

Diocesan Sisters Establish New Council

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individual communities to fulfill their purpose more effectively. It will be a means of fostering mutual cooperation in affairs of mutual concern for the communities and the diocese."

Sister Mary Sullivan, RSM, and Sister Mary David McCall, SSJ, co-chaired the steering committee which set up five areas with which the Council will be concerned:

- to provide a two-way channel of communication between the Sisters and the Pastoral Office;

- to aid the Department of Religious Education and CCD

in the task of Christian formation in quality, integrated schools and creative CCD programs;

- to maintain a liaison with the Office of Human Concern so that the needs of the urban and rural poor may be met;

- to establish contacts with the Priests' Association and Priests' Council for discussing common problems;

- to support laymen's associations, (i.e., RACL and STAC) in their efforts to contribute to the welfare of the entire Church.

Sisters planning the Council explained a unique need for community collaboration:

"Recent years have brought more and more sisters into apostolates which cross congregational lines," they said. "Inner-city projects, the Diocesan education office and the Catholic Charities works are three such areas."

Prior to the meetings of the steering committee, each sister of the Diocese received a letter and a questionnaire from the Pastoral Office asking for reactions and recommendations to the proposed project. The responses were used by the committee to help outline the work of the Council.

Early in September, there will be a special meeting for the 10 religious congregations

of women in the Diocese who have fewer than 10 sisters stationed here, to discuss informally the purposes for establishing the Council and its special value for them.

The seventeen groups serving in the Diocese and their numbers are:

Congregation of Our Lady of the Retreat in the Cenacle, 16; Discalced Carmelites, (contemplatives), 15; Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, (St. Mary's, Hospital), 13; Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary, (contemplatives), 20; Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph (St. Theresa, Rochester; St. Hyacinth, Auburn), 9; Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart

(Fairport, Ithaca), 8; Religious Teachers, Filippini (Watkins Glen), 2; Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity, 6; Missionary Sisters of Guadalupe (Spanish Apostolate), 4.

Also the School Sisters of Notre Dame, 94; Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of Refuge, (Holy Angels), 8; Sisters of St. Basil the Great (St. Peter and Paul, Auburn), 3; Sisters of the Most Precious Blood (Precious Blood School), 3; Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate (St. Josaphat), 4; Third Franciscan Order Minor Conventuals (Mercy Hospital, Auburn), 10; Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 847; Sisters of Mercy, 415.

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Bishop Ordains Rochesterian to Priesthood

Bishop Hogan (left) ordains Father Charles A. Lintz in ceremony June 27 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Brighton. At Bishop's right in photo is Father James F. Slattery, Queen of Peace pastor, who with Father Edward J. Lintz, pastor of the Church of the Nativity, Brockport, cousin of the ordinand, were concelebrants of ordination Mass. Father Charles Lintz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Lintz, 143 Willowbend Rd., is a St. Columban Father and will leave in September for order's mission in Korea.



Among Participants in Religion 'Teach-In'

Nearly 200 teachers of religion in diocesan parishes attended a "teach-in" Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28, at Becket Hall, Fairport, sponsored by the religious education division of the diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Pictured from left are Mrs. Patricia DeOrto, first grade teacher at St. Anthony's, Rochester; Michael Stanley, fulltime religion education coordinator, Ithaca; Sister Elaine Theresa, rural education, King Ferry; Miss Irene Follette, CCD teacher, Marlon; Sister Frances, Religious Teachers Filippini, Watkins Glen; Father Kevin Lynch, CSP., of "Come to the Father" Paulist Press Elementary School Program.

8 St. Joseph Sisters Mark Anniversaries

Eight Sisters of St. Joseph last week celebrated anniversaries in the order.

Sister Consilia Flahive, SSJ, marked 60 years in the community on July 4. Retired, and living in the Sisters' Infirmary at the Motherhouse in Pittsford, Sister Consilia taught in parochial schools mostly in Rochester, including eight years at Aquinas Institute. She also taught for 12 years at DeSales High School, Geneva. Her last mission was at St. Ambrose School.

Seven Sisters celebrated 50 years in the order on July 1. They include:

Sister Clarita Benedict, retired and living at St. Monica's Convent, where she served as housekeeper since 1926.

Sister Jean Marie Magin, still teaching music at Nazareth Academy. She taught at parochial schools in Penn Yan, Ithaca and Canandaigua, and at the Academy since 1954.

Sister Florian Reichart, liv-

ing at the Motherhouse and still very active in liturgy and church music throughout the diocese. She is director of liturgy for the Sisters' Congregation.

Sister Grace Madeline Lomb, a classroom assistant at St. James in Waverly. She taught in Elmira, at St. Anthony's in Rochester, and in Auburn, and has been at Waverly since 1962.

Sister Rose Perpetua Brannan, engaged in fulltime office work at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, since 1955. Prior to that she taught in Rochester, Elmira, Ithaca, Wayland and Geneva.

Sister Catherine Joseph Krenzer, retired and residing at the Infirmary. She taught for many years at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rochester, and at Seneca Falls, Geneva and Auburn.

Sister Josita Granville, retired and living at the Infirmary. She taught mostly in Rochester, her last mission being at Holy Rosary.

On Abortion Question

Bishop Issues Appeal To Mothers, Doctors

Bishop Hogan made an appeal last week to the consciences of expectant mothers and their physicians to stand firm on the principle of the sanctity of life, as state law opened the possibility of abortion-on-demand.

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In a statement made to area news media on June 30, the bishop spoke "on behalf of those people of many faiths and moral convictions who are opposed to abortion-on-demand."

"We totally disapprove abortion. The callous destruction of unborn life as permitted by the liberalized law is gravely wrong and a disastrous loss to our community," the Bishop said.

Directing his concern to physicians the Bishop recognized the pressure they would bear to make decisions contrary to the ideals of their profession to save life. Deprived of the support of law, he said, "you now stand alone to make this terrible decision.

"We beg you to form your conscience within the tradition of your profession which prides itself on respect and reverence for life."

To expectant mothers the Bishop's word was: "Do not be moved by fear, desperation or guilt. The life you bear is too

precious to be lost in the anxious compulsions of our fearful society."

He sympathized with mothers facing the dilemma of making the abortion decision because of causes they could not prevent. He said: "Society has not yet provided adequate answers for the mentally ill, the impoverished family, the fatherless home, the sexually ignorant. But abortion is not the answer."

The Bishop noted the lack of community facilities to assist women "faced with the abortion dilemma". He stated:

"One opportunity for the community to help abate the abortion problem and ease the expectant mothers' "turmoil of conscience" would be, he said "a substantial increase in counseling facilities, centers for prenatal and post-natal care and other social agencies to offer her real options and protection for her human dignity."

The Bishop also promised that a pastoral letter addressed to Catholics of the diocese would be read at Masses in all parishes on the weekend of July 11-12.

A set of "Moral Guidelines" for doctors, nurses, and all personnel likely to be involved in abortifacient procedures in hospitals of the area will also be published, he said.