

Father Anthony Valente conducts service at Federal Building Good Friday morning for 200-strong crowd.

Peace Movement Draws Clergymen

By JOHN DASH

The involvement of Roman Catholics in efforts to resist and protest the United States' participation in the conflict in Indochina was made strikingly evident in two separate incidents in Rochester during Holy Week.

What started out as a "voluntary fast in sympathy with the suffering peoples of Asia, the third world and all who are prisoners of war," sponsored by a number of area clergymen, nuns and seminarians, last week developed into two events which hinted at a growing militancy among Catholic clergymen and laymen.

The first incident was a "liturgy" held by more than 25 members of the group, in the Rochester Selective Service offices, during which a confession of communal guilt over the violence and deaths in Indochina was recited. A fistful of 30 pieces of silver was thrown to the floor of the draft board's office. Afterwards a Times-Union reporter, Mary Anne Pikrone, was floored, allegedly by an officer of the peace.

The leader of the Tuesday liturgy was Father Walter Hanss, assistant pastor of St. Monica's Church, who said, "We feel this was really a resistance thing rather than a protest."

"We did it as a patriotic act," Father said, "for the dignity of the common man, for love and peace, and a return to the founding principles of our land."

Miss Pikrone, who was assigned to cover the story and arrived at the demonstration late, said she was pushed to the floor twice. She claims in a statement to the Gannett Co. that she had identified herself as a press woman before being assaulted.

A surprise in the incident was the appearance of Father Raymond Booth, co-pastor at Mt. Carmel Parish. Father Booth has not been included in such actions before.

"I came in at the 11th hour," he said. "I heard rather late there was a meeting of some of the people on the fast on Monday evening and decided to see what the discussion was about."

He describes his mood at the time as being upset over two issues: the President's stepping into the Calley affair and the welfare cuts in the New York State budget.

On the first point, Father Booth said of Calley, "His peers did judge him guilty of slaughter of innocent people; and for our country to make a hero of such a person was even more wrong than that he be made a scapegoat," referring to President Nixon's action releasing the lieutenant from prison.

Father Booth made a more detailed analysis of the legislative process which resulted in the welfare cuts in the most recent state budget, describing it as short-sighted and resulting from the powerlessness of the poor to present their needs to the Legislature.

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Catechetical Institute Schedules Fr. Pfeiffer

By CECELIA VIGGO

"It opened my mind to new ideas. . ."

"I found it very stimulating . . . I came out feeling I could lick the world."

"You get a tremendous feeling of community even though there are hundreds of people present, you feel as if there are no strangers here. There is a tremendous sense of oneness."

The preceding comments are not testimonials to some dramatic "encounter" group therapy, or new Oriental mysticism.

They're the reactions of teachers in CCD programs to the Lay Catechist Institute, an annual day-long gathering for religious education teachers in the diocese.

The 4-year-old program combines the exuberance of a pep rally with the professional expertise of a convention.

Teachers throughout the diocese meet other teachers, browse through the variety of new educational texts and materials available, and learn from professionals how to better fulfill their roles as catechists.

"We try to structure the meeting around a topic of particular relevance to our volunteer teachers," explained Mrs. Georgette Ermatinger, of the

Office of Religious Education—CCD.

"Last year, for example when sex education was a highly controversial issue, the institute invited Dr. and Mrs. John Wilke, authors of the highly successful book "The Wonder of Sex."

"This year, the institute will explore teaching methods, and the role of the media in religious education, subjects which our current volunteer seemed most concerned about," Mrs. Ermatinger said.

The Lay Catechist Institute takes place May 1 at Mercy High School. Guest speakers will be Father Carl J. Pfeiffer, SJ and Sister Japaan Manternach, OSF, assistant directors of the National CCD Center, Washington, D.C.

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At the Monday night meeting, Father Booth found "some 20 people who talked very deeply and seriously about the concerns they had. As they talked about the strategy, I myself was not committed to it; but I sensed in the group a real conviction and a real sense of prayer and selflessness."

The second incident was a "repentance rite" held in front of the Federal Building on Good Friday.

Nearly 200 people gathered to see an eight foot wooden cross lashed to an iron railing in front of Rochester's Federal Building, and hear Father Anthony Valente, chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy High School, conduct a service begging forgiveness for the deaths in Indochina.

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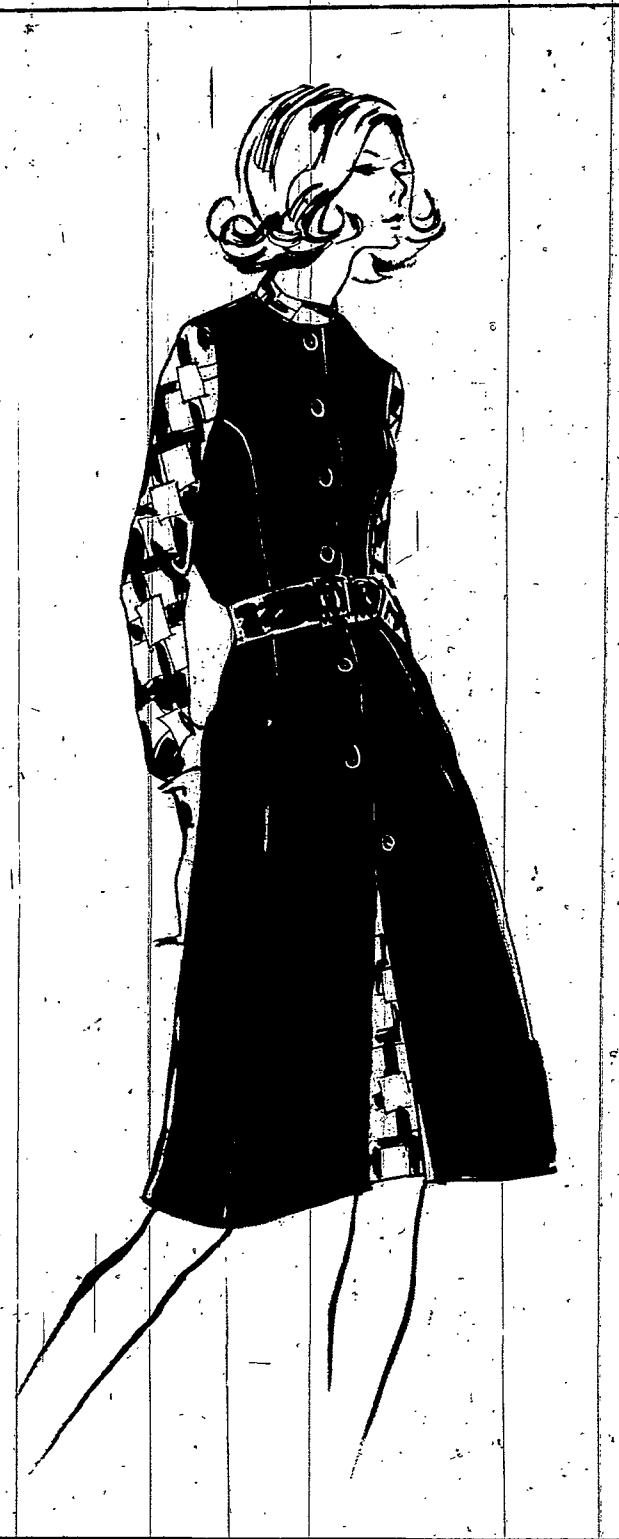
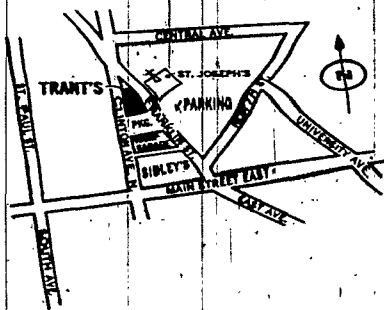
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