

# Mexican Mission Drive Starts in Rochester

Local backers of the St. Martin de Porres mission in Guadalupe, Mexico, have begun their annual fund drive to raise money needed for medicine to treat 3,000 needy patients.

"Our leading enemy," says Dan Whalen, a Third Order Dominican who is a local backer of the Mexican program, "is the amoeba parasite, attacking the intestinal tracts of both children and adults."

The St. Martin de Porres Mission runs a food and culture

program, provides pre-natal care for expectant mothers and does a "Well-baby follow-up."

Each year Dan and Marg Whalen spend about five months in Mexico, helping Dr. Ernesto Juarez, who has been treating patients daily in the dispensary for three years.

In the Rochester diocese, Miss Wilma Higgs of 26 Portsmouth Terrace, Rochester, receives contributions from donors.



## CYO Drive

Anthony M. Gramza (left), chairman, and Paul B. Schmidt, executive director of the CYO, examine campaign poster for 40th annual CYO Membership Drive. The campaign will run through Oct. 18 seeking a goal of \$10,000 in new memberships.

## Diocese A 'Step Ahead'

(Continued from Page 1A) the closing of more than half the Catholic schools now operating.

The foreseen enrollment drop is based mainly on declining birth rate and changing perspective of Catholic parents with regard to parochial education, according to the study.

"Again we seem to be ahead of the report," Father Brent

## Black Caucus

(Continued from Page 1A) that the American hierarchy and the apostolic delegate had seemed neither willing nor able to present the black community's case honestly to the Holy See.

Father Lucas told newsmen assembled at his Harlem church, the Church of the Resurrection, that the black leaders had "gone as far as they could in this country" and therefore had decided on the direct approach to the Vatican. He said of the Bishops' Synod in Rome that it was "a white conference; we have no role in it from their point of view."

A black Catholic rite that presumably would be independent of the American hierarchy, in the manner of the Eastern rites, was discussed last August at a national meeting of the black clergy and lay caucuses.

Dulin said at the Harlem press conference that the development of a black church would be due to "the failures of the white church to respond to the needs of black people."

The delegation to Rome included Brother Joseph Davis, director of the National Office for Black Catholics, and Charles Hammock, its board chairman; Sister Martin de Porres Grey, chairman of the National Conference of Black Sisters, and Estelle Collins of Baltimore.

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said. "Our own Alzheimer-Clewell study predicted similar enrollment drops.

"So our task force has been addressing itself to this problem and offering suggestions to school boards and committees as to how they might reverse this trend.

"In spite of our ban on public school transfers in Rochester which has considerably handicapped our ability to recruit we have nevertheless held enrollment this year to 30,996 in our elementary schools. This represents a decline of 1,400 which is the smallest since 1964.

"We feel this is evidence that school boards are succeeding in clarifying for parishioners the services of Catholic schools and winning more support for the schools we have."

Father Brent feels that "we have not been adequately distinguishing the unique dimensions of Catholic schools. We have left people with the perception that Catholic schools are very much like public schools.

"We are beginning to point out the unique quality of Catholic education, as Father Albert Shamon, our vicar for education, did so well in his Courier-Journal article of Oct. 6.

"We are beginning to make clear the plus dimensions of Catholic schools over and above public schools."

The study itself claims there is little difference between the quality of the two systems of education.

Father Brent, noting that the report is pessimistic on the likelihood of state aid, said that he cannot share that view.

"I feel that the Fleischmann Commission will be quite positive in its approach to Catholic schools. I'm confident they'll see the benefits of diversity of education."



## Blessing the Paper

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan reads a blessing at the Oct. 5 dedication of the new Courier-Journal offices. With the Bishop are his personal secretary, Father Michael Conboy and Anthony J. Costello, Courier-Journal general manager.

## Father Curran To Speak Here

Father Charles Curran, nationally known moral theologian and Rochester native will speak on "Conscience Today" at Corpus Christi school hall, Saturday, Oct. 23, at 8:15 p.m.

The address is sponsored by the Corpus Christi CCD and admittance proceeds will be used for CCD materials for the parish.

Father Curran is perhaps best known as the center of controversy which closed down Catholic University, Washington, in April, 1967. The former St. Bernard's Seminary professor was dismissed from his teaching post at the university. The action precipitated a stu-

dent and faculty strike which led to the rehiring of Father Curran.

A spokesman for the Corpus

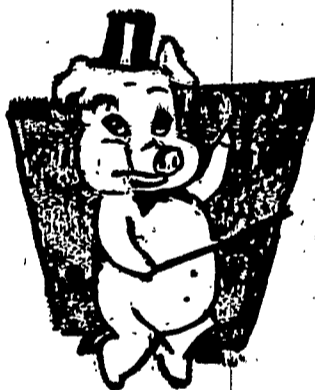
Christi, CCD said that the lecture is the first in an as yet undetermined number of such lectures by well known theologians.

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