

Human Development Office Names Education Director

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Freshly out of the University of Ottawa's Department of Religious Studies with almost a doctorate in social-pastoral theology, (thesis not quite complete), Joseph Torma is director of the Office of Human Development's (OHD) education projects.

His job will be coordinating social concern training programs for parish councils Human Development committees sponsored by the OHD and the diocesan Office of Education.

The thrust of the seven session training program developed by OHD is three fold. The first two sessions set a theological base; secondly, social problem specialists are brought in; and third, the parish Human Development Committee researches a social issue so they have solid facts to act on.

"All this adds up to making the Human Development committee an effective stimulator of a Christian community on the parish level," said Torma.

The tall, lean, red haired education director is a native of Ashtabula, Ohio. He spoke of a recent meeting with Year of Renewal director, Father Daniel Holland.

"Father Holland's thrust is to get the whole diocese to realize the Church has a social mission and this must be begun on the parish level, and he is promoting this through the year of renewal."

"We must expand our notion of what Church charity involves," Torma maintains. "If I take a Christmas basket to the poor that is Christian charity. But what if I do something that makes a Christmas basket unnecessary?" he asks.

Since the diocese is going through renewal and restructuring, Torma said he will be working with regional co-ordinators. "To run the program will involve making them aware of

where the program fits in," he said.

One parish will be selected in each region of the diocese for the training program, except in the case of the Chemung-Schuy-

ler region and the Steuben region, where two programs will be offered because of the serious flood related problems there.

Parishes that want to have the program should apply to the regional human development co-ordinator. Training programs are expected to begin in October.

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Knights, Masons Hold Steak Roast

Canandaigua — The Knights of Columbus and the Masons held their seventh annual steak roast on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The event began at 2 p.m. with games of horseshoes and softball being played at the Roseland Park site of the picnic.

Fathers William Charbonneau and Roy Kiggins, and Deacon Joseph Hart of St. Mary's were guests. Chairmen of the affair were James Barnett and Floyd Johnson.

The K of C and Masons com-

bine efforts frequently during the year. They co-sponsor fund-raising events and donate money to various community activities. Last year close to \$1,000 was raised for the Canandaigua Emergency Squad, and money was given to various volunteer organizations, including the Frank Baker football and baseball little leagues. The steak roast, however, was strictly a social function, one of two held annually.

A more formal get-together, with wives included, is a dance, also held once a year.

Band's Enthusiasm Proves Contagious

By PAT BOLAND

Canandaigua — There is something besides prize winning music that St. Mary's Band generates, and that is enthusiasm. What's more, it is highly contagious. Everyone connected with the band, directors, drivers, parents, and members, is 100 percent involved and loving every minute of it. And some weeks that's a lot of minutes — as many as four days. If you think that this is an exaggeration, listen to the history of this unusual group.

The band was started three years ago by Sister Rita Malone, then music teacher at St. Mary's. An offshoot of the concert band, it was to be a summertime activity. The marching band made its first public appearance that spring in the Canandaigua Memorial Day Parade. "Pretty ragged, is what we were then," present directors say. But the Canandaigua Mutual Hook and Ladder Fire Co. didn't think so. They asked the band to march with and represent them in other parades.

For three years the band has been marching — and well.

This summer they played in 17 parades and placed among the winners in 12 of them.

But I am getting ahead of myself; we were speaking of their contagious enthusiasm. Probably the best example of this is David Skinner, whose hobby is playing the trumpet. One night the band was practicing on the streets of Canandaigua. It marched by Skinner's house. He liked what he heard so much, he grabbed his horn and followed. He's been helping with the group ever since.

That is another facet of the band — its helpers. Besides Skinner, there is Robert Aman, teacher of music in a Rochester school who volunteers his services as summer music director; Don Clark, assistant director, whose special area is the color guard; Dick Perron, the director, who coordinates the whole affair and who can't tell you often enough, "It's the kids' band. They're terrific."

There are countless others: parents, who provide transportation; Father Charbonneau, pastor, who showed up at a parade in Seneca Falls to cheer and found himself involved in a three mile "walk;" and Sister Mary Alma, principal, and the sisters at the school.

Lest you think that parade marching is just a lot of fun, these 52 children practice two evenings a week and often march in two parades the same week. And, as Perron pointed out, they are very often working in 92 degree weather.

They are all in grades 4-8, yet in competitive marching they have won first place eight times this summer, second place three times, third place once, and some honorable mentions. In these contests they have competed against all age levels, including high school groups. The prizes are generally cash and go to the band fund, which keeps the group pretty much self-supporting.

Proud of these achievements, other organizations in Canandaigua have lent support. The American Legion donated the rifles used in the newly formed color guard. The K of C donated the pom-poms.

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