

New Development Chief Leaving Ithaca Parish

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Ithaca — Father Charles Mulligan, recently appointed director of human development for the diocese, is leaving St. Catherine of Siena Parish after two years of combining parish activities and study at Cornell.

In a recent interview, Father Mulligan recounted past experiences at three parishes — Holy Cross in Rochester, Sacred Heart in Auburn, and St. Catherine of Siena — and talked of the hopes he held for his new position.

Holy Cross parish brought to mind liturgical changes, a sports program for the youth of the area, and the inauguration of a lay school board.

Community affairs characterized life at Sacred Heart in Auburn, as well as work with the city-wide CCD program, parish council, school board, guitar Mass group, and youth club.

During this period, Father Mulligan came to feel the inadequacy of the single parish unit for all that is needed, such as care for the sick, adult education, and various social problems. Inter-parochial and inter-parish activities responded to some of these needs. Also at this time, Father became a member of the Priests Senate.

Wanting to remain involved with parish life when assigned to study sociology at Cornell, Father Mulligan became an integral member of the parish structure at St. Catherine of Siena. He has felt a need for adult education and youth programs and a person-centered response to such current problems as abortion. He served as advisor to the new "Alternative" group, which has as its goal the offering of a wide range of choices to the woman with an unwanted pregnancy.

The biggest challenge a parish in Ithaca has, according to Father Mulligan, is to maintain contact with Cornell University and Ithaca College with all their readily available expertise. Newman communities should be made part of parish



life, and guest speakers could further adult education by giving Sunday homilies.

With this experience in parish life and his numerous years of study, including work at Rome's North American College and Institute of St. Alphonsos, Father Mulligan and his staff of ten will attempt to stimulate people to an awareness of the factors conducive to human growth. He and his staff will meet at their office at 841 Genesee St. in Rochester on Sept. 10. They will welcome ideas and suggestions which could facilitate the rather large

job of creating a social order in which human growth for all is possible.

Their aim is to have human development groups on the county and parish levels respond to their own problems. To cite an example, the Priests' Senate is currently directing a study of county jails in order to have specific information on bail, guards, parole officers, and the clergy who minister to prisoners. The ultimate aim would be for the human development group within each county to respond to the particular needs of its jail.

Father DiGiacomo Slated in Corning

Corning — Father James DiGiacomo, SJ, nationally known religious educator, will conduct a workshop for high school CCD teachers at St. Patrick's Church, Sept. 18.

The workshop entitled "Yes, Caiaphas, Jesus is Cool" will focus on teaching Christ to teenagers. The program will be open to parents and others interested in the day long activities planned at the church. Senior high school CCD teachers are especially urged to attend the workshop.

The program will include two talks, one entitled "Missionaries to Pyschedelia: Evangelizing the Young" and the second "If You Can Cook Spaghetti, You Can Teach Religion."

A demonstration discussion on the film "The Red Kite" will also be held. The day's activities will close with Mass being celebrated at 4 p.m. The program will begin at 10 a.m.

Father DiGiacomo teaches at

Fordham Prep. He is the author of the "Conscience and Concern" series for high school students.

A \$4 registration fee per person is required. The fee includes lunch at the church. Registration fees must be paid by Sept. 11.

Those interested in attending the workshop should contact Mrs. Dona Hotopp, Big Flats RD 1 (phone: 607-562-3243), or Mrs. Eileen McGhie, 1 Maynard St., Corning (phone: 607-962-1584).

SSJ Festival

The Sisters of St. Joseph motherhouse will be the scene of a fall festival Sept. 25 and 26.

A chicken dinner will be served, and there will be Christmas gift items, handmade wooden articles and a variety of other interesting booths.

Dinner tickets for adults are \$1.75 and \$1.25 for children.



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Ithaca Area Notes

Ithaca — St. Catherine of Siena Parish will hold its third annual parish picnic on the parish grounds, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 11.

Ithaca — A pre-marriage series will be held at Immaculate Conception on Friday evenings, Oct. 8, 15, and 22. All couples contemplating marriage before February, 1972 should plan to attend. Registration can be completed with Father Gram-kee.

Ithaca — Baptism will be administered at St. Catherine of Siena on Sunday, Sept. 19. An instructional meeting for the parents of those to be baptized will be held in the parish center on Thursday, Sept. 16, at 8 p.m.

Beach Named For Cardinal

Boston (RNS) — Pleasure Bay Beach has been renamed to honor Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, who died Nov. 2, 1970.

The Cardinal Cushing Beach is in the South Boston neighborhood where the churchman spent his boyhood.