian, who leads a double life as St. Bernard's Seminary teacher and rural poverty worker in Wayne County, told of buying and delivering three auxiliary heaters during the storm on the day after Christmas.

Mail to his two addresses has brought in \$846, and he feels it hasn't stopped coming.

"All of this resulted from the Courier appeal, the first wide, public appeal we've ever made," he said.

One of his published cases concerned a mother and six children in an isolated, decayed farmhouse. A government housing loan is available, and "we'll be able to move them," Father Sebastian said, "after a \$20 plow job on the 700-foot driveway that leads to a side road. It's all under a four-foot drift."

The Capuchin priest reported that his money came mostly from people in the outlying areas, and he noted the "widow's mite" element.

"Even some people who get welfare assistance themselves scraped up a dollar or two for those they thought

were worse off," he said. About half of his money was for special cases.

Father Buckland noted that his funds came mainly from Rochester.

Both priests tallied a remarkable outpouring of other gifts. Through the efforts of pupils in five Rochester schools, Father Sebastian was able to give a knit cap, scarf, mittens and socks to each of 115 children.

"On the Sunday before Christmas," Father Buckland reported, "everybody at St. Michael's (Penn Yan) brought some small item of brand new clothing for little children, and we had carloads of toys. St. Mary's in Canandaigua collected canned goods for us."

Father Charbonneau had the help of Aquinas, McQuaid and Bishop Kearney students, and of Father Gennaro Ventura and Father Albert Bartlett, S.J. They worked out of Father Gennaro's church, Mt. Carmel, collecting, packing and distributing food.

"These people were marvelous," Father Charbonneau said, "Just marvelous."

Meanwhile, the St. Joseph House of Hospitality which had the modest aim of supplying used clothing and a daily meal to generally homeless men, had counted \$250 sent in response to two cases described in the paper. This is five times as much as last year's contributions.

So, Christmas was that much better for those who received and those who gave. In that way, it was a good year, a very good year.

### State Aid?

## Nazareth 'No' Fisher 'Maybe'

Nazareth College was among 21 "religiously affiliated" colleges ruled Monday as ineligible under the State Constitution to participate in a \$24-million program designed to aid private colleges and universities.

St. John Fisher and four other colleges were temporarily denied aid.

Last July State Education Commissioner Ewald B. Nyquist announced that 52 private institutions of higher education were eligible to receive aid, and at that time he was reviewing the applications of 33 other institutions which at some time had had or still have a religious affiliation.

Nyquist said he has based his decision on "such matters as the expressed goals and purposes of the institution, the composition of its governing body, and the nature and content of its course offerings in religious studies."

He said he also considered the "nature and extent of college-sponsored religious activities, and whether or not courses in religious studies were mandatory for some or all students."

He announced also that Dr. Jerald C. Brauer, dean of the University of Chicago Divinity School, had been hired by the state and would arrive in Rochester this week for a two-day survey of St. John Fisher College to examine its eligibility.

Sister Helen Daniel, SSJ, Nazareth president, said it was probable that Nazareth would re-apply for aid. Father Charles Lavery, CSB, Fisher president, said he believes the college eventually will be ruled eligible.

Nyquist said that "each of the institutions which I have been compelled to find constitutionally ineligible for Bundy aid is making a significant contribution to the total higher education effort in New York State."

"I regret that the Constitution still precludes such support," he added.

## 3 Services to Note Christian Unity Octave

Three joint worship services to mark the Christian Unity Octave will be sponsored this month by the Interfaith Clergy of Gates-Chili.

The services are scheduled on Sunday evening, Jan. 18, at Gates Presbyterian Church; on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Community Christian Church, and on Sunday, Jan. 25, at St. Jude's Church.

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