

Priests View Salaries

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much more responsibility than others and should be justly compensated.

A special worker, Father William J. Graf, homiletics professor at St. Bernard's did not want to talk about priests' finances, explaining, "I don't think money is that important. It is unfortunate this is where we always begin and end."

He did agree with the other priests contacted that there are inequities "but they are not deliberate, they are due to the rise in the cost of living, some priests have family responsibilities and newly ordained have college loans that are impossible to pay on the present salary scale."

Father Graf added he was glad for the questionnaire "It shows an intelligent approach, but I

hope we don't get bogged down talking about it for a year," he added.

An associate pastor, Father Eugene Weis of St. Salome's, who said he is not at all dissatisfied now, believes that the situation is "we need a raise if we are to provide assistance for elderly parents and provide for our own retirement."

Another special worker, chaplain of Rochester Institute of Technology, Father Gerald J. Appleby also was pleased by the care and planning the questionnaire showed and agreed there is a need for revision of priests' finances after so many years of rising costs.

But Father Appleby also admitted he was not interested enough to read the report. He is satisfied as the finances stand.

Tureen Supper Slated at St. Thomas

St. Thomas the Apostle Rosary Society will host a tureen supper in the school hall on Wednesday evening, Sept. 20, immediately following 5:30 p.m. Mass. All women of the parish are invited and are asked to bring a dish for the buffet, together with their favorite recipes, to be incorporated in a society cookbook to be published within the next few months.

Chairladies of this event are Mrs. Rosemary Dorsey, Mrs. Mary Ochs and Mrs. Jean Huber.

Chairlady of the cookbook publication is Mrs. Jane Riester. Reservations for the tureen supper will be accepted through Sunday, Sept. 17 by contacting band leaders of the society or any one of the above chairladies.

Father Farier Welcomed

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Father Farier, in Rochester for about six weeks, long enough to be called "Father Stan" by everyone, says Rochester is growing on him. "It's small and you can see what's going on."

He came here from Chicago where he was a graduate student in theology of Ethics and Society at the University of Chicago since 1969.

As for his plans in the parish and the community he said, "The thing now is to start a youth center."

There is a parish-owned building that will be used as a center for recreation and also hoped, educational programs in academics, social concerns and political knowledge, he said.

DR. BERGMAN

Dr. Abraham Bergman, president of the New York City Chapter of the National Foundation for Sudden Infant Death, will address the Genesee Valley chapter at their meeting on Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. It will be held in the Board of Directors Conference Room of Lincoln Rochester Bank, 183 Main St. E.

BISHOP'S SOUTHERN TIER FLOOD RELIEF FUND

Disaster Loans Available For Retirees in Flood

The Small Business Administration urges all retired persons living on fixed incomes who suffered a loss in the June 23 flood to visit an SBA office and apply for a disaster loan.

An SBA spokesman said it is believed some retired homeowners who are eligible for disaster assistance have not applied because they fear having to meet burdensome loan payments. However, the SBA pointed out, in hardship cases disaster loan repayment may be waived, except for a 1 per cent interest payment.

The SBA gave this example: A retired couple in their 70s and living on Social Security owned a house valued at \$18,000, free and clear. They suffered flood damage amounting to \$10,000 on the house and \$7,000 to personal property.

Their SBA loan can be for the entire \$17,000, of which the first \$5,000 is forgiven. Under ordinary circumstances, they would have up to 30 years to pay off the remaining \$12,000 at 1 per cent interest.

Under SBA's hardship provision, however, the payment on principal can be waived for five years, and the only payment would be the 1 per cent interest — in this case, \$10 a month.

At the end of the first five years, if the hardship still exists,

the principal payments may be waived for another five years. This review is made every five years during the life of the husband and wife, and may be made for as long as either is alive.

SBA said all loans that contain these special hardship provisions will be secured by a lien on real estate.

All persons who believe they might be eligible for the hardship provision on an SBA loan, or who have further questions, are urged to visit the nearest SBA office and file a loan application before the Sept. 30 deadline.

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