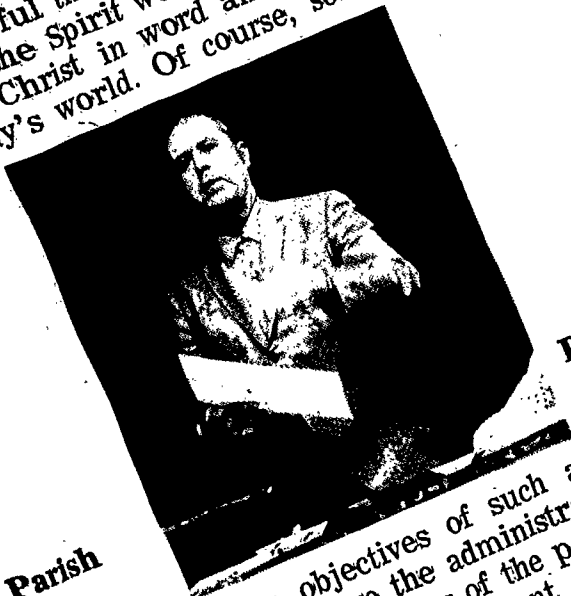


Council

Some members of the parish — as would be true in any human community—are cynical, some are hostile, many indifferent. But many others are eager to be of service, hopeful that such an attempt is truly the Spirit working out the way of Christ in word and action in today's world. Of course, some



Paul Gardlan calls the meeting to order.

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of the main objectives of such a Parish Council are the administration of temporal affairs of the parish and its good management and development.

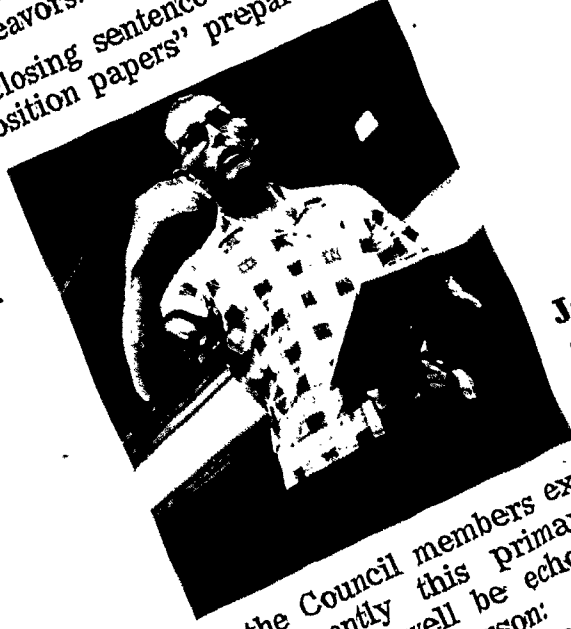
But the accomplishment of these ends by the generosity, professional know-how and "many heads" of the Council and Committee members not only frees the priests for their role as spiritual guides; it also brings the "Christian dimension" to the forefront of the entire life of the parish through these joint endeavors.

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Council members in discussion (from left) Father John Norris, (pastor of Blessed Sacrament), Dr. Schram, Marion Leaty and Marie Doud.



James Griffin, chairman of the Building Management Committee delivers his report.

three of the Council members expresses eloquently this primary goal which could well be echoed by any concerned person: "As Christians, as Catholics, as members of this parish, we should contribute to the building of a world where pluriformity of ideology is bridged by continuous dialogue and understanding, a world where racism, repression, social injustice, and war have been eliminated by the liberating force of the Gospel."

(Photos and Text by Sister Mary John, SSJ.)

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