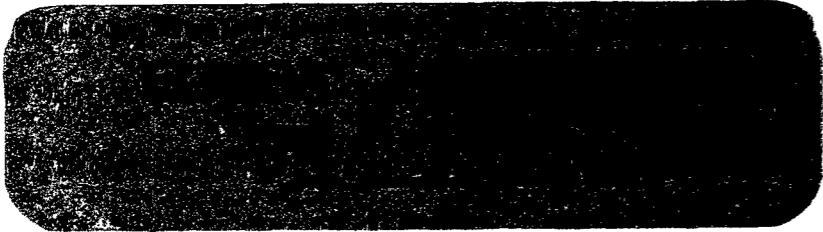




Hospital Dedication

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan contemplates remarks made by Arnold Palmer, golfing great, at dedication ceremonies of the John E. Sullivan Rehabilitation Pavilion at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira. Dr. Arthur S. Abramson, president of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation sits next to the bishop at Sunday dedication.



Heisman Trophy Shown at Hospital

Elmira — In recognition of the opening of the John E. Sullivan Rehabilitation Pavilion at St. Joseph's Hospital permission has been granted to display the Heisman Trophy awarded to Elmira's most outstanding athlete Ernie Davis.

The Elmira Express, as he was known throughout the sporting world, died in 1961 of leukemia. He won the Heisman Trophy the year of his death and had signed to play with the Cleveland Browns.

The trophy, a two-foot high bronze statuette of a running football player on an ebony base was presented to Syracuse University where Davis played his college football, by his mother Mrs. Marie Radford Fleming.

Syracuse University athletic director James Decker, a former Elmira, and Mrs. Fleming gave permission to have the trophy displayed.

4 Areas of Priestly Life To Be Topics of Study

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — The U.S. Catholic bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry has formed four subcommittees to delve more deeply into particular areas of concern — authority, accountability, celibacy and ministry, and research.

Msgr. Colin MacDonald, executive director of the committee's secretariat, said the decision to establish the four groups was based mainly on last year's massive study of priestly life sponsored by the bishops and on priorities established at meetings with bishops throughout the country.

"Authority and the selection of authority," he said, "the accountability of bishops and priests for their performance and ministry, the need for meaningful spirituality and the problem of polarization and discouragement among priests are priorities that surface constantly."

The new subcommittees and their chairmen are:

Authority and its Exercise — Bishop Edward A. McCarthy of Phoenix; Accountability — Bishop James W. Malone of Youngstown, Ohio; Celibacy and Ministry — Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Grady of Chicago; and Research and Scholarship — Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans, who is also chairman of the full 17-member committee.

Encounter Program Growing

Owego — The Marriage Encounter program in Apalachin and here has become a booming success with more than 100 couples expected to participate in the program by the end of the summer.

St. Patrick's Church here and St. Margaret Mary Church in Apalachin are the sponsors of the program.

The Southern Tier encounter project is the largest in the diocese, with the exception of the program in Rochester.

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Sisters Assembly Urges Women in Diaconate

Minneapolis (RNS) — Women should be ordained deacons in the Roman Catholic Church as "a step to full participation in the priesthood," the National Assembly of Women Religious (NAWR) said here.

A resolution adopted by the assembly attended by more than 50 nuns from 46 states called on the U. S. bishops to support the acceptance of women in the diaconate program.

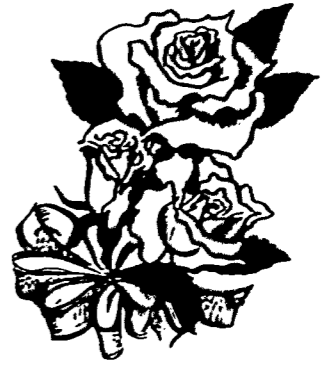
Deacons can perform most of the functions of priests except to celebrate Mass and hear confessions.

The assembly also supported the development of strategies which would enable Catholic Sisters to enter all professions and phases of service "where they may serve society as peers with men."

The NAWR executive board was asked in another resolution to establish official channels of communication with the Vatican's Congregation for Religious "concerning decisions and/or directives pertinent to

the life of religious women in the U.S."

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The Oldest..Largest..and Most Needed

A social commentator recently said that if you don't belong to a "Movement, 'you're just not' with it" today! Whether you agree or disagree is not my purpose here, but this popular idea of "Movement" caught my interest. How appropriately, I thought, this idea of Movement — or people moving together towards a common goal — applies to the Church's Missionary Activity — the oldest — largest — and most needed "Movement" the world has known. Let me elaborate.

The oldest: The message of Christianity is the Good News of man's FREEDOM as a son of God. This "Liberation movement (Salvation history) began with God in the OLD TESTAMENT and was fulfilled in Christ, the Savior and Redeemer who freed us from sin, ignorance, and gave us the power to transcend every human oppression. St. Paul repeatedly says to the early Christians: "Freedom is what we have — Christ has set us free." (Gal. 5: 1)

The largest: This life-giving message of freedom, fulfilled in Christ, continues in each of us through our membership in the Body of Christ today — the Church. The mission Our Lord gave to His first followers — to go out and "free" the whole world is OUR mission today. It hasn't changed; only the means and methods change with the times.

The most needed: With the rapid advances of today's transportation and communications, our world is rightly called a "global village," but to our shame it is an oppressing village for two thirds of its peoples, still enslaved by the mercilessness of poverty, hunger, disease, despair, and indifference.

Unlike the early Christians, we may not be called to give witness to our faith through persecutions or martyrdom; to celebrate the liturgy in secret catacombs; or to live in constant fear of being "found out" because we proclaim a freedom no earthly power can give or take away. We may not recognize, as readily, the Spirit "moving" us, freeing us, and calling us to action. But the Spirit IS very much alive in His Church, in His mission, and in each one of us, who is open to Him. Does the Spirit not move us to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord?"

Like the first missionaries, who certainly needed the sacrificing witness, prayers, and encouragement of their fellow-Christians, so do today's missionaries need the kind of witness, support, and encouragement each of us can give!

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