

# 'Better World' Visits Auburn

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Auburn—A retreat team from the "Movement for a Better World" commented on the goals of their retreat approach at a meeting of clergy and laity held recently at St. Aloysius Church.

The team promotes dialogue, communication, and sensitivity through increased awareness of community, under Christ.

The team, comprising Father Peter Harrison, SJ, Father Salvador Umana, CSSR, and Sister Barbara Leonardo, paused en route to a retreat to explain the purposes and dynamics of the movement at the request of Father Edward A. Shamon, pastor of St. Aloysius.

A "Movement for a Better World" Retreat is scheduled for the Auburn region in March.

The team explained their approach is not a parish mission in the traditional sense, but the process of forming Christian community on the parish level.

The movement conducts training programs for local people to help them develop situations for Christian experiences.

Sister Barbara explained, "Dialogue is based on mutual trust and support which are necessary before we can communicate with one another. Awareness is brought about through sharing of insights and ideas."

Father Umans explained the parish retreat is not a sensitivity-type training session conducted by the psychologist to help people deal with their own emotions.

Group dynamics are happening, he said, but the team is aware of the difference between psychology group sessions and that aspect of life which transcends emotions—the "God area of man's life."

The team feels Christian life

comes alive through common experience. Once new insight is gained into what Christianity is all about, Christian action starts.

Retreat techniques vary, but include general audience, open discussion, smaller group sessions, shared prayer, scripture examination, and community Mass.

The "Movement For A Better World" is an international movement founded in Rome by an Italian Jesuit, Father Ricardo Lombardi, in the 1950s. It came to the United States in the early 60s.

Considerable emphasis is on achieving unity within the Catholic Church.

## Family Center to Aid Legal Aid Service

Auburn — The Cayuga Family Center, 80 North St., has agreed to provide office space and handle telephone service for the planned Legal Aid Service of the Cayuga County Bar Association.

According to the Cayuga Family Center director, Robert McAvoy, agreement has been reached between his agency and James Cuddy of the association. The association voted in October to furnish free legal advice on civil matters to indigent persons. Staff will consist of volunteers from the county bar association. This service will be restricted to certain categories of civil law and is considered an experimental program.

Persons accused of a crime or misdemeanor who cannot afford to hire a lawyer will continue to be represented through the county-financed indigent defender plan.

The family center will make

## Cardinal Delays Viet Trip

New York — (RNS) — Expressing his pastoral concern for parochial school children, Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York has postponed his annual Christmas visit to American servicemen serving overseas because of the current Catholic lay teachers' strike.

The strike, now in its fourth week, was called Nov. 22 by the Federation of Catholic Lay Teachers (FCT) who are represented in about 314 schools in the 10-county New York archdiocese.

Msgr. Eugene B. Clark, archdiocesan director of communications, said that instead of leaving on Dec. 16 as planned, Cardinal Cooke now plans a shorter trip and will leave on Dec. 22. Christmas vacation for parochial school students begins that day.

Msgr. Clark said that because of the cardinal's pastoral concern for the welfare of parochial school children he does not wish to be away from New York while schools are still in session.

space available for Legal Aid service on a one-evening-a-week basis, handle inquiries by indigent persons and schedule appointments. The service will be started this month.

## Physicians Form Anti-Abortion Group

Minneapolis — (RNS)—Eighteen physicians at the University of Minnesota have announced formation of "University Doctors for Life."

Dr. James Moriarty, an assistant professor of neurology, speaking for the group, said the debate on abortions needs help from the medical profession.

"The current arguments both for and against abortion have revolved around ethical, moral and sometimes religious groups," he said. "But the scientific evidence speaks with such clarity that we felt it necessary to summarize that evidence for the Supreme Court."

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For the children: cold weather and snow.

For the mailman: warm weather and dry skies.

For the traditionalists: Christmas dinner of roast goose.

For the innovators: Fettucine Alfredo.

For parental Santa Clauses: short lists to fill.

For the little ones: long stockings to hang.

For the birds: feeders overbrimming.

For the squirrels: a feed box of their own.

For the sentimentalists: Air waves filled with Christmas carols.

For the purists: a modicum of Handel

For the kids: More of the holiday TV specials.

For their parents: another room to escape to.

For the neighbors who just signed a plowing contract: Lots of the white stuff.

For the neighbors who didn't: Sixty degree temperatures.

For our creche: The hope it will survive the handling of the two-year-old (the third child to literally love it to pieces.)

For our family: That none will forget the creche's reminder in the midst of the "merry" aspect of Christmas.

For those with the gift of love: That they will spread it.

For those who are loveless: That they may receive it.

For all men everywhere: Charity of heart and peace of soul and a sense of increasing joy.

The team feels Christian life

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