

A New Mayor Gives Views on Inner City, School Problems

By JOHN DASH

"I hope they (Catholic schools) can remain open. They have something special to offer not only the individual, but something very valuable to the whole community."

A Catholic school official or pastor speaking? Hardly. It is the new mayor of Rochester, Stephen May, touching on a variety of issues in an interview with the Courier-Journal.

He noted particularly four Catholic parishes, Immaculate Conception, St. Lucy's, Mt. Carmel and St. Bridget's, as educating hundreds of non-Catholic children under direct diocesan subsidy.

Not a Catholic himself, the 38-year-old May also had praise for Father John J. Hempel, of the diocese's Office of Human Concern, and Father P. David Finks, his predecessor in the inner city. He also noted the work of "so many of these wonderful nuns and the Spanish apostolate."

Outside the mayor's office, a pretty blonde receptionist was mastering the intricacies of an unfamiliar switchboard and writing down messages on squares of pink paper.

Downstairs, a mod, mustachioed

member of the staff was investigating why a young man with an afro hair cut was having trouble getting a city job.

May, a graduate of both Wesleyan University and Georgetown University (law degree) was excoined in his milieu.

During his campaign, Mayor May spent a good deal of his time making himself known among the people he called "forgotten" and "helpless." We asked Mayor May to discuss the priorities he has set for his administration to alleviate the problem of the urban poor.

"Very near the top of the list of priorities, is, of course, housing," the mayor said. "We have to reorganize and revitalize the Buildings Department, so we will have more adequate code enforcement."

Mayor May explained that he felt the existing housing codes were adequate, themselves but "the problem is on the follow-through." He remarked that the "Buildings Department has never done its job adequately."

The mayor explained that his program in revitalizing the Department will include both the recruitment of "folks with a real zeal for code en-

forcement," and greater automation in the processing of data on housing.

Data processing, Mayor May said, will also play an important role in planning for future housing developments in the city.

Next to housing code enforcement, Mayor May noted the urgent need for more moderate and low income living units in the city. He spelled out that the construction of such units "cannot be done through one agency or approach" but must be done through a coalition of several groups: Rochester Housing Authority; non profit groups, such as the Metropolitan Rochester Foundation; and the State Urban Development Corporation, with which, he noted, discussions have been recently reopened.

This cooperation, the mayor said, has "great potential for the large scale planning," needed to correct the problem. He specifically cited two areas for redevelopment, the South East Loop area and the area between the Troup and Howell Sts. bridge and Clarissa St. This last area, he said, was primarily occupied by light industry and commerce buildings and would serve well for moderate and low income housing.

The mayor's ordinarily quiet eyes became animated as he said: "We also hope to explore in some depth neighborhood groups and organizations in these areas of the city."

He returned to this point later in the interview to give the philosophy of government his administration will follow.

As far as building more living units outside of the city, Mayor May remarked, "I would hope non-profit organizations could make progress in the suburbs, that they could make the suburbs realize that if the City of Rochester deteriorates, the suburbs will too."

The mayor also insisted that there is a great need for automating data

on population density in the city, and developing an over all plan and projection of population centers for the construction of housing.

Safety in the streets was mentioned by the mayor as a top priority. "The poor," he said, "are more often than not the victims of crime on the streets." The mayor hopes to provide safety in the streets by improving the morale and the numbers of the Police Department.

Mayor May dwelled at length on the philosophy of government his administration will operate from.

"We want to give all segments of the city, especially the poor, a sense of participation in city government," he said, and cited the appointment of Rev. Mr. George Tennis of the area Council of Churches to head the office for community relations as a step in that direction.

"The days are over," the mayor said "when you can go into a neighborhood and say 'Obviously you need a lot, and you need this kind of equipment.' Government must consult the neighborhood first, and then consult them on the details of what is needed."

He explained that he expected Rev.

Mr. Tennis's staff to be composed of people who will "get in on every neighborhood meeting finding the pulse of the people," and learning their needs.

The discussion turned to the areas of the Church's influence among the poor and the contributions made. The mayor described the presence of the Church as "extremely valuable." He cited instance after instance of diocesan institutions' role for the benefit of the poor.

"Obviously," he said, "the continued well-being of the city owes a great deal to the Church's making available its facilities in this fashion." The mayor noted the anguish of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen over the unused space in many churches which could be put into daily use. He also said he does not feel that the story of the diocese's contribution to the urban poor is adequately projected through the community.

The bells of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, across the street from the mayor's office began tolling the noon hour. "You know," the mayor said, "I always read the Courier-Journal, especially the local news." (He once quipped: "I read the Courier-Journal religiously.")

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St. Monica's Pastor

Msgr. Lambert, 66, Retires

Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, 66, pastor of St. Monica's Church, Rochester, for the last 22 years, retired yesterday from that post.

Msgr. Lambert, who has been succeeded as pastor by Father Edward A. Zimmer, will continue to reside at St. Monica's.

Msgr. Lambert has had a distinguished career during his more than 40 years in the priesthood, highlighted prior to the St. Monica pastorate by 15 years as diocesan director of Catholic Charities.

He was honored twice by Pope Pius XII, being named a Papal Chamberlain with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor in 1947 and a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor in 1956. He was chosen in 1953 by Bishop James E. Kearney to be a diocesan consultant. He is a director on several diocesan boards and agencies.

Born in Rochester in 1903, he attended Holy Rosary School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, and was ordained June 8, 1929. After two years of post-graduate study at Niagara University he was awarded a degree of Master of the Science of Social Service Work from Catholic University of America.

Immediately following ordination Father Lambert was appointed chaplain of St. Margaret's Chapel on Conesus Lake and director of the diocesan Camp Stella Maris there. In September that year he was assigned to the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary, where he taught Religion and English for two years.



MSGR. LAMBERT

He served as chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital from 1929 to 1932. In addition to subsequent administrative duties, Father Lambert also taught Religion from 1935 to 1937 in the Rochester Branch of Niagara University in Columbus Civic Center.

He was chaplain of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, from 1933 to 1941. In 1944 Bishop Kearney asked him to assume responsibility for establishment of the Foundation of the Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary in Elmira.

Camp Stella Maris was founded

by Father Lambert and the late Father Eugene Hudson in 1926 when they were students at St. Bernard's Seminary. The camp property was purchased by the diocese in 1930 through the generosity of the late Max Russer Sr., Rochester civic leader.

Father Lambert's interest in youth also was reflected in his work with the Boy Scout movement. He was diocesan chaplain for Scouts from 1931 to 1937 and assisted in the formation of many troops.

Father Lambert's social work began in 1931 when he was appointed assistant director of the diocesan charities office under Father Walter A. Foery, then pastor of Holy Rosary Church and director of all diocesan welfare agencies.

Following Father Foery's elevation to bishop of Syracuse, Father Lambert was named July 1, 1937, as diocesan director of Catholic Charities by Archbishop Edward Mooney.

Administration of the charities' work carried with it a variety of responsibilities, involving coordination of many Catholic hospital, orphanage, settlement house and other agencies. He also was director of Columbus Civic Center, supervising the Chestnut Street building and its principal tenant, the diocesan Catholic Youth Organization.

Msgr. Lambert was named pastor of St. Monica's on June 22, 1948. During his pastorate he helped raise funds for and supervised the construction of an addition to the school and a new rectory.

Bp. Hogan Plans Visit To Auburn

Auburn — Bishop Hogan will have a busy time during his first official visit here Sunday, Jan. 18, with celebration of Mass, an ecumenical service and an area liturgy committee meeting on the day's schedule. All are slated at St. Mary's Church.

The Bishop will celebrate the 12:30 p.m. Mass and will preach the homily.

He also will preach at an ecumenical service scheduled in the church at 4 p.m. Representatives of nearly 20 area Christian churches have been invited.

Handling arrangements for the service are Msgr. James D. Cuffney, pastor of St. Mary's; Father William Barrett, assistant at St. Alphonsus Church; Rev. James Mahagan, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal Church; Rev. Gerald Harris, pastor of First United Methodist Church; Rev. Edward Swann, pastor of A.M.E. Zion Church, and Rev. Dr. Richard Northrup, pastor of West Presbyterian Church.

Music for the services also will have an ecumenical flavor. Members of choirs of various churches will combine for singing. They will be directed by John Stewart, a Methodist who is choir director at St. Mary's. At the organ will be Mrs. Katherine Askew, an Episcopalian, who is organist at St. Mary's.

Will Be Traveling Man, Bishop Promises Elmira

Elmira — Bishop Hogan paid his first visit to this city since being consecrated and served notice that he intends to be a mobile bishop, traveling through the diocese to meet with his people.

The new ordinary of the diocese said that many of the outlying parishes have felt left out of the diocesan whirl in the past.

"They'll never make the accusation valid during my term," he declared.

The bishop, who spoke at all Masses Sunday at St. Mary's Church, said his visit to Elmira was tinged with nostalgia — his first assignment as a priest was at St. Mary's.

Citing the 1960s as a time of challenge, he said he is looking to the '70s to be a time of increased religious interest and fervor, as a kind of reaction to the turmoils of the late decade.

The bishop, who met parishioners in the church auditorium after each Mass, had some special things to say about young people.

"I have great hope for them. They have two fine qualities, a concern for the needs of others and a generosity of spirit."

"The young have had a lot of condemnation of the past," he said, noting their criticism of the "lack of concern" they sense in their elders.

"However, they're not offering too much by way of solution, (they) need direction," the bishop said, stressing that "people are as old as their attitudes."

Although he spent many years in the academic world, Bishop Hogan said the pastorate has always been his first love, therefore he is "very happy to put down the bookbag for a while."

Diocese Appoints Four New Pastors

Retirement of a diocesan priest and the death of another brought announcements this week by Bishop Hogan of appointment of new pastors of churches in four communities — Rochester, Moravia, Ontario and Nunda-Groveland.

Father Edward A. Zimmer, dean of students and procurator at St. Bernard's Seminary, was named pastor of St. Monica's Church, Rochester. He succeeds Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, who retired.

Father William J. Gaynor, pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Ontario, was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Moravia. He succeeds Father Thomas C. Kane, who died Jan. 4, 1970.

Father Charles J. Langworthy, pastor of Holy Angels Church, Nunda, and its mission, Holy Name Church, Groveland, was named pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Ontario.

Father James R. Cosgrove, assistant pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, was appointed



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Father Zimmer, ordained in 1947, served as assistant at Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, and then at Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca. In 1959 he was transferred to assistant at Sacred Heart Cathedral. He was named to St. Bernard's Seminary in 1967.

Father Gaynor, ordained in 1935, was assistant at St. Mary's, Elmira, and St. Agnes, Avon, before serving

as an Air Force chaplain from 1940 to 1947. After serving as assistant at St. Patrick's, Elmira, and St. Mary's, Canandaigua, he was named pastor of St. Patrick's, Cato, and its mission, St. Thomas, Red Creek, in 1957; was transferred to the pastorate of St. Felix, Clifton Springs, in 1958, and was appointed pastor of St. Mary's, Ontario, in 1960. He supervised erection of a new church in Ontario in 1966.

Father Langworthy, ordained in 1945, served as assistant at St. Margaret Mary Church, Irondequoit, and at St. Ignatius Church, Hornell, before being named an assistant chaplain at Cornell University, Ithaca. In 1964 he was appointed assistant at St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris, and July 13, 1967 was named pastor at Nunda and Groveland.

Father Cosgrove, ordained in 1951, served as assistant at St. Helen's, Gates, St. Michael's, Newark, Holy Rosary, Rochester, and St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester, before being named assistant in 1966 at Blessed Sacrament, Rochester.

Greece Ecumenical Venture

Adult Course on Ethics Draws Heavy Response

Enthusiastic response is evident for the new course entitled "Ethical Problems of Our Day, the New Morality," offered in the Adult Education Program of Greece Central School District No. 1. The second semester begins Jan. 22 on Thursday evenings at Olympia High School, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Largest class response in the adult education program was recorded for the first semester lectures. The administration has been stimulated to see a desire among Greece residents for more "thought-provoking" courses, according to Father William Gal, Greece Pastors' Association representative, the sponsoring group.

Father Patrick Logan of St. Bernard's Seminary and the Rev. Prentiss Pemberton, of Colgate Roches-

ter Divinity-Bexley Hall, will team-teach the 10-week course entitled "Man in Society."

Registration may be made from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jan. 16 at 1790 Latta Road, or on the first night of class, Jan. 22.

The "Man in Society" discussions will be concerned with the moral aspects of society's problems today, as aids and guidelines in forming conscience on war and peace, conscientious objection, riot and social change, civil disobedience, protest, civil rights, etc., according to Father William Amann, of the Pastor's Association. Also recommended is "Youth vs. Silent Majority" via Literature Film on Tuesday evenings starting on Jan. 20 and on each succeeding Tuesday evening.

Msgr. Albert to Get High Chaplain Post

A Rochester priest, Msgr. (Col.) John F. Albert, has been selected to be deputy chief of Air Force chaplains.

It was announced last week that he will become a brigadier general and will assume the deputy chief's office in conjunction with that promotion, probably in June.

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