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Roses for Mary

October is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, and Oct. 7 is her feastday. This statue of Mary with her rosary adorns the front of the chapel-studio in St. Francis of Assisi parish where the Family Rosary for Peace is broadcast. See the Courier-Journal centerfold dedicated to the Family Rosary.

Synod Delegates Gather in Rome

By FATHER R. A. GRAHAM

Vatican City — (RNS) — The program and makeup of the second General Assembly of the Bishops' Synod, which begins tomorrow, Sept. 30, was announced by Bishop Ladislav Rubin, secretary general.

Attending as delegates of national hierarchies will be 40 bishops from North and South America, 40 from Europe, 22 from Africa, 20 from Asia, five from Australia and Oceania.

In addition, there will be 14 prelates of the Eastern Rites and 10 heads of religious congregations, 19 cardinals of Rome, plus 25 bishops personally named at large by the Pope himself. Twenty-six priests, mainly pastors, were listed as auditors.

A "communication" on the controversial canon law revisions will be made, Bishop Rubin said.

Discussions will be preceded by a general review or panorama of the state of the Church today, based on reports sent by the national hierarchies in reply to the Synod secretariat.

It was announced that the Secretariat for the Sacramental Ministry would be headed by Bishop Jorge Medina of Chile, a member of the International Theological Commission. A second section deals with practical questions and will be headed by Bishop Alberto Bovone,

staff chief of the Congregation for the Clergy.

The secretariat for the theme of Justice in the World will be headed by Bishop Ramon Torrella Cascante, vice-president of the Council of the Laity and vice-president of the Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace.

The special secretary for Justice and Peace will be aided by a group of eight. These assistants include Barbara Ward (Lady Jackson); Miss Maria del Pilar Bellosillo of Spain, and James Norris, an American.

Among the 26 priests named as auditors are two Americans, Father Barnabas Ahern, Passionist Bible scholar, and Msgr. George C. Higgins of Washington, D.C., and a Canadian, Father Yvan Desrochers.

The Synod vice-presidents or "president delegates" are Leon Cardinal Duval of Algeria, Paul Cardinal Munoz Vega of Quito and John Cardinal Wright, the American prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy. The Pope himself is president of the Synod and may preside when he chooses.

The meetings will be held chiefly in special accommodations prepared in the new papal audience hall. The session will open with a Mass in the Sistine Chapel. Discussions will be held both in plenary session and in small groups, divided according to language.

Diocesan Appointments



Father Patric Doyle, to be assistant pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen, from Holy Rosary Church, Rochester.

Father Joseph M. Sasso, to be assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester.

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28,000 Alcoholics Live in County

Most public health officials agree that the No. 1 addiction problem facing this country is alcoholism. Monroe County officials estimate there are 28,000 here.

In a series of three articles, Courier-Journal staff writer Barbara Moynihan will tell why alcoholism is such a major problem, how employers should handle problem drinkers and describe some of the innovative measures being tried by public agencies to thwart this disease.

The first part in the series is on PAGE 6A.

Parishes and/or pastors often make news but this week seem to have outdone themselves.

Msgr. Arthur Ratigan, in a unique step, has resigned as pastor of St. Ambrose Church and probably will become an assistant, PAGE 1B.

And the former Cathedral parish, St. Patrick's, has become a mission church within St. Anthony's parish. Father Charles Bennett, St. Anthony's pastor, will be the new administrator and is the subject of a PAGE 1B interview.

In Auburn, Msgr. James D. Cuffney has named a nun to be parish assistant. Correspondent Mary Ann Ginnerty describes Sister Dorothy Quinn's new duties on PAGE 4B.

Catholics in the Ontario-Williamson area of Wayne County have been served for a century by St. Mary's of the Lake Church. The parish is noting its 100th anniversary this year and on PAGE 5B today is a brief account of its history.