



Candlelight

Photo by Laurence E. Keele

Parishioners hold up lighted candles in darkened Holy Family church in Rochester during Mass and procession that ended the parish's annual novena to Good St. Anne, mother of Our Lady. July 25 Mass was celebrated by Msgr. George J. Schmitt, Fathers Richard Brickler and Joseph Reinhart.

Drive Launched To Seek Help for Flooded Schools

SEE CENTERFOLD

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan has urged all diocesans to support a statewide effort to change federal legislation to provide aid for private schools damaged by this summer's floods.

The effort was launched by the Catholic schools of Elmira and Corning and will be centered in a letter-writing drive to urge United States senators and congressmen to amend the Office of Emergency Preparedness Law to allow for such disaster aid.

Bishop Hogan in a pastoral letter to be read at all Masses in the diocese next Saturday and Sunday, said:

"Our private Catholic school systems in Elmira and Corning, pioneers in the diocese in consolidation and in offering innovative educational leadership, are urgently needed. The continuance of their services requires, in addition to assistance meeting structural and equipment losses, prompt and substantial grants to cover the cash-flow deficits in operating budgets arising from the economic losses to the families who have been in the case of private schools, their sole support.

The Bishop added:

"Many thoughtful persons are fearful that this latter need will not be considered in pending legislation, or incredibly that old cliches may be used to deprive private, Religious-oriented schools of all disaster aid.

"As an American and as a Churchman I can scarcely believe that such discrimination could assert itself in times of tragedy. As long as there is even a remote possibility of such injustice being perpetrated whether by oversight or by intent I urge you to act now at this time when disaster legislation is pending in the U. S. Congress."

In addition, statewide support for the letter drive will be sought through the State Catholic Committee in Albany.

V. Thomas Agan, president of the Chemung County General Education Board, Dr. Thomas Curran, a member of the board, and Judge John D. Frawley, president of the Notre Dame High School Board of Governors, called for changes in the law in a special summation of damage to the schools as well as a report on how they were used as public service in recovery efforts.

Dr. Curran, former president of the Chemung County Catholic school board, pointed out the grants are needed "to cover the cash flow deficit in the operating budgets due to the parents' losses in the disaster. This is the least obvious but most important need."

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Bishop Urges All To Back Effort

My dear people:

As the days pass since the beginning of the devastation caused by the flood waters in the Southern Tier of our diocese, new and disturbing facets of the tragedy come forcefully to our attention. While valiant and generous efforts have been directed to the survival problems of individuals and families, to the removal of unimaginable tons of refuse and to the restoration of public facilities required for human security, it must not be thought that this is the full measure of "emergency relief."

An educational crisis of massive proportions and implications now emerges. In the Corning-Elmira areas many schools suffered serious damage. The flood was not selective. It inundated both public and private schools, the homes of their students, and the businesses of many parents.

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Diocesan Appointments



New Pastor Appointed

Father Stanley Farier, SVD, to be pastor of St. Lucy's Church, Rochester.

Special Assignment

Father Peter Bayer, from associate pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, to the Office of Human Development.



FATHER FARIER New Pastor Appointed

The pastoral office has announced the appointment of the diocese's first black pastor, Father Stanley Farier, SVD, to St. Lucy's parish in Rochester.

A graduate student in the theology of Ethics and Society at the University of Chicago since 1969, Father Farier was also involved in pastoral work on the South and West sides of Chicago.

He entered the Society of the Divine Word in 1950, and completed four years of study at the minor seminary at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

A native of the British West Indies, Father Farier was born in 1933 on the island of St. Kitts.

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