

Bishop Sheen Housing Unit Reaches One Goal

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen saw one of his Rochester goals reached this month.

The Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation he set up four years ago revealed that it had collected \$70,000 in public donations—a goal the former Rochester bishop set when he founded the Foundation in May, 1967.

More significantly, the foundation announced that \$52,848 had already been spent to aid more than 30 families in finding new housing.

At the same time, the foundation restructured itself, electing a 25-member board of directors with more laymen than clergy and including some prominent representation from all parts of the diocese.

Archbishop Sheen had instituted the foundation to help poor and middle-income families help themselves to better housing. He called for membership in a "10-24-70" Club to raise the funds.

"People have been amazingly loyal," says diocesan controller John Ritzenthaler, who serves as treasurer. "Every month, a lot of 'little people' who are sincerely interested in housing send in their check faithfully, and a lot of children and adults are living in better homes because of it."

The foundation received a special shot in the arm when parishioners of St. Anne's Parish in Rochester donated \$15,000 through their pastor, Msgr. William Naughton.

At its annual meeting in June, the foundation dramatically restructured itself after a year of study by a citizen's committee appointed by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

The Bishop had commissioned the volunteer group—drawn from business, civic, housing, and religious communities—to study the directions of the Foundation.

A committee headed by Pal-

myra lawyer Paul Rubry, a noted housing expert in Wayne County, drew up a new set of by-laws, and the committee set up new criteria for use of funds.

The criteria calls for wider involvement of the foundation in potentially larger projects.

Basically, they set up a source where housing loans may be made to local not-for-profit organizations.

They stipulated that all funds loaned by the foundation be used as a direct expenditure to provide land and/or facilities for low, moderate, and senior citizen housing as "defined by the needs of the particular locality."

This expands activities to include larger groups and projects in addition to the aid already being given to individual families under the volunteer program initiated and carried out by Mrs. Jerome Cook of Rochester's Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Additionally, the new criteria call for a diocesan-wide "educational function." The idea is to educate the public in the housing needs of the poor, the elderly, and the middle-income families without housing in rural, suburban, and urban areas of the diocese.

Twenty-five directors were elected at the annual meeting.

The new board members are:

—Mrs. Edward Carson, an active laywoman in diocesan affairs;
—Mrs. Cook, whose volunteer work was lauded by the new directors;
—Father William Charbonneau, director of Catholic Charities;
—Father Joseph W. Dailey, one of the original foundation founders and director of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery;
—Mrs. Alma Greene, active in several housing organizations;
—Paul B. Flynn, assistant public service director for the Democrat and Chronicle and Times-Union in Rochester and secretary of the Lend-A-Hand Fund;
—J. Gerald Griffin of North Hornell and James F. Hanrahan, Hornell, both active in housing activities in Steuben County;
—Father John J. Hempel, new di-

rector of Becket Hall, residence for diocesan seminarians attending St. John Fisher College, and the man responsible for maintaining the foundation under the diocesan Office of Human Development;
—Robert Macon of 520 Mount Hope Ave., Rochester;
—Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty of the diocese's Southern Tier headquarters in Elmira;
—Mr. Miller, director of the Three Rivers Foundation, a housing group in Corning;
—Mrs. Charles Miskell, Geneseo;
—John Mitchell, of Rochester's Council of Social Agencies;
—Father James M. Moynihan, diocesan chancellor;
—Msgr. Naughton of St. Anne's, Rochester, the first parish to become intimately involved with the foundation;
—John O'Malley of Geneva, who has been active in housing in eastern Ontario County;
—James A. Pofacari, the former director of Metropolitan Housing Foundation of Rochester who is now commissioner of the Rochester City Buildings Bureau and is responsible for code enforcement;
—Roger Quinn of Marine Midland Trust Co.;
—Paul Rubry of Palmyra;
—Diocesan controller Jack Ritzenthaler; and
—Father Timothy Weider, a diocesan rural housing expert currently working on projects in Livingston, Ontario, and Yates counties.

Mercy Sisters to Sponsor 'Communication Celebration'

A week-long "celebration of communication," to be sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the diocese from Sept. 19 through 26, will feature an address by newscaster David Brinkley, concerts by the Rochester Philharmonic and the Chuck Mangione Quartet, a children's musical about Winnie the Pooh, the presentation of a feature movie and an international folk dance festival.

The entire series of events extolling man's efforts to communicate will be held in the 1,122 seat Mercy Auditorium on Blossom Road, according to the planning committee. Ticket arrangements for each evening will be announced shortly.

Sister Mary Judith Heberle, superior general of the Mercy congregation announcing the details, said the week would climax with a pageant-like, ecumenical worship program outdoors on the Mercy Motherhouse grounds on Sunday afternoon Sept. 26, marking the communications role of the religious groups in Monroe County's 150-year history. Clergymen of several denominations, church choirs and school groups will participate in the original liturgy.

Sister Patricia Keough, general chairman of the planning, explained that the Mercy congregation has shared 114 years of Monroe County's 150 years and wished "to offer our building, our grounds and built-in committee in arranging this week's program to show that understanding and cooperation in the community depends upon our communication with one another."

David Brinkley, NBC newscaster, will lecture on "Freedom of the Press in 1971" on Sunday evening, Sept. 19 at the Mercy Auditorium to open the communication week. Brinkley has been an outspoken critic of current government attempts to curb news broadcasting and press reporting.

A festive evening of international dances performed by eight Rochester folkdance groups on Tuesday night, Sept. 21, will emphasize how ethnic traditions are communicated. David Valentine, choreographer from State University at Brockport will be the coordinator, assisted by Earl Kage of Eastman Kodak.

Participating groups will be: Israeli Dancers, German Schuhplattlers, "Bottom of the Bucket" black dancers (tentative), Teen-Twirlers, a square dance group, and groups presenting Irish, Lithuanian, Ukrainian and Filipino dances.



SAMUEL JONES
Rochester Philharmonic

Communication through films will be highlighted on Wednesday night, Sept. 22, when a feature film will be presented at Mercy. The title of the movie and the accompanying Hollywood personality who will be on hand will be announced later.

A. A. Milne's classic, "Winnie the Pooh," will be re-created for children in an original musical stage-version titled, "Pooh Loves You," on Friday evening, Sept. 24, and Saturday, Sept. 25. Adults may attend only if accompanied by a child.

Mrs. Roy (Jean) Lane, long associated with Community Players, Blackfriars and other

local theater groups will adapt and direct the play. Original music is being prepared by Mrs. Charles Chadwick. Seven adults will play the animal roles in the idealized forest to be created by scene designer Tony DeCroce.

The widely popular Chuck Mangione Quartet will give a multi-media concert in the Mercy Auditorium on Saturday evening, Sept. 25.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 26, the full Rochester Philharmonic will present a concert with orchestra, two singer-actors, three ballet artists and film clips retelling the musical history of Romeo and Juliet from Shakespeare's day down through "West Side Story."

Sister Virginia Wilson of the Cardinal Mooney High School faculty and Louise Wilson, WOKR-TV personality, are co-chairmen with Sister Patricia.

The Sisters of Mercy staff three high schools, 27 elementary schools and one hospital in the diocese, as well as contributing staff personnel to varied diocesan and civic institutions—medical, social and remedial.

The ongoing program of educating its Sisters, not only in earning degrees but also keeping them updated in their respective professions costs the congregation \$95,000 annually, Sister Mary Judith, the superior said. Proceeds from admissions to the Communications Week events will go for this teacher-training.

Men's Club Election

St. John's Mens Club, Spennerport, recently held its annual elections of officers.

The new officers are: president, Francis Beswick Sr.; vice-president, John French; secretary, John Gringer; treasurer, Henry Ozminski; membership chairman, Eugene Krenzer; spiritual advisor, Father Francis Hester.

New members were also elected for a term of three years to the Board of Directors: John Gringer, James Ryan, Cappy Willis and Joseph LaVigne.

Thursday Deadline

Thursday noon is the deadline for news and photos for the Courier-Journal of the following week.

The other members of the board are: Tony Zambara, Shel Kennan, John Bauman Sr. and Len Windhauser.

CRS APPEAL

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) recently airshipped 38 tons of emergency aid supplies from here to Calcutta to help alleviate the plight of the East Pakistani refugees who have fled into India. This mercy flight is the third in the past two weeks chartered by the American Catholic Overseas Agency. The CRS is providing food, clothing, shelter and medical care for up to 500,000 of the East Pakistani refugees in the areas along the Indian Border. Checks may be made payable to Catholic Relief Services, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10001.

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