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Auburn Area Churches with Soaring Budgets

Majority of parishes in Cayuga County will visit fellow parishes over the next two weekends with a request that they consider evi- parish support to meet rising costs.

Auburn Area Offertory Program, and includes seven churches. Committeemen will call on parishioners on the Oct. 3-4.

The 11 churches is a combined increase of \$525,- three-year period beginning Nov. 1.

Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, and dean of the diocese, said the trend toward greater lay participation in parish programs is a "business-like approach to our common problems."

The program is being conducted simultaneously in all the parishes, and is confined to that parish. Overall direction of the offertory program in each parish, is being handled by

committees in each parish to estimate what they feel they will be able to contribute over the next twelve months. It is not a "pledge," as it is merely an "estimate." This will assist pastors and parishioners in preparing the parish budgets for the coming year.

Typical parish budgets generally include funds for church improvements, increased operating costs, reduction of programs for children and adults.

The offertory program is an appeal to all parishioners to contribute, as the best and easiest means to assure con-



Father Raymond J. Wahl, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, confers on Offertory Program plans with (l. to r.) Harold S. Miller and Francis Guariglia.



Father Raymond M. Wuest, discusses St. Alphonsus' programs with (l. to r.) Clarence W. Nolan and Thomas R. Herbert. Absent for the picture was Robert W. Nagle.



Committeemen for St. Hilary's, Genoa, St. Bernard's, Scipio Center, and St. Isaac Jogues, (l. to r.) Allan E. Connell, Donald Doody, Joe Bickel and George DeForest, Jr.



Father Robert Downs, Pastor of St. Patrick's, Aurora and St. Michael's, Union Springs, talks with (l. to r.) John Rafferty, Gerald Klem, Clinton Osborne, Matthew Bratek, Joseph O' Hearn and Joseph Moyson.