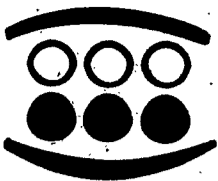


Our Parish COUNCIL

by Bernard Lyons



Have you read Pope Paul's apostolic letter to Cardinal Maurice Roy of Quebec, on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the encyclical "The Condition of the Workers"?

Though Pope Paul did not mention parish councils by name in his letter, he was giving a message that also applies to the councils. Listen!

Make men less lonely: "Centers of special interest and of culture must be created or developed at the community and parish levels with different forms of associations, recreational centers, and spiritual community gatherings where the individual can escape from isolation and form anew fraternal relationships."

Favor the poor: "In teaching us charity, the Gospel instructs us in the preferential respect due to the poor and the special situation they have in society: the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others. If, beyond legal rules, there is really no deeper feeling of respect for and service to others, then even equality before the law can serve as an alibi for flagrant discrimination, continued exploitation and actual contempt."

Share responsibility: "This legitimate aspiration (for a greater sharing in responsibility and in decision-making) becomes more evident as the cultural level rises, as the sense of freedom develops and as man becomes more aware of how, in a world facing an uncertain future, the choices of today already condition the life of tomorrow."

Take initiative: "If the role of the hierarchy is to teach and to interpret authentically the norms of morality to be followed in this matter, it belongs to the laity, without waiting passively for orders and directives, to take the initiative freely and to infuse a Christian spirit into the mentality, customs, laws and structures of the community in which they live."

Talk — but also act: "It is not enough to recall principles, state intentions, point to crying injustices and utter prophetic denunciations: these words will lack real weight unless they are accompanied for each individual by a livelier awareness of

personal responsibility and by effective action."

Hope: "From Christians who at first sight seem to be in opposition, as a result of starting from differing options, she asks an effort at mutual understanding of the other's positions and motives; a loyal examination of one's behavior and its correctness will suggest to each one an attitude of more profound charity which, while recognizing the differences, believes nonetheless in the possibility of convergence and unity."

Change society: "Christian organizations, under their different forms, have a responsibility for collective action. Without putting themselves in the place of the institutions of civil society, they have to express, in their own way and rising above their particular nature, the concrete demands of the Christian faith for a just, and consequently necessary, transformation of society."

Business In the Diocese

Vince Spezzano, who once served as an altar boy in St. Lucy's parish in Retsof (Livingston County), is the new promotion and public service director for Rochester's Gannett Co., Inc.

Spezzano, a member of St. John of Rochester parish and a Pittsford resident, will assist Gannett Newspapers throughout the United States in promotional and public service activities.

He will be succeeded as public service director in Rochester by his assistant, Paul B. Flynn, a former Massachusetts sports-writer.

The new public service director for The Times-Union and Democrat and Chronicle is a member of Rochester's Blessed Sacrament Parish and a director of the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation.

Star Supermarkets president Wallace E. Fearnley has received unexpected plaudits from the White House commending him for his cooperation in the current wage-price freeze. This took the form of a "Certificate of Appreciation" signed by President Richard M. Nixon "for support of the national program to bring about a new prosperity."

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Spaghetti Dinner To Benefit Holy Childhood

Spaghetti dinner will be served Sunday, Oct. 24 for the benefit of the School of the Holy Childhood, from 1 to 6 p.m. at Holy Cross auditorium, 4488 Lake Ave.

Tickets for the dinner which is being prepared by St. Anthony's Day Crew of Women are \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 for children.

There will be a display of early American wood mountings, decorated milk cans, and old fashioned school desks. There will also be a variety booth.

All proceeds from the event will go to the school run by the Sisters of St. Joseph for retarded children.

Tickets are available at the door or from Art and Carm DeMatteo at 865-2292.

Boss of Year To Be Feted

Father Charles B. Connell, pastor of St. Phillip Neri Church, will be toastmaster at the annual Boss Night dinner of the National Secretaries Association Nov. 3 at Oak Hill Country Club.

Richard A. Thompson will be honored as "boss of the year" of the Flower City Chapter of the national association. Grace Callarco is chairman for the 25th anniversary dinner.

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RG&E consumer news

Is your home power poor?

Do you blow fuses or pop circuit breakers regularly when you operate your electric coffeepot or hand iron, or your lights dim when the electric dryer is running? If you answer "yes," then your home may be power poor. If you don't have wiring that is heavy-duty enough to carry the power you need, your appliances will not operate efficiently and may ultimately be damaged. Fuses that constantly blow indicate that you are overloading your existing circuits and drawing more power than your wiring can carry. This condition means your home is power poor and that you are courting a potentially serious fire hazard. This is especially true in older homes which were constructed before many of today's modern appliances evolved.

What should you do about poor house wiring? During October, RG&E's Consumer Information Center is staffed to handle just such problems. Our wiring and lighting experts will be happy to discuss how you can best eliminate

poor house power, making your home safer and electrically more convenient.

They will also answer any questions you may have about both outdoor decorative yard lighting and home safety lighting. They can show you how to make your home more attractive at night, while deterring prowlers and providing safer walkways for family and guests.

Stop in today to our Consumer Information Center at our Main Offices at 89 East Avenue. It's located on the main floor and is now open daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. We're always ready to help you with any problems concerning home heating, appliances, wiring or lighting.



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