

# Father James Wood, Retired Pastor, Dies

Father James T. Wood, retired in 1954 after 29 years as pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption parish in Fairport, was buried last Friday after funeral services in St. Columban's Church, Caledonia.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan presided at a concelebrated Mass of the Resurrection.

Father Wood who was 84 the previous weekend died on Tuesday, June 1, in St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, where he had been a patient for several years.

Born in Mumford in 1887, Father Wood was a graduate of Cathedral High School in Rochester and St. Charles College, Emmittsburg, Md. He studied for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore and St. Bernard's Seminary.

Ordained in Rochester in 1914, he was first named assistant pastor of Corpus Christi Church and four years later made Chaplain at Industry State School. In 1919 he became chaplain at the State School at Sonyea.

He began his 29 year pastorate in Fairport in 1925. He retired from there when he was

87 because of failing health.

Concelebrants of the Mass of the Resurrection were Fathers Emmett Halloran, pastor of St. Columban's, former chaplains at Hornell's Mercy Hospital, Fathers Paul J. Cuddy, Paul Coonan and William Hickey and Father John Nacca of Auburn who had been assistant to Father Wood in Fairport.

Msgr. John M. Ball, retired pastor of St. Rose's Church, Lima, in the homily cited Father Wood's happy personality and keen sense of humor. Recalling the wide circle of friends that he had and the enthusiasm of his many interests, Msgr. Ball contrasted the active life with the painful final years of his life.

"He carried the burden of

## Milestone Mass for Marrieds

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will celebrate Mass at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at Sacred Heart Cathedral for people reaching their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries this year. A social hour will follow.

Invitations will be mailed to



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invalidism and sickness in the last seven years," Msgr. Ball said, "but it was like the priestly vestment he had worn so often: 'the maniple of tears and sorrow.' Each day as he said the prayers of vesting for Holy Mass he knew the meaning of the life he had dedicated himself to fulfill."

those who give their names and addresses by June 18 to the Office of Family Life, 401 Orange St., Rochester 14611; telephone, 235-6658. Father Robert L. Collins, director, reported last week that he had heard from 130 couples.

## Diocesan Schools to Get \$1.7 Million

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erson, Hornell; and Joseph C. Finley, Newark.

The new appropriations will channel \$33 million in public funds into the financially-strapped 800,000-pupil non-public schools across the state.

The bill, drafted by Republican legislative leaders, does not contain any program of tuition aid to parents, a program specifically requested by the state's Catholic bishops and educators.

The church-supported Speno-Lerner Bill which would have allotted aid directly to parents according to the income of the family for the payment of tuition required in the nonpublic schools, never came to a vote this spring in the Legislature.

One-quarter of the new payments to each school will be paid next January. The remainder will be sent to the schools after the start of the state's new fiscal year next April.

School seeking aid will apply to the state education Commissioner. He will require them to promise that the school is non-profit, provides instruction comparable with the public schools and permits no racial discrimination.

Elementary schools will then be granted \$27 per pupil per year. High schools will get \$72 per pupil annually. Any school with a high concentration of low income pupils will get an additional \$48.60 per pupil. The final payment to the school cannot exceed 50 percent of the cost of teaching the secular subjects each year.

Diocesan educators and pastors were cheered by Saturday's legislative action. The assurance of new money coming in the second semester of next school year will help budgeting immensely, many priests said.

Parishes are awaiting this week the second half of the "Mandated Services Act" money, approved by the Legislature last year to pay for state-required secretarial services furnished by all schools.

Mailings of \$678,734 to 104 elementary and high schools of the diocese are expected "about June 9", John R. Ritzenthaler, diocesan comptroller, announced.

"Parishes received their first checks in mid-March, the first half of the \$1.3 million the state is paying our schools this year for the service they render the state," he said. "These jobs include the administration and grading of various examinations, the maintenance of attendance and pupil health records and the keeping of certain teacher personnel data."

The Mandated Services money, expected to be an annual appropriation made in two payments and the New Secular Educational Services funds, both computed on the basis of the number of children in a school, will total approximately \$3.1 million in the next 12 months.

Of this total parochial grammar schools will receive \$2,091,000 and the high schools about \$1,084,000, the Schools Office revealed.

## Bishop Attacks 'Curse of Pornography'

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not utterly devoid of redeeming social significance, and that no effort should be made to control traffic in smut.

We can be grateful that Congress does not agree with them, nor does the President; nor did three members of the Study Commission who issued a minority statement labelling the majority report 'a magna charta for the pornographer'.

The shocking recommendation of the majority is difficult for me to comprehend. In spite of the lessons of history, and the obvious need for the upholding of strong spiritual values in our country at this time, they advised the repeal of numerous Federal and State statutes which are meant to protect the rights and the dignity of our personal and social life.

Such presumption! Such an advocacy of moral anarchy!

Three members of the Commission have led the way for us by their refusal to sign the report and their denouncement of it as a "betrayal of public trust and responsibility." Charles Keating and Father Morton Hill have summarized for us the inadequacies and inaccuracies of the Commission's Report. They point out several points and facts which were either ignored or glossed over by the majority members.

For example:

1. Advertising for obscene literature and pictures floods the United States; mail and invades the privacy of millions of Americans every day.

2. Motion picture theaters, are serving a constant diet of explicit sexual activity and sexual deviation — in "continuous showing" features.

3. A more alarming symbol of our growing decadence is the staging of live sex shows, as in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York.

4. Adoption of the majority's recommendations would open a new "legal" market for pornographers' wares — the children of America. They recommend legislation against the

sale of pictorial obscenity to children, but specifically exempt the printed word. There is no doubt that ingenious American pornographers will be quick to devise new techniques to exploit this juvenile market.

Another most disturbing aspect is their utter disregard for the moral degradation of the men, women and children who are forced by economic necessity, or by use of drugs or simply by seduction, to pose for pornographic pictures. The Commission majority would allow the pornographer who degrades the participants, to be raised to the respectability of operators of a legitimate and legal business.

The comment of Charles Keating, an Ohio attorney and a minority report member, is that one can consult all the experts he chooses, but the fact that obscenity corrupts is a finding of the common sense and reason of every man.

I am happy to tell you that my name appears today on the official stationery of the National Office for the Citizens for Decent Literature, Inc., along with the names of representatives of government and justice and religious bodies. We are all deeply concerned and hope that you share our concern.

# Bosco House Opened For Area Handicapped

The new diocesan Office of Special Religious Education opened this week in the former St. William House, the residence hall for what was St. Andrew's Seminary, at 1150 Buffalo Rd.

Renamed "Bosco House", in honor of Don Bosco the patron of youth, the property will be the headquarters of programs to be initiated by Father E. Charles Bauer, recently appointed to direct the special education work. Father Bauer will coordinate diocesan projects already existing for the spiritual care of the blind, the deaf and of all people with physical and mental handicaps.

"Bosco House will be the diocesan center for religious education projects for the mentally handicapped, the teacher-training institute for instructors of these exceptional students, the chapel for religious

activities for the handicapped and their families, and a study-house for seminars on retardation conducted for priests, religious and the laity," he announced.

Father Bauer called the former seminary facility "ideal for the needs of this apostolate."

He intends to adapt the dining room to an "all-purpose room" for classes, recreation and meetings as well as meals. The chapel will be adequate for the liturgical functions planned. Suites on the main floor can be converted to offices. About 16 people can be accommodated for weekend retreats.

Only the director and two members of the maintenance-housekeeping team will reside permanently in the house.

Father Bauer's phone number at Bosco House is code 716, 436-3440.



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