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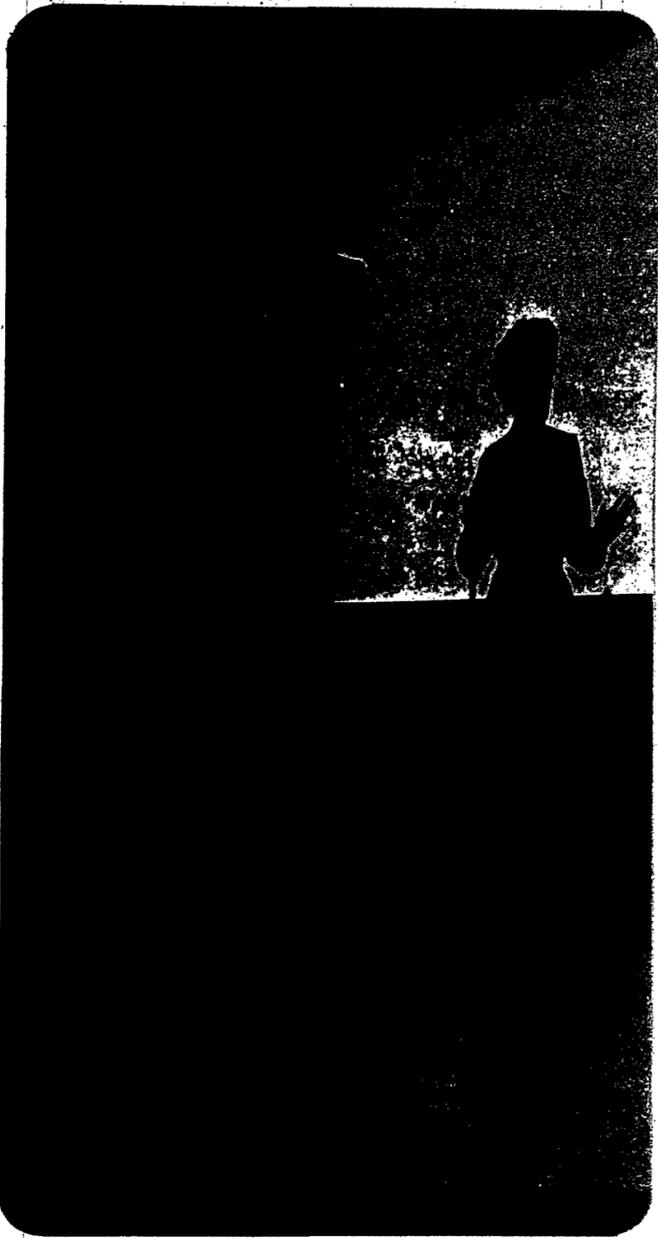
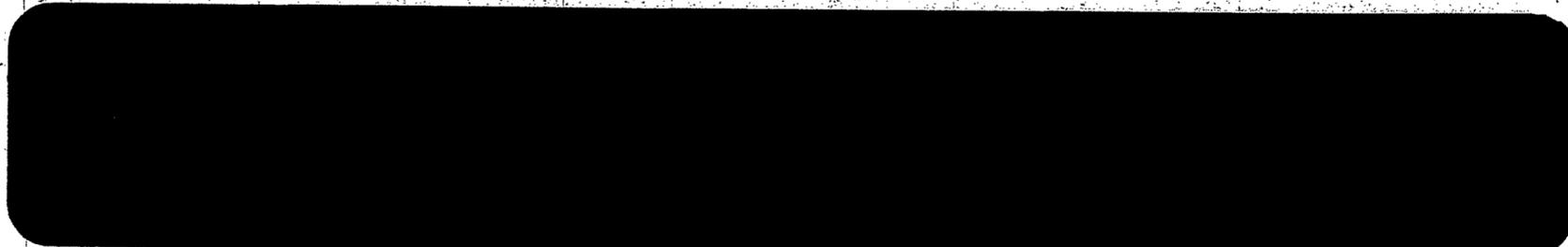
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REP. SHIRLEY CHISOLM

Realign Priorities, Congresswoman Urges

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Politics according to Shirley Chisholm is based on the belief that America holds in its pockets the answers for a better life for all.

The black congresswoman from Brooklyn was greeted with a standing ovation in the packed Xerox Center auditorium Dec. 6. She informed her audience that she is a "catalyst for change in America," and that you must fight for what is right.

Mrs. Chisholm announced that she plans to do her fighting by running for President, and will "pull together some kind of coalition to go to the Democratic national convention if it means my political career. It's more important to shake people to thinking."

She said that our nation is in deep trouble because our leaders do not understand the nation's trouble.

"Our country's greatest enemies are not in Vietnam but at home. Racism, poverty and pollution are all around us."

She cited the allocation of our national resources as our major problem. She stated that our first priority should be people, with emphasis on the most needy; second, education, for the very young as well as higher education accessible to all.

Mrs. Chisholm said she had told congress that she no longer would vote for money for the war, and had called especially for two kinds of change: cuts in the defense budget and reform of the tax structure.

She urged her audience to be informed voters.

"Don't accept lip service, don't listen to those who are joining the bandwagon on women's rights and ecology. Look up their past voting records and see what they have done on these issues in the past."

Father Brent At Meeting On Schools

At the National Catholic Education Association meeting in New York City last weekend, Father Daniel Brent, diocesan superintendent of schools, heard advice and information supportive of steps being taken by the Rochester diocese school system.

Economist Father Ernest Bartell, former professor at Notre Dame University and present president of Stonehill College in Massachusetts addressed the conference on Catholic education ten years hence.

He said schools must consolidate because education will be even more costly. Father Bartell cited statistics to support his point.

From 1957 to 1971 the cost of Catholic education rose 400% against a 250% rise in the public schools. Father Bartell attributed most of this cost to the improvement of pupil-teacher ratio.

He also reported that tuition now covers the cost of about 30% of Catholic elementary schools and about 67% of the cost of private high schools.

Father Brent said that he heard nothing new at the conference. "It favored regionalizing just as we are planning," he said. "It was supportive of what we are doing."

Father Hester Dies, Spencerport Pastor

Father Francis E. Hester, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in Spencerport for the past 18 years, died at the rectory Friday night, Dec. 10, 1971. He was 63 years old.

Father Hester succumbed to a heart attack following an evening of parish business, including a meeting of the parish council formation board.

Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty and a number of Father Hester's classmates celebrated the Mass of the Resurrection Tuesday morning. Concelebrants included also the assistant pastor Father Albert Cason, and priests who have given special help weekends. Father Paul J. Cuddy of Hornell, a classmate, delivered the homily. Burial was in the church plot.

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey was principal concelebrant and preacher at a Mass Monday night.

Father Hester was born Nov. 30, 1908, in Auburn, a son of James and Anna Creagan Hester. He prepared for the priesthood in the diocesan seminaries and was ordained in 1935. He served at St. Ignatius, Hornell; St. Mary's, Elmira, and Old St. Mary's in Rochester before his appointment in 1953 to the Spencerport pastorate.



FATHER HESTER
1960 PHOTO

Under his direction, the parish provided a new school and auditorium, opened in 1957, and a new convent, in 1963. A school board was organized in 1966.

Father Hester is survived by his mother and a brother, Joseph, both of Auburn; three sisters, Mrs. Louis Davia of Rochester; Sister Edwina Hester of Nazareth Academy, Rochester, and Mrs. Terrence O'Donnell, Auburn; a nephew and four nieces.

Mercy Sisters Get Constitutions

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A pontifical liturgical celebration, an audio-visual presentation and a reception were the highlights of the 140th anniversary of the Rochester Sisters of Mercy on Sunday, Dec. 12, when the congregation convened to receive — each personally — a copy of the Order's new 11 Interim Constitutions.

The Interim Constitutions contain the guidelines by which the congregation will make decisions until the next Chapter of Affairs, four years hence. Representing months of work by the congregation's Constitutions Committee, the book clarifies what still stands from the exist-

ing Constitutions, the results of the chapter of 1967 and the most recent chapter. Permission for experimentation in renewal is granted until 1979, when the Constitutions will be presented to Rome for approval.

Bishop McCafferty, chief celebrant of the afternoon Mass, blessed the books and presented the first copy to the superior general, Sister Mary Judith Heberle. Subsequently, the delegates from last summer's chapter distributed the books to each of the sisters present.

An audio-visual program, depicting materials from the Interim Constitutions including the Spirit and Traditions, Apos-

tolic Mission, Authority and Responsibility and Community Life and Worship, was presented, earlier in the afternoon in the Mercy Auditorium.

An informal reception ended the afternoon festivities in the Motherhouse dining room.

The Congregation's Ecclesial Life and Community Board, under the chairmanship of Sister Mary Walter Hickey, made arrangements.

The members of the Constitutions Committee are chairman, Sister Mary Sullivan, Sister Mary Beatrice Curran, Sister Mary Bonaventure Hall, Sister Margaret Mary Mattie, and Sister Mary Janet Wahl.



Five Chapter members delegated to organize the materials for the Sisters of Mercy "Interim Constitutions" are Sister Mary Beatrice Curran, Sister Margaret Mattie (hidden), Sister Mary Sullivan, Sister Mary Bonaventure Hall, and Sister Janet Wahl.

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