



Bishops on the Go

Above, retired Bishop James E. Kearney listens to the invocation at Nazareth Academy's centennial dinner Oct. 9. With the Bishop are Sister Annunciata, SSJ, principal of Nazareth; Father Kevin Driscoll, O. Carm.; and toastmistress Margaret McMahon. Below, Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Hickey gives homily at Legion of Mary Peace Mass Sunday, Oct. 10. Seated (l. to r.) are Fathers William Lum, William Trott, server Gerald Wahl, and Father Patrick Logan.



Diocese 'Step Ahead' Of Report Urging School Reorganization

Father Daniel Brent, diocesan superintendent of schools, termed "realistic" a report made by a state committee that Catholic school enrollment will drop 55 per cent by 1980 if the "high cost strategy" of Catholic education is not abandoned.

The term "high cost strategy" in the report refers to the retention of Catholic schools building by building. The study advocates "planned closings as the only viable method of preserving quality education" for Catholic school children.

The study was conducted by Louis R. Gary, a former educational consultant to New York archdiocesan schools. It was commissioned by the special state panel on education known as the Fleischmann Commission.

"I not only agree with a lot of what's in the Gary report," said Father Brent, "but would like to point out that the Rochester diocese is a step ahead of it."

The steps he urges are ex-

actly what our task force has been saying and what we have been doing with regionalism. Our goal is to offer a Catholic education to every child whose parents want it — not to maintain every building now being used."

Father Brent pointed to the school consolidations in Elmira and Corning.

"Elmira schools are an example of how consolidation provides more efficiency. It is less expensive than having a school in every building and is able to offer better service — St. Patrick's Junior High School is a prime example of that.

"Such a cooperative plan also is working in Corning," Father Brent said, "and these are the models for the rest of the diocese."

The study also contends that tuition increases which could be alleviated by state or federal aid, have no particular bearing either on the projected loss of 390,000 students in 10 years or

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Black Lay Caucus To Be Held Here

A state convention of the Black Lay Catholic Caucus will be held Oct. 22-24 at Immaculate Conception.

Viola Brown, local caucus chairman, said there would be 100 delegates. During the convention, the national executive board of 35 members also will meet here. Miss Brown announced. The board meeting will be chaired by the national president, Joseph Dulin, who is principal of St. Martin de Porres High School in Detroit.

Father Lawrence Lucas, a New York City parish priest and Catholic press writer, will

celebrate the 10 a.m. Mass Sunday, Oct. 24, at Immaculate Conception. Father Lucas has been recommended by the Black Clergy Conference for appointment as bishop of Washington, D.C.

When convention plans were announced here, Father Lucas, Dulin and several other leaders of black Catholic organizations were in Rome to discuss their problems with Vatican officials.

In a statement issued before their departure they said

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In observance of the dedication of the month of October to Mary, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan reminds readers that Marian devotion strengthens Catholics in their faith. His column appears weekly on Page 3A.

And speaking of devotions, our centerfold features one of the proud components of many church services in the diocese — the pipe organ. For a look at many of the majestic pipe organs in our churches as well as a discussion of their import, turn to the centerfold.



Seven priests of the diocese are celebrating their 25th anniversaries this month. A picture story is on Page 1B.

Also on Page 1B is a story concerning Dr. Yi Chu Wang who says that Chinese Mao Tse-tung probably agrees with U.S. Pentagon Policy. Dr. Wang is a specialist in Chinese studies.

And for a report on the recent meet-

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ing of Catholic Charities officials in Minneapolis, turn to Page 8A where Catherine Wobus, casework director at Catholic Family Center, and James Malone, center director, describe the conference.

Now that the frost is really on the pumpkin the Courier-Journal is instituting a new feature — weekly ratings of local football teams. Sports columnist John Doser will stick his neck out weekly and you can get in your whacks quickly by turning to Page 2B.