Knights Meet

More than 100 district deputies attended the Knights of Columbus recent state convention in Rochester. Standing with the deputies in the photo above, in white jackets, are officers of the organization (l.-r.) Eugene Finucane, state program director; John Pascicci, state treasurer; James A. Ruh, state deputy, Stephen Cushing, past state deputy; Anthony Caramele, state secretary; Carmine Caifano, state warden; Bill Murphy, warden to the state deputy; and Doc Pellitieri of the Charitable and Benevolent program. (Right) Ruh is formally installed at a concelebrated Mass as state deputy by Father Eugene O'Loughlin. (Photos by James Heffernan)

Flood Recovery Program Draws 19 Sponsor Churches

The people of six churches have begun working with specific Southern Tier families in the flood recovery program launched by the Genesee Ecumenical Ministry.

Representatives of 13 other congregations have appointments to meet families and discuss their needs.

The "adopt-a-family" program is designed to help the neediest home owners to rebuild, where this is feasible. The adopting congregation finds the manpower — electricians, plumbers, carpenters — to use materials available through government agencies.

The Office of Human Development, coordinating the operation, said the following churches had started work: St. Agnes, Avon; St. Mary's, Dansville; St. Leo's, Hilton; the Lutheran Church of Concord, Greece; Greece Baptist and First Baptist, Penfield.

Parishes committed to the program include Holy Name, St. Margaret Mary, St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Ambrose, all in the Rochester area; St. Margaret Mary, Apalachin; St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca; St. Januarius, Naples; Parma Baptist, Walker Baptist and West Henrietta Baptist; the United Church of Christ, Honeoye; Convent United Methodist and Elmgrove United Baptist.

Fr. Collins Ordination

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Then he went through the urban training center in Chicago. Part of his Chicago training included a "plunge" into the city and living on three dollars for a week.

After completing this training, Father Collins was assigned to the Archdiocese of Chicago's Catholic Charities program. He worked out of three parishes with changing neighborhoods in the Organization for a Better Austin, a community on the northwest side of Chicago. He helped the people there in combatting real estate panic pedlers.

In his last years as a deacon he taught at Damien High School in La Verne, Cal.

His first assignment as a Priest is at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Rochester, where Father Collins is an associate pastor.

Final Vows

Sister Monica Loughlin professed final vows July 30 as a Sister of the Blessed Sacrament. The ceremony took place at the Motherhouse in Cornwells Heights, Pa. Sister Monica is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gerald Loughlin of 1053 Davis St. Elmira. She is a graduate of Notre Dame High School, D'Youville College in Buffalo and Xavier University in New Orleans. Her congregation, founded by Mother Katharine Drexel, has 61 missions in innercity areas, the rural South and western reservations.

What Do You Think . . .

About the Draft Amnesty?

By CHARLES RANDISI

Random House Dictionary defines amnesty as "a general pardon for offenses against a government."

The issue of amnesty for men who left the country to escape the draft and the war is important to politicians and private citizens alike. President Nixon has said he's against it, and Sen. George McGovern and the Democratic Party's platform are in favor of it, once the war ends.

Last week I asked several people this question: "What do you think of amnesty for those men who have left the country to escape the draft?"

Tom VanHeuben, a former student at Marquette University, said, "I'm in favor of amnesty. When they (draft dodgers) left the country, they thought they were doing what was morally right. After all, they didn't hurt anybody. They haven't disrupted the government. If they provided Communists with information on missile sites, then I wouldn't be too keen on amnesty.

"A lot of other people who had higher lottery numbers or medical reasons lucked out," he continued.

Mrs. Thomas VanHeuben, Tom's mother, and a parishioner at Corpus Christi said, "I get upset over draft dodgers. Of course I can't blame anybody who in good conscience had to leave the country. But it gets me if they leave the country just to dodge the issue and their responsibilities.

"Now that the war is almost over, everybody wants to pass out suckers," she said. "I think that if they don't like us well enough to support our policies, and if Canada treats them better, let them stay there."

Tom O'Connor, a graduate of Steubenville College in Ohio, said, "I believe that anyone who has left the country to escape the draft deserves amnesty, no matter what he has done. No one should be so almighty as to judge another person's moral actions."

Patricia Dobosz, an alumna of Nazareth Academy and Geneseo State College, said, "I would say to the draft dodgers, 'You decided to leave the country, so why should we let you back in?' They were afraid to do their duty for their country, and now they want us to forgive them. I don't think they should be let back into the U.S. at all, and if they are, let them do some kind of reparation to the government."

Mozambique Bishop Visits Rochester

By JOHN DASH

The Mozambique word for "welcome to our house" is "inhambane"

That word is also painted on the store-front office of Rochester's branch of the Propagation of the Faith.

The Bishop of the Diocese of Inhambane, Bishop Ernesto Costa, was in that office last week and related the story that when Portuguese explorer Vasco DaGama set foot in Mozambique in 1498, the natives greeted him with the word inhambane.

But this story's really about the smiling soft-spoken bishop who thought even a rainy Rochester was a "beautiful city" of gardens and flowers and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Bishop Costa, a Portuguese Franciscan, who has headed the Diocese of Inhambane for the past 10 years, spoke to us about the colonial status of Mozambique.

"Many countries meeting in the United Nations want independence of Mozambique from Portugal," he said. "But independence should come from the people of Mozambique themselves, not foreign countries."

"In Mozambique, the people want only to live in peace and work," he said.

He explained that "Portugal has always been humanitarian in respect to native communities." He said there have been no expulsions or keeping of native populations in reservations, "not like South Africa".

Bishop Costa estimates that there are 7 million blacks and about 200,000 whites in Mozambique, and when asked how many blacks held positions of responsibility, answered not many, "but Mozambique is mainly an agricultural nation."

He also said that blacks are now taking professional positions. "Development is for both whites and blacks," he said.

On the relationship of the Portuguese government to the Church in Mozambique, the bishop answered an unasked question.

He made a strong point that schools in the bush country are run mainly by missions, and that they are educating about 5 million people.

"The Portugese government gives support to pay teachers," he said.

Bishop Costa will preach this weekend in Paterson, N.J., and then he will visit relatives in Philadelphia.

Fathers Daniel McCarthy and Martin Gomes, both Sacred Heart priests, sit outside Ss. Peter and Paul rectory.

New Assignments

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did have some impressions of the Rochester community. However, he told this reporter that he woud not say what they were "because you would print them."

They did say that they liked the work the diocese was trying to do. Father Gomes said, "The spirit of the diocese offers hope. It is an outward-looking diocese."

Father McCarthy replaces Father William Davis, SSCC, as pastor. Father Davis has been appointed pastor of Holy Trinity Church, in West Harwich.

Father William Penderghest, SSCC, former associate pastor of Ss. Peter an Paul, has been appointed associate pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Harlingen, Tex.