



Anthony Costello addresses the Priests' Council while Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Hickey, Bishop Joseph Hogan, and Auxiliary Bishop John McCafferty listen.

## Courier Progress Described To Priests by Costello

Greater local news coverage and more in-depth reporting were two of the strides made by the Courier-Journal in the past six months, according to Anthony J. Costello in a progress report delivered to the Priests' Council on Nov. 2.

The "many changes" which the paper has undergone since Vatican II, said Costello, have been the result of "searching, searching and searching just like every other organization throughout the Church today."

Among the changes Costello cited were hiring of four bureau correspondents to provide better news coverage of the 11 counties in the diocese outside Monroe; putting Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's column into 75,000

homes a week; addition to the staff of the Courier-Journal's first photo-journalist, and a deliberate de-emphasis of advertising in favor of editorial matter.

Plans for the future, said Costello, include "more in-depth reporting, more national news, more on the Holy Father, the world scene, Rome... the list is long.

"We will be accomplishing such objectives in the coming months," added Costello.

At the conclusion of the report, Bishop Hogan expressed his satisfaction with the recent changes in the paper saying they had fulfilled an ambition he held since he became Bishop two years ago.

## No Marriage, Politics

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world. Most of this had already been approved in principle.

Among the new items, however, was a section endorsing the principle of conscientious objection to war.

"It is to be hoped that conflicts between nations would not be solved by war but that other more humane ways would be found, that a strategy of non-violence would be fostered, and that single nations would recognize the objection of conscience to laws," the section stated.

A proposition dealing with the close links between celibacy and priesthood, and incidentally ruling out the reintegration in church ministry of men who have left the priesthood, encountered sharp opposition, as evidenced in 84 qualified "yes" votes.

The main objections to this question, according to observers, stemmed from its apparent implication that there was an essential or fundamental link between celibacy and the priesthood.

The balloting by 202 dele-

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gates at the Synod marked the first tally on the subject of the ministerial priesthood, the first of two major themes of the month-long assembly. The other theme is "Justice in the World."

The delegates were asked to vote on 19 draft proposals, covering doctrinal and practical aspects of the priesthood. To pass, each proposal required 134 "placet" ("It pleases me" — or "Yes") votes. Lack of agreement on wording defeated five proposals.

The draft in favor of maintaining the law of obligatory celibacy for priests received 168 "placet" votes.

The proposition dealing with the possibility of ordaining married men met with divisions indicating dissatisfaction with its wording, which follows:

"The possibility of ordaining married men is therefore not granted even in particular cases, unless in view of the general good of the Church, the Supreme Pontiff, in his discretion, should judge that the case should be taken under consideration."

The vote on this resolution was 85, yes; 10, no; six abstentions and 91 yes, with qualifications, or suggested amendments.

## Fr. Collins in Argument Over Population 'Policy'

By LAWRENCE E. KEEFE

Efforts in Congress to establish a policy "of achieving population stabilization by voluntary means" have sparked opposition of the diocesan Division of Adult Education.

A joint resolution being considered by House and Senate committees, H. J. Res. 837 and S. J. Res. 108, in part reads, "it is estimated that a half century or more may be required for population within the United States to stabilize after a national average of two children per family is achieved . . ."

Father Robert Collins, in a letter to Rep. Frank Horton, one of the measure's co-sponsors, charges the resolution "promises broad based discrimination against families that have more than two children." Father Collins is director of adult education in the diocese.

He told Horton, "the resolution puts the stress on people as the cause of environmental pollution."

Instead of blaming people, Father Collins said, Congress should take note of an "unchecked, ecologically faulty technology."

In reply to Father Collins' letter, Rep. Horton said, "the resolution in no way intends to hold U.S. population at its present numerical level."

Those who push for "zero population growth," said Father Collins, in an interview in his office, forget "men's innate sense of responsibility to other men and to society. But we are becoming aware of pollution and ecological disaster, and people are working together to solve these things."

Father Collins found the sense of the proposed measure "vague and ambiguous." Also, "instead of encouraging discussion on the formation of a national population policy the resolution attempts to pre-determine that policy from the very outset."

Horton responded that the resolution "is not designed to spell out specific changes in federal laws and programs which would be undertaken once population stabilization became the policy of our country."

The Congressman denied any wish to establish "any type of discriminatory policies against those with large families," and maintained that the federal government has had a policy of encouraging population growth, which "should be changed."

Other members of Congress whom Father Collins contacted were Barber Conable, representative of the 37th Congressional

## Aquinas Board Names Three

Vacancies on Aquinas Institute's 23-member board of trustees have been filled by the appointment of Robert D. Finerty, Michael T. Tomaino and Father David G. Heath, CSB.

Finerty is business manager of the Fairport School District. He was in the class of 1952 at Aquinas, was graduated from St. John Fisher College and did post-graduate work at the University of Rochester.

Tomaino is a member of the law firm of Nixon, Hargrave, Devans and Boyle. He is an alumnus of Aquinas, Holy Cross and the Cornell University Law School.

Father Heath, who holds a doctorate in education from Indiana University, is a member of the St. John Fisher College faculty. He taught at Aquinas in 1962-64.

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District, and New York Sens. Jacob Javits and James Buckley.

Conable responded that he expected Congress to await the findings of the presidential commission on population growth "before acting on any legislative proposals which have been advanced."

Of the other two, Father Collins said, "I got a form letter from Sen. Javits and I haven't heard anything yet from Sen. Buckley."

Commenting on the population debate, Father Collins said, "The real problem seems to me to be the distribution of the wealth we have as the world's wealthiest nation. It does not seem to me that keeping the quality of life means the destruction of life."

"We should aim not at zero population growth but at what is called humane population growth," he said.

During the interview, Father Collins qualified his views of the Zero Population Growth



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groups and similar groups such as Planned Parenthood.

"We are all concerned about the quality of life," he said. "In this day we cannot indulge in name calling, as we witness the suffering of humanity. We cannot be closed to people of good will.

"It is necessary to build bridges instead of forts," he said.

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