

# The Role of Human Development

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

"The Year of Renewal efforts call for the development of parish councils with a human development committee as part of its structure," explained Father Philip J. Billotte, associate pastor, Sacred Heart Church, and interim co-ordinator for the Human Development Committee for the Auburn Region, comprising Seneca and Cayuga Counties.

"Regionalism calls for a core Human Development team comprised of a few representatives with expertise in human development to eventually work with an expanded committee to be comprised of representatives from each parish," he continued.

Father Billotte is filling the role of Regional Coordinator for Human Development temporarily. He replaces Father Lewis Brown who was recently transferred from St. Alphonsus in Auburn to St. Ann's in Hornell.

Interviewed prior to his transfer, Father Brown reflected, "The Church has always been involved with the poor, but often through institutions which were run by the professional Church. The layman felt he did his share through handing in his envelope, but the Church must explode with its people going out from the church into the community to bring hope. One way for the laity to become more involved will be through the activities of Human Development committees, regional and parish, as councils become established."

Father Billotte explained Human Development was emphasized three years ago through the initiation of an annual Thanksgiving Human Development Campaign.

Fourth article in a series explaining the goals of the Year of Renewal in Cayuga and Seneca Counties and introducing personnel involved.

## Year of Renewal



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Father Billotte outlined the functions of the Human Development team as educational, research and activity.

Immediate educational goals include a Speaker's Bureau to speak in the parishes on human development aspects of the Year of Renewal.

Father explained community research would be aimed at the identification of unresolved needs and holding existing structures up to the light to see if they

are serving as best they could. Programs are not to duplicate existing ones, but rather the experience of the team would be available to parishes to facilitate community and person to person service. A survey should be made to determine what the resources are in terms of buildings, people and programs.

The activity arm of the committee could possibly find legitimate involvement in all social concerns from housing issues, medical resources to the concerns of the elderly and youth.

Examples of helping projects include "Operation Clean-up" which sent volunteers to assist in the door to door clean up in the Corning flood area. This was followed by "Operation Rebuild" which involves volunteer groups assisting a family reconstruct its home.

Twenty five percent of the monies raised in a particular county is disbursed locally. In Cayuga County the team consisted of members from several parishes working with Fathers Brown and Billotte. The remainder of the funds collected are forwarded to the National Human Development Campaign Office in Washington which allocates funds nationwide based on overall priorities and in keeping with the philosophy of fighting poverty through self help action.

Father Billotte indicated the Auburn Regional Human Development team has incorporated the Cayuga Human Development committee which is in the process of expanding its regional representation. A representative from Seneca County will soon join the regional core team which includes James Schmidt from St. Mary's, Auburn, and Director of CCAP (Cayuga County Action Program): Barbara Parson, St. Patrick's, Moravia, and Housing specialist with CCAP: James Donnelly, St. Alphonsus, and with Auburn Social Services: Gerald Leory, St. John's in Port Byron; Mary Rafferty, St. Patrick's Aurora, and Robert Wenzel, Sacred Heart, Auburn.

"Human Development is an integral part of the Church," commented Father Billotte. "We must come to understand this concept more fully in order to live in our world as Christians. It is more than words and thoughts that make Christianity. It is also action."

## SRO for Latin Mass

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — The response to the Latin Mass offered at Sacred Heart Church, Saturday, Oct. 28 by the pastor, Father Raymond Wahl, was overwhelming, standing room only.

In keeping with the goals of the diocesan "Year of Renewal", Father Edward Palumbos, coordinator for the Regional Liturgy Committee, commented, "I am pleased there was enough interest in our community to sponsor a Latin liturgy. While this type of celebration is no longer the norm for our Church, it is good to draw upon our rich tradition to better appreciate where we are today. I think that in celebrating the Eucharist in

the mother tongue of the Church, we are reminded of her universality as well as her past."

Father Wahl commented he hoped the efforts of all involved as appreciated by the young as they recognize the growth of liturgy in the past 10 years, as well as the not so young who still have a deep feeling for the liturgy of the past.

The Liturgy Committee of Sacred Heart which usually selects hymns and makes recommendations for English variations, turned the task over to Mr. Paul Guido, director of the St. Alphonsus choir for this particular occasion. The musical selections required research into the old Church calendar.

## Better World Schedules Poverty Supper

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — A simple prayer service will be incorporated into the Family Poverty Supper scheduled for Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Alphonsus School Cafeteria.

"The supper is being sponsored by the Better World Movement participants as an opportunity for the Christian community to gather and pray together," explained Sister Mary Ellen Bossack. "We are seeking out new participants to keep alive the spirit of the Better World Movement and move forward towards a more unified Christian community."

Committee chairman, Edward Falsey explained the supper will symbolize the poverty that is in the world today at this season of Thanksgiving when the emphasis is on the bountiful. It will symbolize all are poor in spirit before the Lord and as a sign of simplicity in our complex daily lives.

The Better World group plans monthly celebrations and programs to deepen spirituality and provide increased avenues for sharing among Christians.

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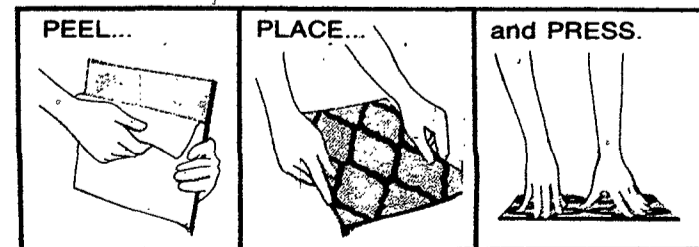
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