



K of C Fund Raiser

The Knights of Columbus fund-raising program to help retarded children was opened formally in this diocese at Our Lady of the Cenacle Council, Webster. The state organization expects to raise \$80,000 by November. Lined up with their advertising posters are, from the left, John Pasucci, state treasurer; Past Grand Knights John Herson, Council 277; Anthony Albanese, 5186; Rocco DiGenarro, 5186; and Ernie Jackson, 277; Thomas Ryan, state advocate, and Vito Minei, chairman of the drive



FR. JOHN HEMPEL

Salting The Earth

As I began to phase myself out of the Office of Human Development to undertake a new work, I see many things and projects yet to be accomplished or discussed.

However, one project needs to have more publicity. This is the Joseph Avenue operation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy: their Joseph Avenue Academy.

For some years the Mercy nuns have supervised a part-time trade development center for teenage boys and a part-time remedial program for children, especially those in the minority groups.

Last September they felt the need to open a full-time school for a small group of youngsters needing specialized education. Ten children ages 8-12 were enrolled in the store-front academy. Concentration was on reading, writing and arithmetic. With patience, kindness and dedication, these children were raised to the level of being capable of entering the normal school situation. All this was done through the donations of interested groups and peoples, and the service of the Mercy order.

Obviously, the number of children did not determine the effectiveness of the school, but the principle of specialized education for hard-core learners did.

The experimentation has paid

off handsomely for it proves that only when we approach education in a specialized way for specific problems within the minority community, can we expect disadvantaged youngsters to be capable of moving adequately within our complex society.

But now I must call an end to my involvement in this bi-weekly column. Now I must move from the Office of Human Development to a new work. There are so many people to thank and acknowledge for their kindness and consideration of our work during the last four years. Their generosity and understanding made it possible for us to make some inroads in the area of poverty.

But what about regrets? Yes, there are always regrets — regret that I was not able to accomplish for the poor as much as I would like to have done, regret that I could not make our people understand more, the rationale for poverty, especially among minority peoples. So much had to be done, but I feel that I accomplished too little.

Now I move to a work, hopefully there to be an instrument in the hands of the Spirit whence young men will be prepared to undertake the most challenging and exciting profession in the world, the formal Catholic priesthood.

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Seminarian Praises Training

By Mary Ann Ginnerty

Auburn—A "spiritual encounter" and participation in a "personal growth lab" (retreat) are on the three-week orientation agenda for seminarian Raymond Forno, following his arrival Aug. 18 at Our Lady of LaSalette Resident Seminary in Ipswich, Mass.

The orientation precedes his entrance into Merrimack College, North Andover, Mass., as a junior and philosophy major, and will be a bridge to academic studies from a summer spent gleaning practical experience working with others.

Forno, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Forno, 105 Owasco St., is a 1969 Mt. Carmel graduate, and has completed two years at the LaSalette Junior College in Altamont, N.Y. He will reside at the Congregation of the Missionaries of LaSalette dormitory while attending Merrimack.

Looking forward to his studies for the priesthood, Forno feels the increasing opportunities for seminarians to share their commitment with others through apostolic works serves to test vocational interests of seminarians like himself.

One such experience this summer was his three-week "on the job" training with Father John Coonan, pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Clyde and St.



RAYMOND FORNO

Patrick's in Savannah. Forno did home visiting, recruited youngsters for a summer school program for children in Rose and North Rose. He outlined the program and assisted in its implementation.

He would like to see the expansion of such opportunities. He called attention to Vatican II mention of the value of the seminarian exercising the apostolate, not only in theory, but practice.

"The emphasis on involvement was present in my two years at LaSalette Junior College," he commented. "Stress was put on searching out ways of putting our growing knowledge to practical use whenever possible."

The variety of opportunities available ranged from "youth quakes", retreats, to working with mentally retarded children. Forno was involved in teaching CCD classes for 10th graders,

as a Big Brother in an inner city area, and visiting the sick.

"I feel strongly that Christ belongs in every phase of life. The added awareness gained in these experiences with people, not only adds to personal growth as an individual, but encourages me in my conviction to be a priest."

Forno is finishing 3 1/2 weeks as a volunteer, live-in counselor at "The Center", Youth Problems, Inc., in Savannah. As counselor, he provided guidance in developing the spiritual lives of residents along with consideration of the mental, emotional, and physical needs of the individuals seeking to enhance their personal adjustment.

A parishioner at St. Alphonsus, he was installed as a Minister of the Eucharist in July of 1970 to assist with the distribution of Communion.

Family Center Sets Hours In Moravia

Moravia — The Cayuga Family counseling agency sponsored by Catholic Family Center and Family Service, has announced that office hours in Moravia will be every other Thursday afternoon.

Located in the Cayuga County Health Department Center in the Church Street School, Moravia, the Cayuga Family Center offers professional counseling services, including marriage, parent-child, personal adjustment, adoption, and planning for pregnancy situations.

Inquiries may be made at the Health Department Center in Moravia, or to the Cayuga Family Center Office in Auburn at 80 North Street.

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