

Principals Pass Inner City Resolution

The Rochester Association of Catholic School Administrators held their last meeting for the

school year recently at St. Boniface School. The meeting was mostly to wrap up the year's

activities but there were new items for discussion and approval.

The resolution also suggested that "priests, sisters and lay people be involved in formulating priorities for the diocese, that these priorities be carefully weighed and evaluated, that finally these priorities be explained and communicated for all interested members" of the diocese.

on instruction for religious education teachers.

Bishop Urges Education Review

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan expressed gratitude over the positive response to his challenge to all in the diocese to help the poor, and issued a new challenge at last week's Priests' Council meeting.

He asked the Department of Education and the regional coordinators of the Division of Religious Education to devise a new system of religious education for the people of the diocese.

No decisions came out of the council's last meeting until August, though reports by a wide variety of groups kept discussion moving.

Father Raymond Booth, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and spokesman for the Council of Inner City Parishes, who recently protested Bishop Hogan's decision on the inner city school budget, attended the meeting to plead the case of the poor.

He reminded the council of its avowed commitment to the inner city parishes, and charged that CICP's "reams of proposals"

presented to the council last fall, "have not been effectively handled."

"We are asking that leadership and accountability be taken as seriously by others in the Church, as they have been by the CICP," Father Booth said.

He maintained that the recent crisis situation put the poor in a position of begging, and asked for a resolution from the Finance Committee for a "reasonable percentage of the budget to go to inner city parishes to all the poor self-determination."

Father Daniel Tormey, chaplain of Northside Hospital, then recommended Saul Alinsky, the recently deceased community organizer, to the priests' prayers. Father Tormey praised Alinsky as "the first to jar the Christian conscience to the poor of Rochester."

Four representatives of the education department presented an outline for a program of total parish religious education.

Sister James Lynch, assistant
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A large part of the discussion centered on a resolution on inner city schools that was passed unanimously by the principals. It will be given to the Pastoral Office, the Sisters' Council, the Priests' Council, and the Council of Inner City Parishes (CICP).

In the resolution, the principals said, in part, "The principals of the Rochester parochial schools regret the decision of the Pastoral Office to cut back the subsidy allotted to the inner city schools. We regret the injustice caused the people by the delayed decision."

After the resolution final reports from different committees were read. Sister Virginia Steinwachs presented the report from the Public Relations Committee. Sister Roberta Tierney talked about the meeting of the Federation of Catholic School Administrators, and Sister Eleanor Volpe, outgoing chairman, spoke

Sister Irene Gardner, diocesan testing moderator, gave a special report on testing. The adoption of the Scholastic Testing System, a kind of alternative to IQ tests, was discussed.

The association's new officers are Sister Virginia Steinwachs, chairman; Sister John Bosco Boss, vice chairman; Sister Joan Rabida, secretary; Sister St. Luke Hardy, treasurer.

The association held its annual dinner on June 13 at the Royal Scot Restaurant.

G/FL to Begin Diocesan Study

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Occupying the top floor of the contemporary, glass-fronted structure that is wedged tightly between the old brick buildings of South Fitzhugh Street in downtown Rochester, is the Genesee/Finger Lakes Planning Board (G/FL) — and the future of the Rochester Diocese.

Father William Flynn, assistant chancellor, recently informed the Priests' Council that a contract with the G/FL had been approved by diocesan legal advisors and a 90-day, \$3500 study of the diocese is scheduled to begin in early July.

Father Flynn explained that many dioceses in the country are turning to professional planners for an appraisal of their own

effectiveness and future problems.

"Too often we work from a crisis situation," he said. "Planning will help foresee problems, before we are hit with them." The new diocesan budget sets aside \$10,000 for planning.

"A planner is not a decision maker," Father Flynn added. "He collects data, projects growth and problem areas and relates the data to the ministries involved to enable informed decisions."

G/FL began five years ago to deal with problem areas that overlap the boundaries of the following eight counties: Genesee, Livingston, Ontario, Monroe, Orleans, Seneca, Warren, Yates.
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Room in Your Heart?

13-year-old Linda, a petite, blonde-haired teenager, is an 8th grade student in one of Rochester's suburban schools where she shows average abilities and interest in business subjects.

Due to family problems she is unable to live in her natural parents' home and is temporarily with substitute parents until Catholic Family Center finds a more permanent foster home.

Linda, like many teenagers, still needs attention and affection of adults much the same as younger children. Yet, she requires a different style of discipline which is firm, consistent and coupled with open discussion and reasoning with her. She has shown progress in the last few months in accepting the rules set for her by adults especially since she had some part in their making.

Linda enjoys an active social life with other teenagers and is interested in record collecting, dancing, dating and the makeup and fad dress styles of her age group.

Foster parents interested in helping Linda sort out ideas about her life, a future career and her relationships with her family and other adults, will feel a definite sense of accomplishment in several years.

For more information about her or about being foster parents call Diane Lenzo at the Catholic Family Center (716) 546-7220 or Miss Mary Lou Miller at the Monroe County Department of social services (716) 442-4000, extension 2409.



A Moment of Prayer

Photo by Laurence E. Keele

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan says Mass with Msgr. Francis Burns at Holy Angels Home in Rochester in ceremonies marking Msgr. Burns' 50 years as a priest and 42 years as an unofficial chaplain to girls there. In front of a crowd of 350 people, the Bishop praised Msgr. Burns' "superabundance of kindness." Father Joseph Reinhart was assisting deacon at the Saturday celebration, which was followed by a buffet dinner.