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**Confrontation**

**Parish Council... a Sense of Community**

By JOAN ZUMMO

A parish, very simply, is a worshipping community. Its worshipping aspects are obvious; its community life may not only be less obvious, but in some cases conspicuously absent. Even in the parish where cooperation among the various parish factions is the rule there are still apt to be areas of minor frictions and misunderstandings.

As the Church shifts attitudes and approaches in its constant growth process, pastors and parishioners alike can become confused and disoriented not only by the changes themselves, but also by the shifts in responsibility and parish relationships that the changes initiate.

It is increasingly important, therefore, that parish members and all factions

have means available whereby problems can be aired and where parish efforts can be coordinated for maximum efficiency.

The CCD Office, in its role of helping parishes organize and coordinate their functions, has found that the parish council is one way of doing this.

Many parishes already have such councils; many do not.

Parishioners may be unwilling or hesitant to accept their responsibilities to the parish; pastors may be unwilling or hesitant to share those same responsibilities. Parishioners may be accustomed to letting the pastor "run the parish" or may confine their activity to vocal criticism. Pastors can be too attached to the idea that the parish is "theirs" and they

therefore "run the whole show."

In this age when parishes are ever increasing in size and complexity it is difficult to expect one man solely to be responsible for policy, decisions, and administration of a parish that is composed of a number of persons who are professionals in many areas that require decisions—education, finances, the community and social concern, recreation, operation and maintenance of physical facilities, and many others.

The simple act of establishing a parish board can in itself be an important step in building intra-parish understanding. Parishioners find that their opinions do count and the pastor in sharing responsibilities with his parishioners finds that the layman can make worthwhile contributions to parish management.

Every parish is an individual case and each parish has particular ways in which it can benefit from this kind of cooperative approach, but all parishes can be helped by increased utilization of parish talent, more efficient and cooperative activities and, a greater sense of community.

In coming weeks Confrontation will consider the parish board concept in more detail.

Contributions, suggestions, or ideas from parishes that have established parish boards are welcome and information will be passed on to aid other parishes in this area.

Address correspondence to this column through the CCD Office, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.

**Abortion Law Issue By Right-to-Life Unit**

Action on increasing demands for outright repeal of abortion laws may be delayed by legislators pending court decisions on the constitutionality of some of the state laws.

A second significant development followed. Several constitutional test cases were launched in New York challenging that state's abortion laws on grounds similar to those in California. Four suits have been consolidated, and a three-judge court has been named to hear the case.

Members of the diocesan Right-to-Life Committee indicated this contention at a meeting on the subject Sunday night, Jan. 18, in St. James School, Irondequoit.

The speakers agreed that, however the court rules, an appeal is likely and that the case will then go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Speakers were Father John P. Norris, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church; Dr. Thomas Sweeney and Robert Edelman, attorney.

At the same time, they emphasized, Right-to-Life groups cannot afford to assume that the pressure has been removed from the legislative arena. On the contrary, efforts to "liberalize" or repeal abortion laws are expected in more than 20 states, including New York. A group of New York legislators already has vowed a serious repeal effort in the current legislative session.

They pointed out that the California Supreme Court last September reversed the conviction of a Los Angeles physician, Dr. Leon Belous, who had been found guilty of conspiracy to commit abortion. The court termed the law "unconstitutionally vague."



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There once was a certain young executive from suburbia who dressed in fine clothes and dined at elegant clubs. And there was a certain poor man from India who longed to eat what others threw away.

Daily the young executive read of starvation, illiteracy, frustration and despair. He watched TV specials on hunger. "Why doesn't someone change all this?" he pondered. "If they were my neighbors..."

But the poor man's only dream was to have enough food for himself and his family.

And it came to pass that the poor man died and went to heaven. The young executive also died but he was condemned to everlasting punishment. In his torment, he cried out: "Why, O Lord, am I here? For what great sin am I punished?"

And the Lord answered: "Son, remember that in your lifetime, you received good things. You were blessed many times over. Your sin was not in receiving these gifts, but in your refusal to share them."

"You read of suffering around the world, but you refused to help."

"You heard cries of despair, but you refused to bring consolation."

"You saw that many needed the comfort of My words, but you refused to preach My gospel."

"My son, you did not understand that your neighbor is anyone in need?"

Have we yet come to this realization—that our neighbor is anyone in need? And in 1970 the needs are overwhelming—especially in countries less developed than our own. Food, clothing, shelter, medicine are the basic and desperate needs. But even deeper are the needs of comfort, consolation, inner peace and a conviction that someone cares.

Missionaries are concerned with all these needs for all our neighbors. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is concerned, too. The Society supports missionaries who bring both physical and spiritual comfort.

The Society looks to you for your generosity, for your sacrifices, to continue its work of salvation and service. Remember: We cannot help unless you do.

Your neighbor is anyone in need. Do not refuse him!

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**M. J. Slattery Dies at 83**

Mass for repose of the soul of Michael J. Slattery, 83, father of Father James F. Slattery, pastor of Peace Church, Brighton, was celebrated Jan. 17 in St. Monica's Church.

Mr. Slattery, formerly of 99 Paige St., a Rochester letter carrier for 40 years, died Jan. 14, 1970, in St. Ann's Home.

Born in Ireland, he came to Rochester in 1906 and worked for the postoffice, mostly delivering in the city's downtown area, until his retirement in 1947. He was an original member of the Rochester Harps Gaelic football team, started in 1909.

**Margaret M., a son, Father Slattery; four daughters, Sister M. Jamesetta, SSJ,**

assistant to the president of Nazareth College; Mrs. James (Ann) Chatterton, Mrs. Henry (Kathleen) Hinz, and Mrs. Mark H. (Josephine) Tuohy Jr., all of Rochester, and 15 grandchildren. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret M., a son, Father Slattery; four daughters, Sister M. Jamesetta, SSJ, assistant to the president of Nazareth College; Mrs. James (Ann) Chatterton, Mrs. Henry (Kathleen) Hinz, and Mrs. Mark H. (Josephine) Tuohy Jr., all of Rochester, and 15 grandchildren. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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**EUROPE Dutch Past**

By ROBERT HOLTO

Vatican City—A Dutch priest signed here said the recent for a married clergy made by of priests and laymen in. If nothing more than a press to have the Vatican approve experimental program alone.

"The hierarchy, clergy in Holland will never defy can on this issue," the R. Reuver, a Carmelite, said might be done in answer to mind from the Dutch Pastoral council will be an appeal to the permit a period of experier in this area with a few select ried priests.

"But even then, if the I turns down the request, I k my people will let it die the have no other choice if tl to remain in the church."

He said he had "grave about what percentage of t and lately the pastoral coun sented when it made the der a married clergy and wome two weeks ago.

"I have a suspicion from have seen and heard in I recent returns to Holland council represents only a rority—a loud—but still smi ity," Father Reuver said. Soon, he said, the hier

**A Plea**

Cincinnati — (NC) — Edmund Muskie of Maine would be a better countr could inject a larger dose of sion and charity into our pr

"We can't really make th what we want it to be with help. Unless the laws we influenced by values of t they will not be enduring," or said in an interview in ar issue of St. Anthony national Catholic magazine here.

The senator said he view eral-conservative polarizat orment and in the Church cal movement that will ever resolved, "but it would tal prophet to predict how the will finally settle down and our accommodations will fin: "I think that out of all