

# New Diocesan Directory Shows Drop in Religious

Diocesan declines in the numbers of priests, Brothers, seminarians and Catholic high and elementary school students are revealed in statistical comparisons of the 1970 and 1971 Official Catholic Directory of the diocese.

The 120-page Official 1971 Directory was being distributed this week. Copies are available for \$5 at the Rochester and Elmira offices of the Courier-Journal.

Among changes were the following (first figure is from the 1970 directory and second is from 1971):

- Diocesan priests (active),

351 to 336; religious order priests, 155-122; religious Brothers, 76-61.

- Diocesan seminaries, 3 to 2; and students, 357-180; religious order houses of formation, 5 to 3, and students, 58-13; schools of nursing students, 229-205.

- Parishes with schools, 93 to 91; parishes without schools, 67-69.

- Secondary schools, 13 to 10, and students, 10,101 to 9,493; parish elementary schools, 93 to 91, and private elementary schools, 5-5, and total pupils, 34,639 to 33,241.

The decline of 45 in the number of diocesan priests is attributable to deaths, retirements and defections.

The decline in number of religious order priests and brothers resulted from the virtual closing of the Franciscan St. Anthony of Padua Friary in Watkins Glen, the loss to the Diocese of eight Carmelite Fathers following the closing last June of Mt. Carmel High School in Auburn, and slight changes in other religious community houses in the diocese.

The apparent drop in the number of seminarians, 177, reflects the closing of King's Prep School in Rochester, which had been listed last year as a minor seminary although it was a co-ed high school.

Principal cause of the 608 drop in secondary high school students was the closing of Mt. Carmel High.

Included in the diocesan directory are names and titles, address and telephone numbers of diocesan institutions and agencies and their principal administrators and officers, charitable and educational institutions, and church and parish-affiliated organizations.

Parish data include names of priests, time of Masses and Confessions, and telephone numbers of rectories, convents and schools. A separate section lists information on parish schools, including faculty, enrollment, and parish education organization and associations.

The directory gives the total number of Catholics in the diocese as 443,284.

## Local Man, a Paulist, To Be Ordained

The Rev. Vincent G. Wissman, CSP., of Rochester, a member of the Paulist Fathers Community, will be ordained to the priesthood Saturday, Jan. 16 in the Paulist Mother Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City. Terence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York, will be the ordaining prelate.

Father Wissman will offer his first Mass in St. George's Church, Rochester, on Sunday, Jan. 24, and will also preach. A reception in St. George's parish hall will follow the Mass.

Father Wissman is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wissman of Weyl St. He attended our Lady of Perpetual Help School and Aquinas Institute and was graduated from St. John Fisher College in 1961. Two years later he obtained his master's degree in chemistry from Princeton University. He is a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He entered the Novitiate of the Paulist Community in 1965 while studying for his doctorate at Princeton.

During his seminary training in Washington, D.C., Father Wissman engaged in inner city parish work and in an ecumenical program in the urban ministry. He has served as chaplain in various mental hospitals and alcoholism clinics across the country.

The Paulist Community has foundations in more than 30 cities in the United States and Canada. Members serve in the campus ministry at secular colleges, fill hospital and military

## Women's Activities Slated at the CYO

If your New Year's resolution was to do something about your waistline, then the CYO Slim-nastics class for ladies offers the opportunity to carry out your pledge. Classes began this week and continue for eight weeks every Monday and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Pre-school children are no problem and mothers are encouraged to bring them to classes.

Also offered are evening classes on Monday and Wednesday at 6 and 8 p.m. There is no charge for the course for CYO members.

The course is open to non-members for a nominal fee.

Another activity is co-ed swimming every Monday through Friday from 11:15 to 12:15 and from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.

For further information on women's programs at the CYO, stop at 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, or call (716) 454-2030.



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## Fisher Student In National Curriculum Study

A St. John Fisher College junior was the only student representative at the recent meeting of the American Institute of Biological Sciences Education Committee.

Gerald W. Paczkowski, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Paczkowski of 281 Clark St., Auburn, went to Washington, D.C. with 12 deans and heads of biology departments from colleges and universities across the country.

The committee is responsible for improving biology curriculum for undergraduates. Paczkowski reported that the committee was seeking Congressional action to stop legislative



GERALD PACZKOWSKI

interference in education in such areas as sex education and evolution.

### MOS EVENTS

All men of Mother of Sorrows Church are invited to the Men's Club dinner at 6:30 tomorrow night Jan. 14, in the parish hall. Other gatherings scheduled for

the hall this month are the Legion of Mary reunion dinner, at 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17 and a card party sponsored by the Rosary Society, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19.



## salvation and service

REVEREND MONSIGNOR EDWARD T. O'MEARA  
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

## Instruments Of Peace

More than a mood or emotion . . . more than a virtue or ideal PEACE is a disposition affecting the whole person. The INSTRUMENTS of Peace are you and me . . . and we can use, abuse, or refuse that instrument for better or worse.

Three people — three "instruments of peace" come to mind when I think about the missions and work and pray each day for the dedicated missionaries serving the world's mission poor. Three Teachers of Peace speak to me as I realize more and more the "instrumental" role each one of us plays in this great work of mission.

First, our Holy Father, called by many the Pilgrim Pope, the Pope of Peace. And rightly so, for underlying every prayer, address, encyclical letter, and pilgrimage or reception is his pleas for peace.

If Christ is speaking to our world today, He certainly speaks through the voice of His Church. And how aroused to action we should become by the prophetic words of His Church's Pilgrim Pope: "We turn to all men of good will who believe that the way to peace lies in the area of development."

The second person who can teach us the meaning of peace and the meaning of the missions is St. Francis of Assisi. His Prayer for Peace should be our daily Mission Prayer. . . "Lord, make ME an instrument of your peace . . . where there is hatred let me sow love. . . injury — pardon . . . despair — hope . . ."

It is in this fully human dimension that the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is an instrument of peace and your means to share in this mission of peace. An impossible task? An unattainable ideal? Not for a man of faith, which brings me to the third person.

This person is Himself the Giver and Source of Peace . . . the Living Presence of Peace . . . the Prince of Peace . . . Our Divine Lord. He speaks to each one of us today in the Gospel and teaches us what it means to share in the very life of God — to be His People, even more, His Sons: "Happy are the Peacemakers, they shall be called the Sons of God!"

Ours is a catholic — universal — faith that embraces the whole family of man. We are a part of everyman's joy and sorrow. It is our family that is poor, hungry, sick, and needful. It is not the world crying out for peace — it is our brother and sister.

Only our faith enables us to see people needing peace through the eyes of Christ. And only each one of us can give and live that love which makes us Sons of God — peacemakers for Christ! Support Christ's missionaries bringing service . . . salvation . . . and peace to our world today. Become Family Peacemakers for Christ by joining the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (\$6.00 for Yearly Family Membership — \$100 for Perpetual Family Membership) this month in your parish or enclose your enrollment or an extra special sacrifice with this column today. Please be an instrument of peace.

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