



Msgr. Mulcahy, seated, listens to Auxiliary Bishop McCafferty address the pastoral council meeting.

Pastoral Council Group Meets at Becket Hall

"If we really want change in the Church we have to wait until everybody over 40 dies," was one concerned woman's comment that came out of a two-day seminar on renewal in the Church held Oct. 15 and 16 at Becket Hall.

The 16 laymen, sisters and priests who make up the Pastoral Council Formation Committee had invited 60 others representing the 14 districts of the diocese to discuss and react to the work the committee has done since June.

Monsignor Donald J. Mulcahy, executive director of the formation committee, explained, "We felt we needed reaction to the work we have done so far."

The consensus of the group after much discussion was to

forget "mandating" parish councils. Instead they urged parishes to analyze their needs and priorities in the light of the Gospels through parish study groups or parish conventions.

"The conference preferred to avoid such words as mandate," Msgr. Mulcahy explained, "fearing there would be a structure without feeling."

He realizes that tension is likely to come out of a parish convention but feels this could be constructive. "Growth comes out of tension if you are prepared well to handle it," he said.

The conference also advocated that the Pastoral Formation Committee act soon with a program of education on the parish level to reteach the principles

advocated by the Vatican Council.

They stressed the importance of updating the Sunday liturgy to inspire and teach the people.

In order to carry out many of the plans that were discussed during the two-day seminar, a strong core of leaders would have to be developed to assist parishes, and a massive program of communications would be needed to unite the diocese as a Christian community, Msgr. Mulcahy said.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Bishop John E. McCafferty, director of the Pastoral Council Formation Committee, said that he was inspired by the enthusiasm of the conference members for real renewal in the Church and by the willingness to move ahead.

Bosco House Consultors Hold Strategy Meeting

The first meeting of the newly-formed Consultors of Bosco House, Oct. 5, was a brainstorming session.

Father Charles Bauer, director of the Bosco House and chairman of the meeting, requested the 33 representatives from various groups working with the retarded or handicapped that gathered, to discuss three main issues — the liturgy, a survey of the handicapped and types of informative services which might be offered by Bosco House.

The group agreed that there is an urgent need for liturgical services for many handicapped children and their families, who are not involved in parish services.

Many of those who work daily with the handicapped suggested a calendar of Sunday liturgies be established, and announced in newspapers and parish bulletins. And a rotation invitation to pupils and their families who already attend a special program such as St. Ambrose Center or Holy Childhood should be

initiated at the Bosco House.

Several suggestions were offered on the question of a survey to find out who the handicapped are in the diocese and what their religious education needs are.

The group felt that a survey is an absolute necessity in making decisions on who needs help where they are, what they need or would like and how services can best be delivered to them.

While discussing informative services, it was decided that since a majority of priests, sisters and lay people are unaware of the needs of the handicapped, an informational orientation program is in order.

Three task forces were set up in three areas of immediate interest. Sister Benita, SSJ, of the Holy Childhood, is chairman of the liturgy force; David Farone of Junior Legion of Mary and Joseph Shaller of McQuaid High School are co-chairmen of the survey task force; and Mrs. John Pfleging of Day Care Training Center is chairman of the information force.

Equity Knights Host Nat'l Meet

The Knights of Equity will hold their national convention in Rochester Oct. 28-30.

The national Irish fraternal society's convention will devote much of its attention to the plight of Northern Ireland.

After inducting the Bishop Kearney Class on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 28, the convention will listen to Father Oliver Stokes of Newry, Ireland at the Friday luncheon. Members of the convention will also see a film on recent events

in Ulster provided by the Irish-American Cultural Institute.

Retired Bishop James E. Kearney will be guest speaker at the closing banquet on Saturday Oct. 30.

"CREATIVE ROCK" CONCERT AT FISHER

Chase, a Chicago-based group of nine "creative rock" musicians will perform at St. John Fisher College at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, in the athletic center.



Leaders expected in Rochester this weekend for the Black Catholic State Convention include (l-r) Joseph Dulin of Detroit, president of the National Black Catholic Lay Caucus; Father Lawrence E. Lucas of New York, president of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus; Sister Martin de Porres Grey of Pittsburgh, chairman of the National Conference of Black Sisters, and Brother Joseph Davis of Washington, D.C., director of the National Office for Black Catholics. They were photographed in Rome, where they brought their movement to the attention of Vatican officials.

Black Catholics Plan Convention Black Catholic Group Sees Bright Future

Institution of a Black Rite within the Catholic Church will be discussed when black Catholics from across New York meet in Rochester Oct. 22-24 at Immaculate Conception School.

Approximately 100 delegates will discuss city parochial schools, black lay diaconate programs, new forms of ministry to inner city people and the Church and black youth.

The convention is also expected to make recommendations regarding the appointment of a black bishop for Washington, D.C. Representatives of the National Black Lay caucus, the black Catholic clergy and Sister's Conferences recently took this matter up with Vatican officials.

A Mass for Black Unity will be celebrated at Immaculate Sunday, Oct. 24, at 10 by Father Lawrence Lucas of Resurrection Church in New York. Father Lucas is a syndicated columnist whose articles appear in numerous Catholic publications, and has written a best-selling book, "Black Priest, White Church."

The Black Lay Catholic Caucus "has no place to go but up," its state chairman, John Holmes, said last week. "We've grown significantly since last year."

The first national caucus had 300 to 400 delegates; this year there were more than 1,000, he said.

Holmes, who is also a manager of product information control for Xerox, discussed the character of the caucus.

While "we feel every black Catholic is a member, at least potentially," he sees his group as "more than just black Catholic." He looks forward to non-Catholic participation in the caucus. One of the aims of the group, he said, is to help reorganize the flow of Church resources.

"The bishop," he said, "has been very responsive to us when we've contacted him."

Holmes has a special interest in this weekend's meeting in Rochester, aside from the issues and reports to be discussed. This is the first state gathering of the group; and he was the principal organizer, "it

really was a one person effort," and first chairman of the Rochester chapter.

About 30 black Catholics are full-time members of the Rochester chapter, Holmes said. There are about 400 black Catholic families in the diocese.

The Rochester group has been in formation for about two years. Holmes said, "and we have created quite a bit of interest in the national organization."

The present chairman of the group is Miss Viola Brown.

She said the group is composed of concerned Catholics who really started to look at the Church in relation to their blackness. Parishioners from Immaculate Conception, St. Boniface, St. Bridget, Blessed Sacrament and Corpus Christi churches are members of the caucus.

Miss Brown works through the Human Development Campaign offices organizing black Catholics in various parishes.

Holmes resides with his wife, Norma, on Paul Road, Rochester. Aric, their son, celebrated his tenth birthday last week.

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