



Bishop Joseph L. Hogan visited Craig State School recently, gave the homily at one Mass and celebrated another. Between Masses he and Father Dominic Mockevicius, chaplain, chatted with patients and school employees.

Downtown Center Offers Help to the Runaway

By CECELIA VIGGO

"Runaway" — the word has painful significance for more and more American families today. Television and films treat the problem in terms of large urban centers—New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco; but Rochester, too, has runaways.

Rochester also has the Rev. Tom Fassett, 27, a Methodist minister. He is the founder and director of Universal Center, which offers the runaway food, shelter and protection from the dangers of street life. It also gives the runaway a chance to stop and think whether he really wants to leave home.

"Scores of kids" pass through the center every week, in response to a grapevine message, the director said.

The center, housed in the Universalist First Church, downtown, has a staff of volunteers that includes lawyers, psychiatrists and psychologists.

Most young people leave home because of family problems, so much of the center's work concerns family counseling, Mr. Fassett said.

"Usually, after some deliberation, a runaway will consent to our informing his parents.

We then ask the parents to permit their son or daughter to stay overnight at the Center, and to attend a consultation the following day," he explained.

A family consultation session takes place with the child, parents and one or two staff members. "The sessions aim at drawing parents into a therapeutic relationship with their child, to make constructive use of an emotional crisis represented by the runaway episode," Mr. Fassett went on. He said he felt that community agencies had been largely ineffective in trying to deal with the runaway and his problems, because of the law. "The adolescent minor has few civil rights," Mr. Fassett observed. "If found by the police, he will be returned to his parents regardless of the legitimacy of his grievances. So that in running away, he is forced to live outside the law."

The legal status of the runaway, coupled with the fact that many of his problems (i.e. poor health as result of drug use, venereal disease, "bad trips") do concern the law, have made institutions either wary or powerless to help, he said. The Universal Center has established referral relationships

with the Adolescent Clinic, Mental Health Clinic, Rochester General Hospital, local hospital emergency facilities, and many doctors, lawyers and psychiatrists in the city.

Mr. Fassett, assistant minister at Covenant Methodist Church, has directed youth ministries and hosted a radio "hot line" on a local rock-music station.

Report from La Paz Revolutions

By Fathers Peter Deckman and Edward Golden

LaPaz — After a year's effort, our Savings and Credit Cooperative accumulated sufficient funds to make loans. Four people took out loans, three for housing and one for the betterment of a small business.

Twice during January the Clinic was the scene of births, our former living room being turned into a combination nursery and hospital room.

Twice because of complications, women had to be sent to better equipped clinics. As a consequence there is talk about expanding our clinic so that the staff could handle all maternity cases. Through Catholic Relief Services some new equipment will be arriving soon.

We will have a fully equipped maternity hospital, with delivery room, nursery and hospital rooms for the new mothers.

January is also one of the months of summer recess from school. Ramin Herrera, a seminarian, who lived and worked here in the Parish for a year visited for some days. He now studies in Argentina because of the closing of the local Seminary. A very happy group of Argentinians, made up of a priest and three young men, spent some days in the house, living up the place with their songs, jokes and themselves.

There was an unsuccessful attempt on the government by the political right of the military.

Another attempt on the Bolivian government is not earth-

shattering news. It however does bring home again the need for a true revolution, a real change in the liberation of the masses. It is a constant and urgent cry.

To us it becomes evermore evident we must announce the good and liberating news of our Liberator-Redeemer, a doctrine which, with His redeeming assistance, will bring about a true revolution.

Pray our knowledge of Jesus will increase and we will remain faithful to announce His liberating message and collaborate with Him in the liberation of His people.

Book Fair Slated

Shoppers at the third annual book fair of the Genesee Region Citizens League for Nursing will have a chance to pick up an autographed copy of "Love Story," as well as a variety of bargain books.

The fair will be held in the lower auditorium of Edwards Store in Pittsford Plaza, May 5-8. Approximately 10,000 books will be sold at prices as low as 15 cents.

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Cathedral Conference Set

The Rev. Charles E. Taylor, principal minister at Dewey Avenue Presbyterian Church, will be moderator for the first Sacred Heart Cathedral Conference this weekend, April 30 to May 1.

Some 75 representatives of all parish boards and societies will attend the conference to

determine priorities in future programming for the Cathedral parish.

The Very Rev. John S. Hayes, Cathedral rector, pointed out that one of the topics will be greater involvement by youth and members of the Youth Club and younger members of the Liturgical Commission will take part in the planning.

Community Hospital To Honor 388 Helpers

Awards signifying nearly 32,000 hours of volunteer service at Monroe Community Hospital will be presented at a dinner at 7 p.m. Monday, May 3, in the home dining room.

Forty-one college students are among the 388 workers invited to the sixth annual recognition dinner. Mrs. Leta B. Belgard, president of the auxiliary, who will preside at the dinner, will receive the 2,500-hour emblem.

Mrs. George Bevan and Mrs. John Neverless will be awarded 2,000-hour pins, and 1,500-hour emblems will go to John Dodson, Mrs. Egidius Gessner, Miss Harriet Hall, Mrs. Clarence

Pfaff, Mrs. William Pyle and Mrs. Claire Young.

Honored for completion of 1,000 hours of service will be Mrs. Richard Decker, Nick J. Downs, Mrs. Donald Hershney, Mrs. John Johnson, Mrs. Stella Kelly, William Pyle, Miss Florence Weiniger and Mrs. Walter Winkey. Thirteen volunteers will receive 500-hour emblems, and 29, 100-hour awards.

Tom Duro will be the feature speaker. Receiving guests will be John W. Gates, Jr., chairman of the hospital board; DeForest T. Whipple, administrator, and Dr. Anthony J. Izzo, associate medical director.

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