



## Pals

Patrick O'Hara, pet parakeet of Sister Anne Russell OLCR at Holy Angels Home is tame enough to sit on her shoulder, although he prefers the top of her head. Girls at the home gave Paddy to Sister Anne last May as a Mother's Day present. See centerfold.

## Sisters' Role to Be Subject at Meeting

The Sisters Council is sponsoring a day-long conference for the 1400 Sisters of the diocese Sunday, March 5, at Mercy High School on Blossom Road.

The theme is "Service in the Seventies" and the two main speakers are Father Richard McBrien and Sister Ethne Kennedy.

Father McBrien is an associate professor of Theology at Boston College and visiting professor of Theology at Pope John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Mass.

He is a priest of the archdiocese of Hartford and has had experience as a parish assistant and college chaplain. He obtained his Doctorate in Theology from the Gregorian University in Rome and has taught

at several other colleges and universities, including Loyola University of Chicago's Rome campus, Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas, and Andover Newton Theological School in Newton, Mass.

He has published five books and has published articles and reviews in several professional and popular journals.

Sister Ethne Kennedy, who is coordinator of the National Assembly of Women Religious, was born and educated in New York City. After graduation from Manhattanville College in 1943, she spent a number of years in editorial work, research writing and public relations.



SISTER KENNEDY

She served on the organizational task force for the National Assembly in 1969-70, and as chairman of the Steering Committee, 1970-71. As coordinator of NAWR, Sister Ethne works out of Chicago and is actively involved in speaking engagements for the organization which take her across the U. S.

## Human Development

# \$98,000 Raised In Diocesan Drive

The diocesan Human Development Campaign collection taken up last November fell more than \$30,000 short of the amount raised in 1970.

The grand total for the most recent collection is \$98,482.48, a drop of \$31,354.52 from the first drive.

Father Charles Mulligan, director of the Office of Human Development, gave three reasons for the decline in revenues. He feels the general state of the economy was a significant factor. He said also that "faddism" contributed to the response in 1970, saying that any organization runs into difficulties in its second year.

"The context of large scale social involvement is also lessening," he said. People involved in social issues are "go-

ing to have to be very inner-motivated," he said.

Father Mulligan said that 75 per cent of the money raised locally will be turned over to the national office for distribution to projects in poverty areas. The remaining money will be turned over to local projects, he said.

While none of the money goes to administrative services, he said he hopes for permission from the national office to spend \$3,000 of the funds for promotion.

The Diocese of Rochester maintains the local Office of Human Development and pays the salaries of its personnel.

## K. of C. Donates \$12,500 for Fund for Retarded

The New York State Council, Knights of Columbus presented Bishop Joseph L. Hogan with a check for \$12,500 from their Charitable and Benevolent Fund at the state convention in Rochester Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19-20.

Each bishop in New York state received an equal amount from the fund, which was established three years ago by the Knights to aid the bishops in the religious education of mentally retarded children.

The presentation was made at a Saturday luncheon by James Ruh, state deputy of the Knights of Columbus.

All state officers and district deputies from across New York attended the meeting, the main purpose of which was to launch a membership drive in celebration of the national anniversary of the Knights of Columbus.



FATHER MCBRIEN

Both speakers will address themselves to the role that religious women can play in the mission of the Church. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will celebrate the liturgy and give the homily for the Sisters on that day.

Sister Louise Weber SSJ, of Nazareth College and a member of the Diocesan Sisters' Council, is general chairman.

## Fish... Still Royalty

By CHARLES RANDISI

Time was when fish was something one took home wrapped in old newspaper, and held at arm's length because of the odor. Fish markets were smelly places where one's children would faint at the sight of live lobsters crawling and dead fish eyes staring.

When the Friday abstinence rule was abolished, many people worried over the possible effect on the fish industry. It was assumed that Catholics were the only people who supported the industry, and then only once every seven days. The fish market would soon be as dead as the fish it could not sell.

For those so concerned, there is good news. The industry is reportedly doing better than it did even when the Friday abstinence rule existed.

The Palmer Fish Market at 141 State St. is one of Rochester's largest fish distributors. It sells wholesale to restaurant and supermarkets and also has a retail outlet as well. Dwight S. Palmer, owner, thinks that the lifting of the ban was essentially good for business. "Our business was hurt for the first few weeks, but people soon stopped taking a negative attitude toward fish," said Palmer.

There are other reasons for the recent success of the fish industry. "An idea that has really taken off is the fish and chips restaurant chain business," explained Palmer. "These chains have helped the industry tremendously."

Fish is also popular among dieters. It has a low-calorie, high-protein content that

makes it a perfect food for weight-watchers.

There are 240 marketable varieties of shell, lake, and ocean fish. Advanced technology has made many fish products readily available to the consumer. Aquaculture programs cultivate thousands of oysters and other fish to meet the growing demands.

Fish sales depend on the season. "Though Lent is an excellent time of year for sales, our best sales come the week before Christmas," Palmer said. While most people are busy preparing their Christmas turkeys, many are having fish.

From 1969 to 1970, per capita consumption of fish in the U.S. went from 10.5 to 11 pounds. Although retail sales in Rochester were up 22 per cent last year, nationwide sales



dropped slightly, about 0.3 or 0.4 per cent. This drop was the result of last year's findings of mercury in some fish.

The fish industry needs more government support, Palmer

said, "There are no government laws for the inspection of plants, and we want them." A lack of fishing boats also hinders business. Government subsidies for these boats would help keep the industry going.