



'Handy' Religion

Fourth graders in Miss Marianne Villa's class at Holy Apostle school wave their hands after putting up a bulletin board on the idea of the "Serving Church," which they studied in the diocesan paper on the "Mission of the Church to the Diocese of Rochester."

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At Mercy Parish:

Job Well Done, New Horizon

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Between Human Development Sunday and celebrating their own well done job, Our Lady of Mercy parish Greece, had a full day last Sunday.

Two Corning families the parish

adopted in Operation Rebuild came to Mercy to celebrate the completion of the reconstruction of their homes.

Operation Rebuild, a Human Development program originally, taken over by the Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, matches

flood victims with churches whose parishioners donate their talents and skills to reconstruct flood-ruined homes.

About 80 Our Lady of Mercy parishioners helped reconstruct the homes of Mrs. Mildred Quattrini of 30 Wilson St. and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warunek of 28 Wilson St.

Mrs. Quattrini is back in her home and the Warunecks whose house isn't quite done, will spend the winter in their HUD trailer and move back in their house in the spring.

The two grateful homeowners came with their families and friends to thank the parish that adopted them and the men that have gone down to Corning every weekend for the past 10 weeks.

They met parishioners over coffee and donuts after the celebration of 10:30 Mass.

Father Peter Bayer, director of Flood Relief in Corning, came with them. He met for two hours with all those in the parish concerned about forming the Human Development Committee of the parish council.

More than 50 people attended his presentation on how to do the job of bringing "the healing word of God to the helpless."

Father Bayer is just one of the Human Development staff and friends speaking at parishes without a Human Development Committee informing them how to organize themselves into an active group in their locale.

Those attending were called on to name problem areas in Greece where they might be useful.

One woman from St Charles Borromeo parish also in Greece, told the group there are 4,600 elderly in Greece and only 10 per cent of them are in nursing homes and suggested this as an area to work in.

In less than 10 minutes the

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Priests Council Gets Preview of Diocesan Study

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

The diocese has a wealth of "untapped talent" and with proper planning "there is nowhere you can't go," the Priests Council was told last week.

Father William Flynn, assistant chancellor, who is overseeing the formation of the Diocesan Planning Office, attended the council meeting at Becket Hall with a representative of the Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Board (G/FL), which is under contract to "find out what's wrong with the diocese."

Richard Morales summarized the findings of two and a half months of interviewing diocesan department heads, regional coordinators, education people, Sisters' Council and representatives of various institutions.

"More than 20 interviews show that departments are looking at the total picture, seeing where they fit in, but some groups see they don't have a major role and they should," the consultant told the priests.

G/FL planners were contracted to do a 90-day study of the diocese. It will be up to the diocese "to make decisions on the

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diagnosis and set priorities for future action," explained Morales.

An overview of the consultant's report that won't be released until next month included these statements: methods of decision-making in the diocese are not clear, decisions are made on a crisis-oriented basis, there is the potential to save thousands of dollars, many interviewed say their potential is not being used and, there is a basic underlying problem of mistrust.

"You have a heck of a lot of talent out there, untapped," the consultant informed the priests. "If the diocese gets itself together, I feel as a layman, there is nowhere you can't go."

The priests indicated that they feel that they don't have an influential voice, and should have, in Father Daniel Holland's five-

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Mrs. Eleanor Cook, left, and Father James Moynihan of the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation with Mrs. Veronica Loder in the house she donated.

Woman Gives Home To Sheen Housing

Miss Veronica Loder had resided at 241 Wellington St. in Rochester since 1914. She recently decided that she would prefer to live in a smaller, more convenient place.

So she moved to Roosevelt Apartments, 287 Oxford St. And she gave away her home.

The 64-year-old two-story structure is now the property of the Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Housing Foundation.

Said Miss Loder, a parishioner

at St. Augustine's Church, "I gave it to them because they say they can do good with it. It's suitable for at least two families."

The Housing Foundation, which ordinarily deals with providing access to grants and loans to low-income families looking for housing, plans to rent the house at first, and eventually sell it.

The foundation has, since its inception in 1967, rehoused 26 families.

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