

School Census Turns Up Some Eye Openers

Members of the Same Family Are Often Split on Issues

Following is the first in a series of articles on the School and Society Survey for the Seventies now being conducted by the Diocesan School Office. Survey results are scheduled in June.

When it comes to filling out questionnaires, it perhaps is not surprising that there sometimes is diversity of opinion between husband and wife.

This was noted this week by Sister Patricia Donovan, RSM., who is conducting the School Survey for the Diocesan School Office. Sister said that of the more than 30,000 printed questionnaires thus far received, more than 500 were accompanied by lengthy letters, most addressed to Bishop Hogan.

Some indicated that since the questionnaire was made out by only one spouse, the other wished to express certain differing views. Following is a portion of comment by a pleading layman

"My wife is a sensitive, intelligent and well-educated Catholic. She is convinced that the racial issue, the war in Vietnam and the poverty of large numbers of Americans are problems on the periphery of religion and not the real concern of the churches.

"If this mentality exists in her, what about the average working-class Catholic with limited education. My dear Bishop, do you know what I am trying to say?"

A Rochester resident wrote that was typical of many respondents' comments:

"We should sacrifice much to keep our Catholic schools because they are free to teach God's law, give us the core of a tried and true moral code, and provide diversity of educational opportunity."

Congratulations came from a writer in the Southern Tier:

"To begin with, may I compliment Bishop Hogan and the Diocesan Office of Education on the progress made during the relatively short period of his administration. This survey, the Bishops of the state meet-

'The Christ Taught to Me Is Not Relevant to My World'

ing with Gov. Rockefeller, the new salary scale for teachers in parochial schools, the priority granted to education by the Bishop — all offer encouragement and a breath of fresh air that is badly needed."

Quoting her daughter's comment on religious education (Catholic school or CCD not specified), one mother begged for an answer to the charge:

"The Christ taught to me was a lecturing, didactic, praying one — not the teaching, proclaiming doing Christ Who is relevant to my world."

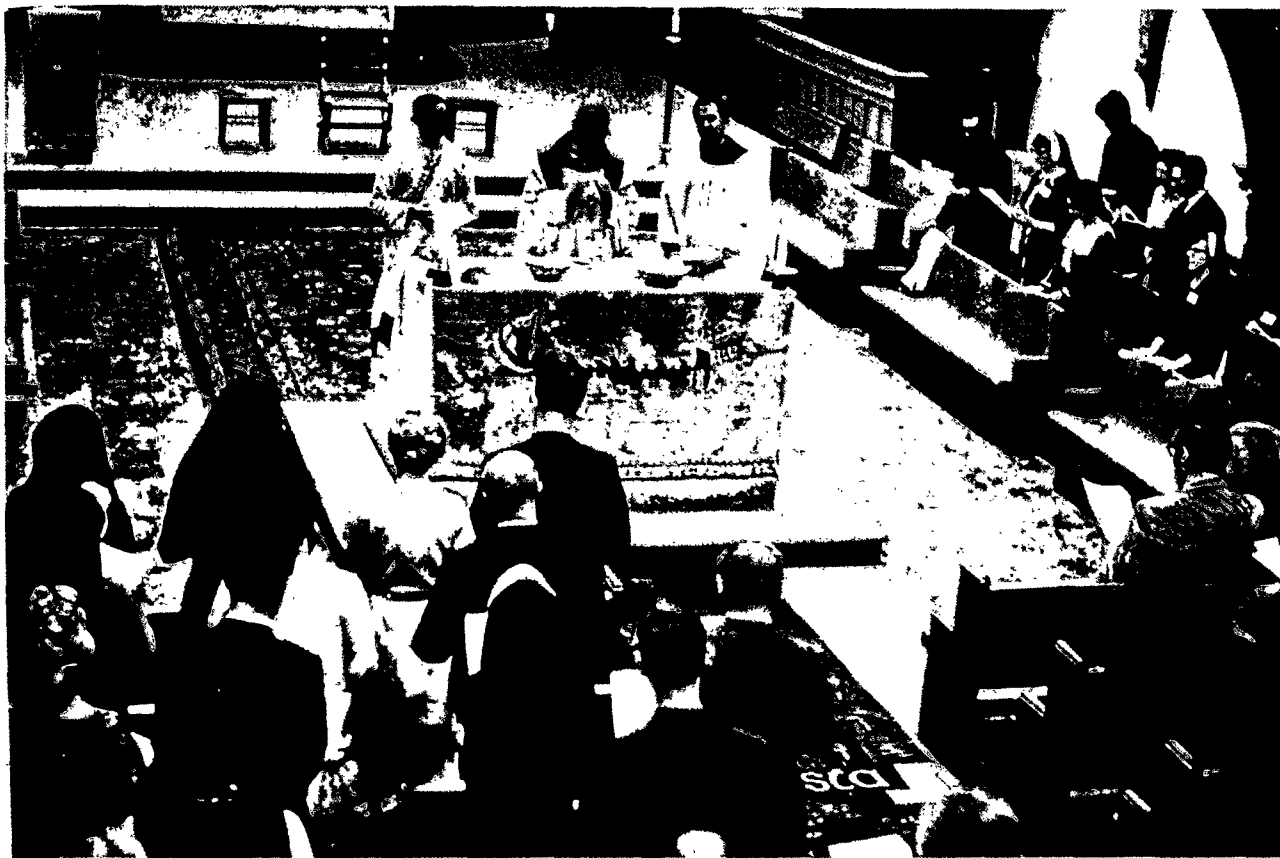
A public school teacher

wrote a strong note of encouragement:

"I am familiar with the results of Catholic education. Catholic school graduates can spell and compose a paragraph. You must be doing something right! Keep it up!"

A Fairport women contended that "the Diocese has a moral responsibility to see that even the poorest parish has all it needs through assistance from other better-off parishes."

Pleased an Auburn resident: "I have taken time with this questionnaire and have answered honestly and sincerely; I hope it helps in all diocesan areas — somehow."



Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey celebrates Mass to close three-hour vocation apostolate workshop April 12 at St. Bernard's Seminary. Assisting him are Father Lawrence V. Murphy (right) and seminarian Kenneth Jones. More than 100 priests, Sisters and laymen attended workshop, first in a series sponsored by the new diocesan Vocation Committee.

Vocation Workshop Held

Challenges, satisfactions and joys in religious life were discussed at a vocation apostolate workshop attended by more than 100 priests, Sisters and laity in St. Bernard's Seminary Sunday afternoon, April 12.

Principal speakers were Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, Father Louis Hohman, rector of Becket Hall, and Father Thomas Lenhard of the St. Bernard's faculty.

In the homily at a Mass closing the three-hour session, Bishop Hickey pleaded for "more prayers to petition God to send more laborers into the religious vocation field." He termed religious vocations "a challenge to mount the cross with Christ."

In a talk at a supper following the Mass, Father Hohman mentioned "the other side of the coin," stating that priests, Sisters and brothers "are related to God in a very special way," and that if they keep this in mind and keep busy at their tasks they will experience "a spirit of satisfaction and joy which will relieve the anxieties of life."

Father Lenhard led a long discussion on the role of the priest in today's world and on suggestions for updating his pre-ordination training and priestly activities.

Attending the session were persons from throughout the 12-county diocese. It was sponsored by the newly formed Diocesan Vocation Committee headed by Father Lawrence V. Murphy and Sister Anne Mary

Dooley, SSJ. They expressed the hope that similar workshops might be held in other diocesan areas.

Priests Association To Hear Fr. Curran

Father Charles E. Curran, Rochester priest who is an associate professor of sacred theology at Catholic University, Washington, D.C., will address members of the Priests Association of Rochester at their third plenary session Tuesday, April 23, in the Trenholm East Inn, Canandaigua.

Father Curran will speak on "Personalism and Penance" at 10:30 a.m.

Viewpoints on quality integrated education will be expressed by two priests at 2 p.m. They are Father John J. Hempel, director of the Diocesan Office of Human Concern, and Father Daniel Brent, superintendent of diocesan schools.

Father John Skvorak, association chairman, will open the session at 10 a.m. with comments on the group's progress. The 160-member association is governed by a coordinating board of 15 priests, which elects the steering committee. Current members of the latter are Fa-

ther Skvorak and Father Joseph P. Brennan and Raymond H. Booth. Election of nine priests to the coordinating committee is slated at 11:30 a.m.

At a business meeting at 2:45 p.m., to be chaired by Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, resolutions will be considered on proposals for a Diocesan Pastoral Council, quality integrated education, and the situation of the still-suspended 19 priests in the Washington Archdiocese

Father William Donnelly has been selected to represent the association at the meeting of the National Federation of Priests' Councils May 3, 4 and 5 in Chicago.

LAW DAY PROGRAM

The Women's Auxiliary of the Monroe County Bar Association will sponsor a display booth at Midtown Plaza as part of its annual Law Day (May 11) program. Law Day buttons, poster contest winners and several brochures of public interest will be offered at the booth.

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Open Housing In the County

By JOHN DASH

"Open housing is a law and order issue. But law and order for the white man is not what it is for the black. For example, even though the federal government and 27 states have anti-discrimination housing laws on the books, the Justice Department has assigned only 13 lawyers to enforce the Fair Housing Act of 1968; they have brought 44 cases to court and have won 13."

The speaker was the Rev. J. Harry Petter, a lean, suburbanite father of four and pastor of Mountain Rise United Church of Christ, in Fairport. For the past two years, as a result of his activities with the Pittsford-Perinton Human Relations Council, Rev. Petter's name has been associated with the local movement for open housing.

"The dimensions of the need for open housing," he said, "are extraordinary and yet the willingness on the part of the suburbs to cope with that need is very limited. It amuses me," he said, "that they (suburban governments) will respond to industrial development, but they will not take responsibility in those areas in which the quality of human life is at stake."

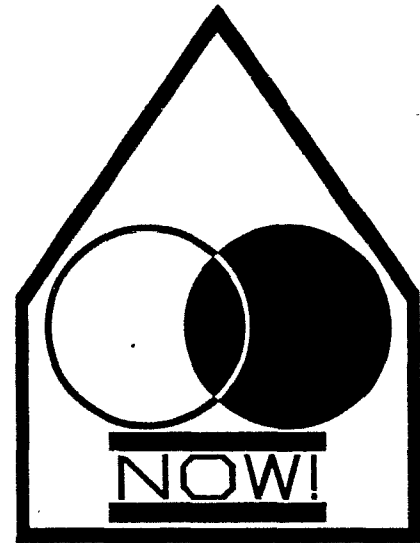
He feels that frequently when housing for senior citizens is proposed in suburban planning, while a good thing in itself, it is also a substitute for the creation of low and middle-income housing, thereby diminishing the push for open housing.

He cited as a possible reason for this, the suburban taxpayers' unwillingness to assume the burden of educating children living in low and middle-income housing.

"Simply put, the 'have got's' are not willing to share with the 'have not got's,'" he said.

Rev. Petter sees open housing as a greater issue than welcoming the poor and the black into one's community, however. He sees it as reorienting the metropolitan area to a different political shape.

"The first answer to our problem has got to be in county planning," he said. "Right now the suburbs have a stranglehold on the city. They are squeezing it to death. If we don't broaden our ideas of local



government, with tax-sharing and the like, the city will die."

Besides responding to open housing on a political level, he sees the action of individuals and groups as morally productive.

Citing the work of Roy Fries making available the open housing signature (which appears above), he said, "This gives individuals the chance to demonstrate they are not going to be open to blockbusting or to be intimidated by real estate forces" inimicable to open housing.

We asked Rev. Petter why, as a clergyman, he is involved with the housing issue.

He sees commitment to Jesus Christ as just not an individual thing but a societal one.

"We pay obeisance to the teaching, principals and personhood of Christ; but when we arrive at the application, we suddenly . . . somehow Jesus is just not our teacher, or so it would seem by our response to Him."

Geneva Police Honor Crupi

Geneva — Former patrolman Joseph Crupi was guest of honor at the recent Policeman's Ball. City and county government officials were among the 500 Genevans who turned out for the testimonial.

Crupi, who was injured on duty three years ago, received a gift from the policemen's association.