

Open Housing In the County

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In a small classroom in the Office of Urban Ministry, surrounded by posters bearing the words of Herbert Gans, Eldridge Cleaver, and Abbie Hoffman, 39 whites and one black discussed open-housing in Monroe County last week.

Represented were more than 20 groups, from the Rochester Association of Catholic Laymen to the Social Action Committee of Temple B'rith Kodesh.

Besides the church groups at the meeting, there were representatives from such organizations as the New Democratic Coalition, Ibero-American League, League of Women Voters, YWCA Housing Task Force, Rochester Area Neighborhood Schools Association, The Junior League and the Rochester Council of PTAs.

Stanley Marcus, food broker and co-chairman of the open housing committee of the Coalition of Concerned Citizens, convened the meeting. He hopes to create a broad-based power block to promote open housing in the Rochester area.

He describes his program in terms of three "E's": Education, Enforcement of the housing laws and Enactment of strong open housing legislation.

Alan Newmann, a member of

the Rochester Bar Association, commenting on enforcement and enactment, said that to the best of his knowledge, in the Rochester area, "not one landlord has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor," for refusing to rent or sell property to a man on the basis of his color or national origin.

He further stated that the Human Rights Law as it now stands carries the penalty of a fine. "But the fine is compensatory rather than punitive," he said. The aggrieved party can only hope for "the bus fare" to the prospective dwelling "or, at best, the half-day's pay he lost" while house hunting.

Another member of the bar association, Melvin Beutens, stated "The Human Rights Law has outlived its usefulness. We need a massive change."

He further remarked that zoning laws can effectively bar people from the procurement of housing. He cited Brighton, saying, "We have simply zoned out poor people."

As the meeting progressed, and problems in open housing were aired, Arthur Hertz, of the Social Action Committee of Temple B'rith Kodesh, remarked: "Some of us are quite late in concern for open housing. It seems a little too late to 'educate' for open housing. What I

think is most needed is direct involvement in the problem."

Marcus seconded the statement saying, "We've made no progress in open housing. As a matter of fact we've regressed. We called this meeting because we were looking for this sort of thinking."

"Groups and people sit around and talk and do nothing. But just as soon as low income housing is brought up for their neighborhood they stand up and vote it down," Marcus said.

Clarence Archie, the lone black and co-chairman with Marcus of the meeting, raised the point that the problems of open housing are further complicated in the black mind. "We just don't want to face the hostility of moving into a white neighborhood," he said. "And there's a need for education in economics, too."

Marcus agreed, stating, that the cost of living in the "ghetto" is comparable to the cost of living in other areas, and cited the need for making the poor aware of this.

The meeting concluded with an agreement to form task forces and to research aspects of the open housing issue more closely.



St. Mary's, Auburn, on Canvas

Auburn artist Truxton Hosley puts finishing touches on 16x20 oil painting of St. Mary's Church in Auburn. Hosley took up painting a few years ago as relaxation hobby, and since has painted numerous buildings and scenes in Cayuga County city and surrounding area.

Scouting Report Dinner Slated at Bath Church

Bath—Bishop Hogan will be principal speaker at the 23rd annual report dinner of the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at St. Mary's School Hall, here.

Highlighting the dinner will be the presentation of awards to religious and laity who have contributed to the spiritual development of Catholic youth within the framework of the Scouting program.

Participants will include representatives from the following Scout councils: Cayuga, Auburn; Finger Lakes, Geneva; Louis Agassiz Fuertes, Ithaca; Genesee, LeRoy; Otetiana,

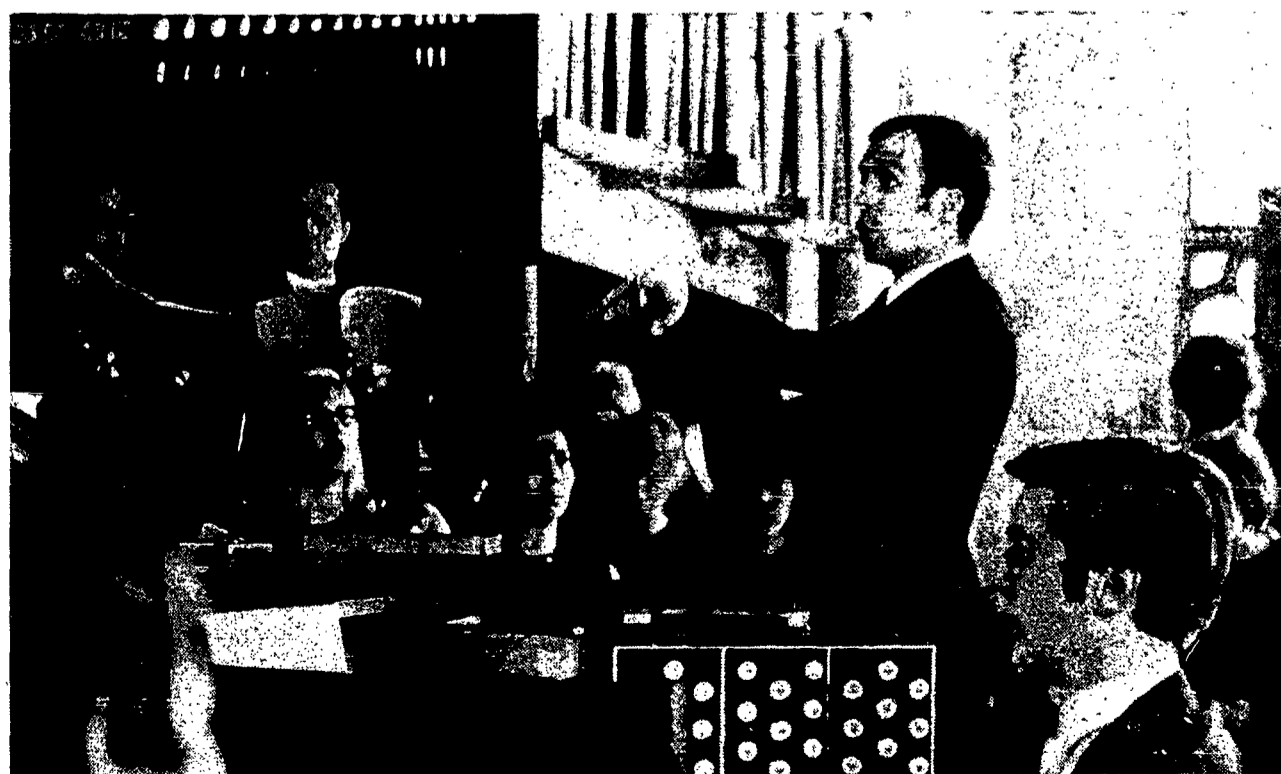
Rochester; Steuben, Bath; Willivan Trail, Elmira.

Remarks and presentations will be made by the following: Father Robert Winterkorn, diocesan Scout chaplain; Father Joseph Brennan, rector, St. Bernard's Seminary; Father John P. O'Malley, pastor, St. Mary's, Bath; Father Bernard Dollen, assistant pastor, Holy Ghost Church, Coldwater; Father Robert Magin, chaplain Steuben Area Council; Paul S. VanBach, diocesan chairman; Donald Gustina, Steuben Council; Claude Haley, Steuben Council; David Rabideau, Otetiana Council; Edwin Harnish, chairman, St. George Award selection committee.



German Choir Features Latin Mass at Cathedral

Msgr. John E. Maney, P.A. (third from left) was celebrant of Solemn Pontifical Latin Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday afternoon, April 5. Deacon was Father Richard A. Hart (right) and subdeacon was Father Robert J. Klem, CSB. (at left) of Aquinas Institute faculty. Very Rev. John S. Hayes (second from left), Cathedral rector, preached. Featuring Mass was Mulhaus/Essen Youth Choir of Germany, currently touring nation. Director, organist, some of choir which sang Mozart Mass are shown in lower photo.



900 CCD Teachers To Attend Institute

More than 900 CCD lay teachers are expected to gather for their third Annual Institute on Saturday, April 25, at Our Lady of Mercy High School. These teachers, volunteer teachers of religion to Catholic youth who attend public schools, will represent the 12 counties of the diocese.

Father Anthony Padovano, S.T.D., Ph.L., Professor of Dogmatic Theology at Darlington, N.J., keynotes the Institute in its theme, "Belief in Human Life". Father Padovano is the author of a popular photo-essay book bearing the same title.

Dr. and Mrs. John Willke of Cincinnati, Ohio, authors of the highly successful book, "The Wonder of Sex", will develop the theme in two major addresses. The Willkes have spoken throughout the United States on the need for development of Christian attitudes toward the study of human sexuality.

The Annual Lay Catechist Institute brings together about half of the volunteer CCD teachers in the diocese. Twelve publishers in the field of religious education will display their teaching materials: texts, visuals, audio-visuals, equipment. The day will climax in a celebration of the Eucharist with

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, D.D., as principal celebrant and homilist.

The institute is sponsored by the Diocesan CCD Office, under the direction of Msgr. Albert H. Schnacky. Advance registration is necessary for all participants.

Ithaca Church Sets Plans for Anniversary

Ithaca — Two special events have been scheduled to mark the 10th anniversary of St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

A Mass in honor of the anniversary and in honor of the late Msgr. Donald M. Cleary, founder of the parish, is slated at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, April 30, according to Msgr. William M. Roche, pastor.

The Women's Council of the parish is sponsoring an anniversary dinner dance in the parish center on Saturday evening, May 2. Mrs. Joseph DiGiacomo, reservations chairman, announced that reservations must be made by Apr. 20.