

Rochester Bishop 16 Turns Up

A couple of years ago, when the diocese celebrated its 100th anniversary, it proudly announced that it had given 15 bishops to the Church.

Last week Bishop Number 16 turned up.

An anonymous friend mailed the Courier a newspaper entitled "Latin America Calls", published by the division for Latin America of the United States Catholic Conference.

There on Page 1 was Bishop Nicolas D'Antonio Salza of the prelature of Olancho, Honduras. The story said that Bishop D'Antonio was originally from Rochester.

A phone call to the pastoral office couldn't verify that.

But some hard digging by Father Joseph Reinhart, director of the local mission office, did turn up some background on the prelate.

He first referred to a directory of bishops published in Rome. The directory listed Bishop D'Antonio as being born in Rochester. The City must be highly esteemed in the Eternal

City that they never confuse it with that place in Minnesota, or that one in England.

A missionaries' directory added that the Honduran bishop was a member of the Immaculate Heart Province of the Franciscans. Father Reinhart then called the Provincial House in New York City.

Verified: Bishop D'Antonio was indeed born in Rochester, N.Y., to Pasquale and Josephine Salza D'Antonio, and baptized at St. Anthony's Church in 1916.

His family moved to Baltimore, Md., sometime before he made his first communion. The bishop was ordained in 1942 and consecrated a bishop in 1966.

The story in "Latin America Calls", the March issue, follows:

Six landless Honduran farmworkers were killed by an Army Security Corps while staging a protest demonstration on unused farmlands the laborers claim had been illegally acquired by wealthy landowners.

Some 95 members of the Security Corps fired on 40 farmworkers and their families kill-

ing six men and wounding a sergeant who later died while enroute to a hospital in the capital. The land occupations were prompted by hunger currently experienced by thousands of Honduran farmworkers.

The demonstration was also sparked by dissatisfaction with the National Land Institute which workers say is dragging its feet on land redistribution and aid for farmworkers.

Bishop Nicolas D'Antonio of Olancho, originally from Rochester, New York, termed the killings an "incredible massacre" and called the victims "modern martyrs of a fast-changing world." The bishop told parishioners at a memorial Mass that their blood was not in vain because "the fruits of their sacrifice will soon be harvested."

Bishop D'Antonio was referring to a grassroots movement for agricultural reform and land redistribution which has received support from Church-related programs in his diocese and throughout Honduras.

34TH SETON

The 34th Seton Branch of St. Mary's Hospital will hold its Spring picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seuffert, 730 Beach Avenue at 4 p.m. June 17. Hundreds of members are invited.



Counselor Tom Koester with William Boop, left, and Jeffrey Horka, winners of the Camp Stella Maris essay contest.

Winners Listed At Stella Maris

The six winners of free stays at Camp Stella Maris were announced at an open house at the camp last week.

The winners are Patti Messner, Lori Kock, William G. Boop and Bill Segelin, all from the Rochester area; Ellen Hainey of Geneseo and Jeffrey Horka of Waverly. It was announced by Father Joseph D'Aurizio, director of Catholic Charities.

About 1,200 persons attended the open house at the camp on Conesus Lake. Escorted tours were conducted by seminarians and Sisters who will be counselors, providing explanation of the facilities and a chance for campers and counselors to get acquainted.

According to Father D'Aurizio, John Forte, a local restaurateur, provided about 500 chicken barbecues.

At a meeting of the advisory committee the same day, a sailboat was approved for the camp this year, adding a new program. Those participating will have to be excellent swimmers and will be carefully screened in the interest of safety, according to Father D'Aurizio.

There will be weekly encampments for girls, beginning Aug. 6, Aug. 13 and Aug. 20. Sisters of Mercy will be in charge.

Six weekly boys' encampments are scheduled beginning June 25, July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23 and July 30. Counselors will be seminarians from St. Bernard's, Becket Hall and other seminaries.

Reservations may be made by contacting Camp Stella Maris, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester 14604 or by calling 454-2636.

More Letters

Women Can't Be Priests

Editor:

Father Atwell does a disservice to Courier readers in attempting to play the role of a prophet of the New Testament, deploring the indifference of the Church to women, even to the extent of refusing them one of the sacraments — the priesthood. Father Atwell might better have given the readers of the Courier a correct understanding of the place woman occupies, and always has occupied, in the Church of Christ.

It is, and always has been Church teaching that the highest place in heaven is occupied by a woman. Mary is Queen of the angels and saints. She is superior by nature and grace to all men. Jesus, her Son, while he took the form of a man, is a divine person, not a human person, although he has a human nature. Mary is superior to every human person. The Church's teaching on the Immaculate Conception, Divine maternity, fullness of grace, assumption into Heaven and coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven has done more to put woman in her proper perspective in society than all the campaigning that the Women's Liberation Movement can, or ever will, do to give the world a proper understanding of woman, her dignity, her place in society, her role in the salvation of mankind. It was because of Christian reverence for the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, "our tainted nature's solitary boast", that woman was placed on a pedestal during the ages of chivalry to receive the homage of all men until the sanctity of Mary was denied and her image destroyed by the Reformers of the 16th Century.

It was the implementation of the teaching of the Church of her Divine Founder on marriage that raised woman from the degradation she suffered under paganism, and even under Judaism, and made her the equal of her husband; the mother of the family, not just the mother of some of the children in the family as when she lived in a harem or when polygamy was the rule in society.

As for the cruelty of the Church and its traditional contempt for women as evidenced through its denial of one of the sacraments to women, it seems that the

blame for the exclusion of women from the priesthood will have to be laid squarely on the shoulders of Christ himself. He simply did not make any provision for women in the priesthood. Just as he never made any man to be a mother or any woman to be a father, so when he selected 12 men to be His Apostles and first priests, he seemingly intended that this was to be man's role in the Church, heading the family of the faithful as he heads the family in the home. Why did Christ choose to appear in the flesh as a man, instead of as a woman? Perhaps because a "father" is one who gives life. All life comes from God; therefore, God is pictured as a "man". The Son also gives life. Therefore, He came into the world as a man. The priesthood is the extension of the person, the priesthood of Christ. Priests are "other Christs". Perhaps that is why the Master intended that His priests should be men. The image of Christ as a man means that his priests, 'the other Christs' should be men, too.

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Priest Praises Bishop's Action

Editor:

I would like to express strong disagreement and disappointment with the letter of John Morrell in the (Courier-Journal 6-7-72) criticizing Bishop Hogan's efforts for peace. I find the letter judgmental and harsh, destructive and capable of producing no good whatever — except perhaps to vent the writer's anger.

I do not see this war coming to an end, but only escalating. Therefore, I welcome every act of every person who opposes it non-violently with moral pressure and direct action. What Bishop Hogan did or did not do five years ago does not invalidate what he does today. If Mr. Morrell applied the same harsh norm to himself and the rest of the adult population, how would any of us fare?

I, for one, would like to publicly thank and congratulate Bishop Hogan for his leadership in difficult times.

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