

Prison Chaplain Speaks Out

In a Batavia graveside interview with McCandlish Phillips printed in the New York Times on Friday, Sept. 17, Rochester diocesan Father James P. Collins called for separate prisons to hold "hard-core, militant, Marxist revolutionaries" to prevent "more than what you had at Attica."

Father Collins, chaplain at Elmira State Correctional Facility for the last 12 years, was interviewed with Father Eugene Marcinkiewicz, Catholic chaplain at Attica prison, immediately after the Batavia burial of Carl Valone, one of the hostages who died in last week's uprising.

"A new breed of revolutionary" has entered the prisons, said Father Collins. "A small group of such men can tear an institution up," and a small prison, "as tight as Alcatraz used to be," should be established to hold them, "without regard to color."

"A man cannot be helped against his will," said Father Collins, according to the Times. "The eggheads do not under-

stand this because they do not know prison nature."

The facility modeled on Alcatraz which Father Collins proposed would not have a school or chapel.

"You would not need a school — they don't want them. They burned this one," he said, "They would not need a chapel. They burned this one."

The revolutionary group at Attica, Fathers Collins and Marcinkiewicz agreed, numbered 150-200 prisoners.

"The ordinary prisoner has no choice but to go along," said Father Collins. There is a fear of the militant by many men."

A separate facility, according to Father Collins, would keep "the type responsible for the carnage at Attica away from the ordinary, unsuccessful burglars and robbers who are decent, men, who want help."

Father Marcinkiewicz, according to the Times, did not endorse the idea of separate facilities.



Attica chapel following insurrection.

In an interview after returning from five days observing the Attica prison Father Collins told the Courier-Journal: "The general reaction when you view the damaged area is utter disbelief. Guards from all over the country who had come for the funerals and then toured the prison all had the same reaction 'I don't believe it.'"

"The chapel auditorium area was the first to be hit and burned. Only the presence of a marble altar and shattered statues would let you know that this had been a House of God. The vestments had been stolen and inmates paraded around the yard wearing them."

"The prisoners attacked the chapel first to show their contempt for Christianity and Judaism. This was the work of Marx revolutionaries who are new in American correction."

"The former restraints of being confined to a cell for a month or having their parole date set back a few months are meaningless and ineffective to these men. This new breed inmate, whatever his color, is as dedicated to the pulling down of the prison system as the ordinary citizen is dedicated to the rule of law."

"The ordinary unsuccessful burglar and robber who has a basic decency has no choice but to go along with the stronger group. Inmates are directly intimidated to join or to suffer the consequences. We learned this from the literature which Auburn Prison officials found after their recent November disturbance was quelled."

Service Leaves Set Up By Xerox Corp.

Employees of Xerox Corporation will be able to take off up to a full year to engage in volunteer social service under a program announced Sept. 8. Any one who has worked for the company for three years may take the time off if his project is approved.

Xerox will continue to pay the volunteers' salaries during their participation in the Social Service Leave Program. Upon completing their service, employees will return to their previous positions without loss of seniority or opportunity for advancement.

The Leave Program will be

open to production workers, salesmen, engineers or executives. In addition to their applications, prospective volunteers will submit to a seven member board a letter of acceptance by a sponsoring organization with which they will work.

C. Peter McColough, Xerox president, in announcing the program said that the critical lack in significant social programs is often not just financing but the need for "people of talent, dedication, imagination, determination, and competence." The company's program is aimed at filling this need.

Corpus Christi CCD

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) will sponsor a 10-week course in theology designed for those who wish to teach in religious education programs in their parishes or those who wish to further their knowledge of the Catholic faith.

Classes will be held Sunday evenings beginning Oct. 3 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi School, Main Street East at Prince Street. There is a registration fee of \$10.

For the second semester, a

10-week course in teaching methods is planned.

MCC Students Show Art Work

Monroe Community College's 10th anniversary will feature a student art show scheduled to run through the rest of the month.

About 50 students will exhibit at the show, the first event to take place in the new Forum East.



Knights Give \$6,000

Grand Knight Al Bennett of the Rochester Knights of Columbus, Council 178 listens as Father Daniel Brent, superintendent of education, thanks the Knights for \$6,000 they contributed for high school scholarships. Shown standing to the right of Father Brent are principals Sister Mary Johanna, St. Joseph's Business High School; Sister Mary Bryan, Our Lady of Mercy; Sister M. Annunciata, Nazareth; Father Leon Hogenkamp, SJ, McQuaid; Father Albert Gaelens, CSB, Aquinas; Brother Aubert Harrigan, CSC, Cardinal Mooney; and Paul Schmidt, executive secretary of the CYO.

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