



### Pastoral Meeting

Father Daniel Brent, superintendent of diocesan schools, makes point at 3-day Pastoral Center retreat-seminar last week at Nazareth College. With back to camera is Father Louis Hohman, episcopal advisor to the Courier-Journal.

## Moslem Student Finds 'Heaven' At St. Bernard's

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

A non-Christian living at St. Bernard's Seminary for the past year and a half calls life there "Heaven on earth."

Elalami Abdeslem, a Moslem known to his friends as Salem, came to America from his homeland, Morocco, in 1969 as a tourist.

At that time, by chance, he met Msgr. Wilson E. Kaiser, a native of Rochester, who is director of Catholic Relief Services in Africa and places African students in American colleges "as a hobby," according to Salem.

After visiting in Philadelphia for the summer, Salem decided to get in touch with Msgr. Kaiser and see what could be done about studying here.

Two weeks from now Salem will have completed work on a masters degree in electrical engineering at Rochester Institute of Technology. In January he will begin work in mathematics at Seton Hall University in New Jersey as preparation for doctoral studies at Fordham, beginning in September.

The 27-year-old non-practising Moslem received his baccalaureate in Morocco and then studied at Bordeaux University in France before making that tourist trip to America in 1969.

When asked how American students compare to other students he has known, Salem, who dates a Japanese student at Nazareth College, says he thinks "they are just beginning Courier-Journal



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to become aware politically," but then, he admits he had no social life at RIT.

"I was so much impressed by the life here in the seminary I always wanted to come back. So I just went to RIT for classes," said the international student.

He compared his strict Moslem upbringing with that of Christians he has met. The Moslem "imam," would translate, he said, as "guide, one who teaches basics of religion but one who is feared."

"In priests," he continued, "you find more love, someone you can lean on and share problems with. They teach you to love your neighbor and do for him what you want to do for yourself."

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## The Year of Renewal

# Parish Unit Watchdog For Elderly Housing

By CHARLES RANDISI

With a long-range goal of establishing a better relationship between the senior citizen and the Charlotte community, the Human Development Committee of Holy Cross Parish met with representatives of two housing towers under construction for the elderly in the area.

The towers, projects of the Urban Development Corporation, are being built by John David Management, Inc., of Cleveland. At the meeting were Donald Hughes, executive property manager, Ronald Sleeper, who will manage the units, and Bill Gabler, a local UDC representative.

Hughes explained the setup of Lakeview and Riverview Apartments, and listened to suggestions and questions.

The highrises will accommodate a total of approximately 1,000 elderly persons. Riverview will be open for occupancy by April or May of 1973. Lakeview will not open until August.

Hughes said that the apartments are so designed that people in wheelchairs can get around easily. Doorways will be wide enough, and ramps as well as stairways will be installed.

Occupants will not be bound by a lease, because of the possibility of illness. A doctor will visit each building at least once a week, and it was agreed that one public health nurse will work full time for both units.

However, there are still some problems to be worked out. For example, there is the question of providing the occupants a convenient transportation system.

Another problem would be sidewalks, explained Sister Francis Sweeney of the Diocesan Human Development Office. "Some of the sidewalks in the area of the buildings are in bad condition," she said. This problem will have to be worked out between the management and the city.

Another concern is the establishment of tenants' organization. A reason for the organization would be that a tenant would feel more secure if he could go to a neighbor with a problem, instead of bringing it directly to the management.

Hughes suggested that the management could meet periodically with tenants, rather than have an organized body of tenants.

## Area Churches To Help Fund Black Agency

The Catholic churches of Monroe County will take a special collection Dec. 10 to help the National Office for Black Catholics in its work of renewal.

The fund drive has the backing of the US Bishops Conference, which asked the cooperation of every diocese having more than 2,500 blacks among its parishioners.

The NOBC is concerned with drawing more black people into the church and encouraging vocations among them while preserving black cultural traditions.

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It is hoped that these problems can be worked out at the next meeting of the Human Development Committee and the building representatives, scheduled in January.

Emalee Donnelly, new chairman of the committee said of the

meeting that builders sometimes "like to paint a pretty picture" of what they will offer the tenants and the community. The reason for the meeting, she

said, was to find out exactly what they were offering.

## Mass Celebrated For Father Tolster

A Pontifical Concelebrated Mass of the Resurrection was offered Monday, Nov. 27, for Father Edward J. Tolster, pastor of St. Augustine's Church, Rochester.

Principal celebrant of the Mass, at St. Augustine's, was Bishop Joseph L. Hogan. Father Edward Shamon, a classmate of Father Tolster, delivered the homily. Other concelebrants were classmates and close friends.

The previous evening, a concelebrated Mass of Christ the High Priest was offered at the Church. Principal concelebrant was Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey.

Father Tolster died on Thanksgiving morning, apparently the victim of a heart attack, while hunting deer, a favorite pastime.

Father Tolster was born in Rochester in 1915, the son of the late James and Della Stanton Tolster. He attended Immaculate Conception School, Rochester, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

He was ordained May 18, 1940, by Bishop James E. Kearney.

Prior to his pastorate at St. Augustine's Church, Father Tolster served as assistant pastor



FATHER TOLSTER

of St. Mary's, Canandaigua; Ss. Peter and Paul, Elmira; St. Augustine's, Rochester; Holy Family, Auburn; St. Agnes, Avon; St. Michael's, Lyons; and Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester. He also served as Pastor of St. Gabriel's, Hammondsport, and St. Patrick's Prattsburg.

Surviving him are his sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Haak of Chili, Mrs. Helen North and Mrs. Margaret George of Rochester, and Mrs. Gertrude Van Gee of Conesus Lake.

## Warming Place Planned For Prisoners' Relatives

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — A shelter from cold of winter and a warm, pleasant place for the children of residents of the Auburn Correctional Facility to wait on visiting day and refresh themselves are some of the benefits to be provided family and friends of residents when Hospitality House opens its doors about Dec. 1.

The hospitality center is across the street from the facility in a former service station owned by the state and is in the process of renovation.

The center will be staffed by volunteers. Keith Batman of Moravia has been employed as the full time director. Those interested in volunteering may call the Volunteer Center at 252-4892, according to Father John Glogowski, chairman of the Personnel and Volunteer Committee.

The center will provide shelter for persons visiting the Auburn Correctional Facility, especially before visiting hours, and, for those who have traveled great distances and are dependent on public transportation schedules.

The budget for the first year of operation is \$10,000 with most

of the funds for building renovation and personnel costs. While applications have been made to local, state and national foundations, support is being sought from private individuals as the hospitality center will serve the families of residents from throughout the state. Any foundation money that might be forthcoming would not be available until next year.

Anyone wishing to make a donation, large or small, may send it to The Auburn Hospitality Association, P.O. Box 427, Auburn. Checks may be made out to the Cayuga County Action Program-Hospitality fund.

Father John Mulligan, associate pastor of St. Mary's, and chairman of the Executive Committee, explained the Auburn Hospitality Association is composed of individuals representing several civic and church organizations and has full approval and backing of the correctional facility administration, staff and residents.

To date, contributions have been received from the Auburn Correction Officers Local 1447; Women's Guild of St. Luke's United Church of Christ; Auburn

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