



Autumn Haven

A leaf-strewn hillside provides an idyllic setting for boys at St. Joseph Villa. Their life is further described in the centerfold.

Pastoral Council A Work of Love

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The thrust of the Vatican Council has been aimed at teaching that it is the community united in Christian love which is meant to exercise the ministry of service to the world.

Vatican II prescribes that all people share in proportion to each one's talents and state of life the responsibility of witnessing, worshipping and serving together to build up the community into a vibrant dynamic ministry of service to all men.

In the spirit of Vatican II, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan has mobilized the resources of his office to this end, through the Offices of Planning for the Pastoral Council.

In letters to the clergy and to the people, Bishop Hogan reminded them that Vatican II recommended that parish councils be established as visible and practical ways of building the Christian community.

"Such a council is intended to be not just another parish organization. It is, rather, the whole Christian community organized and spiritually renewed

for effective ministry," he explained.

In the letters Bishop Hogan requested that all parishes begin to establish councils or to update existing ones by Pentecost of 1972. He sees this as the first step of the gradual formation of regional councils and ultimately of the Pastoral Council of the diocese.

Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty, director of the planning committee, which began its work last May, is glad that action is beginning after six months of planning.

"The committee is gratified that they have come to the action stage," he said. "Bishop Hogan's letter heralds the first steps which we hope will bring about a deep spiritual renewal of the diocese."

"Parish councils are seen as consultative bodies," he continued, "formed to amplify the voice of all faithful in speaking to their concerns as members of Christ. They are not by any means conceived as administrative."

Bishop Hogan stresses that in forming pastoral councils, a (Continued on Page 2A.)

Bishop's Letter On Pastoral Council

My dear People:

Two years ago, when I became Bishop, I indicated that I wanted to involve all of you in the total mission of Christ in this diocese. Each of you by vocation has a **rightful share** in this responsibility. It is not a role granted to you by grudging concession. In response to the message of the Vatican Council and with deep personal conviction, I said, at that time, that a Pastoral Council for the whole diocese would be a major goal of my administration. This would be my attempt to bring together priests, religious, and

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What with all the diocesan activity generated by the formation of the Pastoral Council, it may be possible to lose sight of some other significant religious developments around the nation and around the world.

Although its importance is questionable, there is still considerable interest in a "Catholic" church and "vicar general" which have popped up from nowhere in Peking. The story on PAGE 7A also gives rise to rumor that the Peking church may in some way play a role in future Peking-Vatican relations.

Meanwhile at the Vatican, Pope Paul has once again issued a call for peace in the world. And on PAGE 6A you'll learn of the unusual group to which he was speaking.

And though the U.S. Bishops' meeting has been over for a week there is still discussion of its results. An analysis is on PAGE 2A and on PAGE 7A are reactions to the Bishops' call for an end to the Vietnam war.

Bishop Hogan concludes his penetrating analysis of the crisis in the priesthood on PAGE 3A. And on the same

page Father Robert MacNamara of Hornell discusses the diocesan deacon program.

Vicar of education, Father Albert Shamon, offers Courier readers a better insight into contemporary catechetics, on PAGE 6A.

Sarah Child has a problem conforming to her children's conforming ideas. PAGE 4B.