

Priests' Council Hears Southern Tier Priorities

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courage broader education of the diocesan clergy.

"The experienced clergy's need to be refreshed in spiritual and intellectual depth," he said, includes a necessity "to draw upon knowledge in fields other than theology in order to develop balance and range as a religious spokesman."

Notre Dame High School's future was described as "improving," because evidences of future enrollment and debt reduction give the Elmira community encouragement, the school's Board of Governors reported.

Catholic education in Chemung County needs greater emphasis on improvement of COD programs, Weingart contended.

Urging more participation "in making decisions for our own boys and girls," he complained that the area had had "too little voice or hand in settling diocesan school policies." Problems in the county are so unique, he said, that the solutions should not be sought exclusively in Rochester's Pastoral Office.

Priests of the area who spoke were Father Robert J. Kanka, presenting

the points of view of assistant pastors; Father Roy J. Kiggins, explaining the ecumenical activities of Metropolitan Inter-Church Agency; Father John Mulligan, discussing the preparation of children for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and Father John J. Hempel, describing the Secular Mission projects directed by Father Timothy G. Weider in Steuben County.

Sister Mary Esther of the Mission Helpers pleaded with the Council to establish a fulltime COD director for the area, and Richard Wardell, representing the Christian Formation Board, supported her plea, adding that subsidies for a better adult education program were desperately needed on an area basis because parochial programs were inadequate.

Other speakers included Frank Cichocki, representing the Legion of Mary and Father Douglas Hoffman, urging broader theological formation for priests.

Bishop Hogan closed the meeting with words of gratitude for the "knowledge that we have loads of talent and enthusiasm willing to help the diocese through improvement of the Church in the Southern Tier."

"Your obvious evidence of concern for the welfare of the Diocese pleases me because I promise to expend myself traveling and meeting in all corners of this diocese. I cannot meet your needs of finances and personnel immediately, but I will promise that all committees and boards are going to have a broad geographical distribution of laity and priests so that our diocesan decisions will truly represent the minds of every corner of these counties."

Bishop McCafferty, the Auxiliary for the Southern Tier, spoke briefly of his 18 months' experience with the problems of the area. He pleaded for a decrease of parochialism and "a broader cooperation between parish groups on the non-parochial projects which the Church needs to have strengthened here".

Parish Plans To Tithe For Needy

A Rochester suburban parish announced this week it will "tithe" 10 per cent of its income to aid the needy and diocesan causes.

The parish is St. Thomas More Church in Brighton, of which Father Francis J. Pegnam is pastor.

Finally after 17 years have liquidated its debt — which at one time was more than \$400,000 — the parish now will give to others' needs.

Not that this is a completely new idea in St. Thomas More parish. For some time now they have been contributing sums each year to aid Rochester's inner city parishes.

But the formal action to assign "at least 10 per cent" for aid to others came recently in a decision by the parish's eight-man financial board. Father Pegnam's announcement noted:

"We will help St. Bridget's Parish (on Gorham Street in the Clinton Avenue-St. Paul Street inner city area), the diocesan Secular Mission (which is working in both urban and rural deprived areas of the diocese) and the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation (which assists poor families in the purchase of more adequate homes)."

Other portions of parish income, Father Pegnam added, will go to various diocesan causes. The parish, founded in 1953 by Father Pegnam, now has complete facilities—church, school, convent and rectory. Father Gerald O'Connor is assistant pastor, and the school is staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph.



Teenagers and Drugs

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Howard Samuels (left) listens to a 14-year-old drug addict discuss her problem at New York City's Odyssey House, a private institution for the cure of narcotics addicts. Mr. Samuels, whose son was involved in a narcotics arrest, visited the institution to underscore his concern for the problem. Deaths among teenagers, and even sub-teens, due to overdoses of heroin have increased dramatically in the nation's largest city. Drug pushers reportedly do a booming business in junior high schools, and even in elementary schools. (Religious News Service)

Happiness Is...

School Fund Campaign Goes Way Over The Top

Norfolk, Va. — (RNS) — In what was initially a survey of attitudes toward financially aiding a Catholic high school here, the board of Norfolk Catholic School surprisingly garnered more than \$175,000 in operating expense from 10 area parishes in a delayed-action fund drive.

The information-program-turned-fund-raising campaign actually received almost \$40,000 in excess of the school's operating budget deficit of about \$135,000. The average amount contributed was better than \$55, and this campaign was conducted in an area where 50 per cent of the people are military personnel who are short-term residents.

In addition, the Catholic population of the Norfolk-Tidewater area is proportionately small.

Msgr. Carroll T. Dozier, school board head and pastor of Christ the King parish, Norfolk, presented the deficit problem without offering a solution. The school board instituted an informational program to explain the high school problem. Tuition hikes and parish contributions were quickly ruled out as solutions.

According to Father Stephen O'Brien, the people were asked to contribute only after a thorough program of information at various levels, and an amount equal to 1 per cent of annual income was suggested.

Surprisingly, some 56 per cent of all contributions were over \$50 and a moving response came from an old inner city parish which serves a predominantly black congregation in a low-income area. Father Harold Gregory said the average contribution there was over \$42.

A similar program in Portsmouth, seeking a goal of \$50,000, grossed \$65,000.

Father O'Brien noted that while the two fund-raising campaigns are not permanent solutions, the pastors, priests and laity concerned have learned that there is a real interest in Catholic secondary education and that the Catholic community, if they are properly informed and motivated, will support parochial schools.

good news

The Courier-Journal will print selected stories from among local entries in the recent "Good News" contest run in conjunction with the National Catholic News Service.

This week's article is by Ellen E. Zurkey who lives in Detroit and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zurkey of 97 Ernst St., Rochester.

By ELLEN E. ZURKEY

The 148 policemen working Detroit's Seventh Precinct are mostly white, middle-class men who grew up in white, middle-class neighborhoods. Most of them never had Negro friends, never saw a rat-bitten child or never heard hymns from storefront churches until the seventh precinct became their beat.

The seventh precinct is 3 1/2 square miles of inner city; blacks who work for minimum wages, Appalachian whites who can't read, rubble left by the 1967 riots.

"It's hard for a white cop to understand our problems," one of the ghetto residents said, "and I guess it's hard for us to understand him too."

But what is perfectly clear to the residents of the seventh precinct and to the police who patrol the streets, is that they need each other. So when Christmas 1969 came around the police in the precinct gave the community a present. They worked without pay on their normal day off.

"You've got to look at it this way," Patrolman Bennie Jimines said, "we spend eight hours a day here. This place is our second home. These are good people who live here."

"If this day does us some good," he said, "it's an investment. It's worth it."

If he hadn't been in the squad car, winding slowly through the streets, Jimines would have been home, paneling his basement.

Outside, children on their way home from school slipped and slid into each other on the icy sidewalks. Jimines waved.

"Robbery of cleaners, 465 Mt. Elliot," his police radio barked. And the car sped on its way.

Jimines talked to the owner who was confused and nervous and couldn't give a description of the robbers. Jimines said there was little chance of catching the bandits.

"You get to know these stores," Jimines said. "You can tell right away if something's wrong. We know which lights the owners leave on and how far they pull their curtains shut."

And the residents get to know the police too.

"Ya know anybody can throw some dimes in a pot," a husky, full-bodied lady said. "But what these police done — working on their day off — that's a mighty special. Given



Sketch by John Dash

up their free time like that, that's mighty good."

When Jimines went to work the following Monday there was a fruit cake for him and an invitation to block club meetings and community action groups.

The police had never been invited before.

128 Professors Strongly Back Priestly Celibacy

One hundred and twenty-eight West German Catholic theology professors have declared firm support of the law of mandatory celibacy for priests.

In a memorandum to the German Bishops' Conference, meeting here, the theologians warned against allowing the priesthood "to be reduced to a mere functional-sociological service of secular understanding."

Recalling that German bishops in 1969 unanimously supported the Vatican II declaration in favor of obligatory celibacy, the professors called upon the conference to make an "unmistakable reaffirmation" of support for the ban on a married clergy in the Latin Rite.

Pope For St...

(By NC News Ser...

Though controversy on mandatory celibacy for priests, Church leaders around the world are rallying in numbers behind the firm Pope Paul VI.

Prelates joining with national conferences, or separately, have made strong pronouncements supporting Pope's insistence that the law must remain in force.

For example the Scottish issued a joint declaration of support for the law. Pope and asserting that the reflects the thinking of many Catholics.

Task Force National

St. Louis — (NC) — A national task force of religious completed plans nationwide organization of some 165,000 Sisters in States.



New Rector

Father John W. M.M. of Boston, was named by Pope Paul VI as Rome's Pontifical Utralege. He will be the American to serve the The Maryknoll pri been a secretary to Cardinal Agagianian, of the Congregation of Evangelization of P since 1958. The colle Father Manning will maintained for the e of seminarians from territories. (RNS)

2 Scot Churches

Edinburgh — (RNS) proposed plan of union between the national Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and the national Union of Scottish Churches has been rejected in a close vote of the Church after 10 years of dialogue and negotiation.

The Church of Scotland presbyteries rejected the plan by a majority of two-thirds for and 32 against. Only one presbytery, in Spain and Portugal, did vote.

The Congregational vote was similarly narrow, with 10



Virgin of Ourscamp

One of the art masterpieces in The Year 1200 exhibit currently on view at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art is this ivory sculpture, the Virgin of Ourscamp, carved in northern France around 1200. The sculpture is on loan from Musee de Petit Palais, Paris. (RNS)

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