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GI Carries His Own Cross

The Cross accompanies him. A crucifix hanging from his neck, a GI of a mechanized outfit is shown resting as his outfit operates near the Laotian border. (RNS)

Diocese Names Draft Counselor

The diocese took a forward step to cooperate in providing draft information and counseling last week by the decision of the Priests' Council to support the Draft Information Center of the Rochester Area (DICRA) and to name a diocesan representative to be liaison between DICRA and the institutions of the diocese. The vote was 19-1.

Father William Lum, assistant pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church, was appointed official representative of the diocese to work with DICRA.

The council also approved a grant of \$1,000 for the support of DICRA for the remainder of the year.

Father Lum, who has unofficially observed and shared the work of DICRA for many months at the request of the council to prepare this report, recommended that the diocese could use its own structures to work with DICRA for young men of the whole diocese in the following ways:

- counseling — referring inquirers to DICRA; offering



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counsel to the poor in inner city and rural areas;

- counselor training — en-

couraging Catholics to study to work at DICRA;

- distribute literature in parishes and schools;
- offer DICRA speakers to interested groups in the diocese;
- develop for conscientious objectors alternate service opportunities in various agencies of the diocese (hospitals, CYO, Human Development programs).

DICRA, an ecumenical agency, has headquarters in Central Presbyterian Church in downtown Rochester.

In subsequent votes the council passed resolutions supporting changes in legislation to make "selective conscientious objection" legally possible for men who opposed military service (vote 19-1), and urging (vote 11-3) that amnesty be extended to those who fled the country as conscientious objectors to avoid selective service.

Teaching Nuns to Get Salary Raise Next Year

Teaching Sisters in parochial schools will get a \$300 salary raise for the school year 1971-72, the diocesan Priests' Council announced last week.

By a unanimous decision of the 20-man body the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy congregations also won approval for their "retirement and maintenance proposals" which asked each parish where these Sisters are assigned to contribute \$250 annually per Sister for a retirement fund.

The monies contributed each year for the retirement fund would be put into a separate corporation to be invested and not be touched until 1980. It would then be used exclusively for maintenance of the non-working senior Sisters.

The council vote overruled a suggestion of the Bishop's Advisory Board that the raise requested by the two congregations be only \$250 next year with a built in provision for yearly salary hike.

The new pay scale will bring annual salaries for teaching Sisters to \$2,100 in all parochial schools. With this raise and the retirement contribution, parishes will have to pay \$550 more per teaching Sister next year than presently.

The financial presentation was made to the monthly meeting of the Priests' Council by Sister Margaret Adelaide, S.S.J., administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, and Sisters Mary Bonaventure Hall, and

Priests' Council Asks Consideration Of Optional Celibacy

Consideration of optional celibacy, new methods of choosing bishops and concern for the problems of world justice and peace were the subjects of resolutions pressed upon Bishop Hogan last week by the diocesan Priests' Council for transmission to the meeting of the U.S. Bishops in Detroit during the week of April 26.

The council voted 16 to 4 in recommending that Bishop Hogan and his auxiliaries "give all due seriousness to consideration of the recommendations of the National Federation of Priests' Councils' statement on celibacy and convey these to the national meeting of the Bishops in Detroit and to the Synod in Rome."

The priests' council held its April meeting at Becket Hall on Tuesday, April 6.

The NFPC resolution on the celibacy issue, approved by the Rochester council, included the ideas that "the choice between celibacy and marriage for priests now active in the ministry be allowed" and that "priests who have already married be invited to resume the active ministry."

Another major point was the request that "national hierarchies be empowered to allow the acceptance of married men as candidates for the priesthood."

The NFPC, a four-year-old coalition of priests senates and associations from 22 of the 148 U.S. dioceses, issued a seven-page statement on the priesthood at its annual meeting in Baltimore during March.

The Priests' Council of the diocese is not a member of the NFPC but the Priests' Association of Rochester, an unofficial free association with 115 members, does belong.

The diocesan council also passed a resolution that "our Bishops support at the Detroit meeting proposals to the Roman Synod that future selec-

tion of Bishops be made with broad consultation among priests, religious and laity of each diocese."

Dr. William T. Bluhm, professor of political science at the University of Rochester, addressed the council on the subject of "World Justice and Peace," an agenda topic at the Detroit meeting.

In a discussion which followed the priests expressed "chagrin at the lack of documented discussion planned for these important subjects among the U.S. priests before their Bishops treat them in Detroit."

The council voted unanimously that "at least equal time be devoted to matters of world justice and peace on the Detroit agenda as on the priesthood."

They urged Bishop Hogan to

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Pope Paul Stresses Hope At Easter

Rome — Pope Paul VI in a hopeful Easter message said, "The great ideas which are the guiding lights of the modern world shall not be put out."

"The unity of the world shall be achieved," the Pope asserted.

The Pontiff, in a mood of optimism contrasting with his frequent gloomy pronouncements during the last few months, declared that despite many seeming reasons for alarm today, "Man's cause is not only not lost, it is secure."

He explained that his hope

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The earning capacity of the community has been decreased, they said, because very few girls are entering religious life in these times.

The communities also asked the Council to name representatives to meet with a committee from the diocesan Sisters' Council to make a long-range study of Sisters' salaries, and to set policy on what benefits the parishes should furnish their Sisters beyond the basic salaries.

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