

New Co-Pastors Still Speaking

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

On their two-month anniversary the co-pastors at St. Joseph's, Penfield, are still speaking.

As a matter of fact, Father William Gordinier and Father Walter L. Wainwright are very happy sharing responsibilities at their growing, active, suburban parish.

St. Joseph's, a young parish averaging two new families a week, boasts 1,550 families and most of the adult members are college graduates.

The parish council is still in the steering committee stage but the people are very interested and attendance is high at all parish functions.

The co-pastors split parish duties 50-50.

Father Wainwright is responsible for religious education, parish youth club, finance maintenance and a proprietary home located in the parish. Father Gordinier takes care of the school, Rosary Society, Legion of Mary, the Home School Association and the nursing home located in the parish.

Shared responsibility is why these two priests applied for the co-pastorate at St. Joseph's.

"I'm in total agreement with the concept of shared responsibility," said Father Wainwright over coffee in the large rectory second-floor living room.

"We each work for each other," is how Father Gordinier explained the new system.

But they agreed a co-pastor system may not be right for every parish. "Personally I don't think the diocese should say every parish is going to be a co-pastorate," said Wainwright.

"If the parish is old, established and no longer growing it may very easily be administered by one pastor and a couple of retired priests instead of a younger administration," explained Father Wainwright.

Father Gordinier, who feels parishioners should have a say in deciding which system their parish works under, also pointed out that every priest may not be able to function as a co-pastor. There are people who are such individuals they can't work in a partnership.

These two think they work well together. They are not contemporaries and don't think co-pastors should be. The important factor, they agree, is be-

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Sharing Responsibility

Father Walter Wainwright works with volunteer accountant Joseph Stock and, in school, principal Sister Rita Heberle, RSM, visits with Father William Gordinier and second grader Francis Roman.

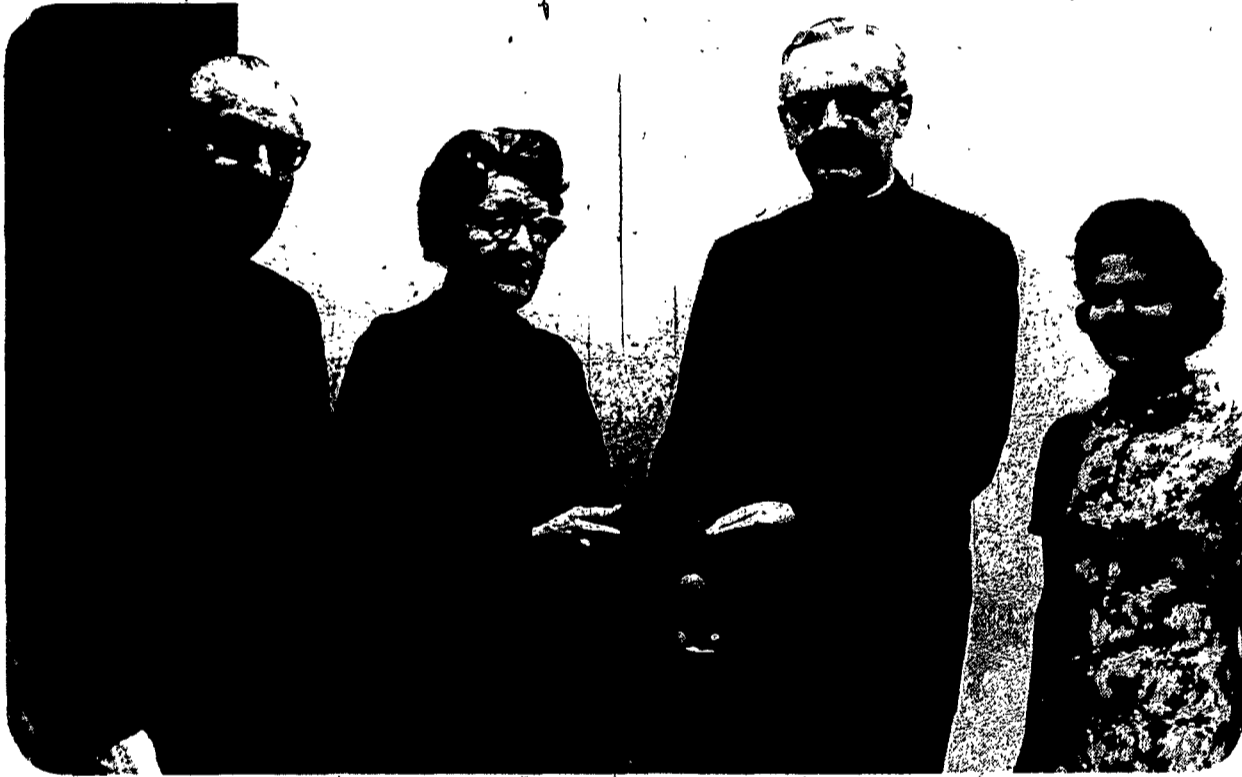


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CDA Helps Seminary

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan accepted a check from the Catholic Daughters of America seminary fund for \$2,500 last Thursday in his office, bringing the CDA donation to the diocese over the past twenty years to more than half a million dollars. Shown are, from left, Father L. John Hedges, state chaplain; Mrs. Frank J. Donahue, state regent; Bishop Hogan; and Mrs. William E. Crosby, state public relations chairman.

New Auburn Service

Bishop Opens Hospitality Center

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — The Hospitality Center dedication here Saturday, Dec. 9, was highlighted by a contribution of \$1,006.10 raised by the resident population of Auburn Correctional Facility. It was presented to Father John Mulligan, executive chairman of the Auburn Hospitality Association.

Another \$275 was added to the fund by the Rev. Lawrence Durgin, pastor of Broadway United Church of Christ in New York City.

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The center, which is located in a gasoline station across from the facility, will serve families and friends visiting residents of the facility. It will operate as a shelter, especially before visiting hours, during lunch break and after the facility closes, particularly for those who have to wait for buses.

The dedication consisted of two ceremonies, the first one inside the correctional facility with Dr. Durgin the guest speaker. His church has sponsored bus expeditions for families to just about every correctional facility

in Upstate New York.

Other guests included Bishop Joseph L. Hogan who indicated pleasure at being able to endorse such a program to signify the community's welcome of such families.

The Bishop participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the center, along with Keith Batman, director of the center, and other dignitaries.

The diocesan Office of Human Development has previously contributed \$500 to the center.

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VIP

They Help Kids On Probation

By CHARLES RANDISI

A 16-year-old youth from a middle class suburban family assaulted his mother. The Family Court placed him on probation. His father is not a strong type. The boy needs some guidance. He is interested in auto-mechanics.

A city mother considered her son "ungovernable." The 15-year-old has been in Hillside Children's Center. His parents never married, and his stepfather and his mother are separated. The family is on welfare, and he is on probation. He loves sports.

Volunteers in Partnership is a newly established, non-profit organization in Rochester that aids young people on probation by providing them with one-to-one relationships with adult volunteers.

VIP had its beginnings in Royal Oaks, Mich., in 1965. It has since spread to more than 2,000 communities throughout the United States.

The Rochester VIP program officially began taking volunteers in September. The East Rochester Rotary Club gave VIP the financial push it needed to get it off the ground.

Catherine Lindsay, in charge of VIP locally, talked of the program at her office at the Hall of Justice.

"We're looking for volunteers who have the concern, the time, and the commitment. We are also stressing that they have a non-judgmental attitude toward the kids. They should be able to give at least three hours of their time a week, and must be flexible."

She added that the volunteer

must be able to cope with the youth's particular environment and personality. "If the kid drops a few four-letter words, the volunteer can't feel threatened."

In order to help make sure that volunteers can manage the situation, and know what they are getting involved in, three training sessions are held before a volunteer is matched with a probationer. These sessions are held with probation officers, volunteers, and psychologist Dr. Gerald Rubenstein. The meetings include role playing, and finding out how well the volunteer will relate to the youth.

After a match is made, volunteers have monthly "rap sessions" with Dr. Rubenstein to check on their progress. Volunteers must also fill out weekly forms telling what was done and what was observed.

"The volunteers should not try to force their own interests on the kids," said Mrs. Lindsay. "They should try to develop them and feel them out. We encourage volunteers to take the kids to sporting events, since most of the boys lack a strong father figure."

She added that VIP is "scrounging" for male volunteers, because most of the youths on probation are boys up to 16 years old. They have been turned over to the courts by the police, by their teachers, and sometimes by their parents. Their offenses range from truancy to larceny and assault.

"We now have 18 matches going," said Mrs. Lindsay. "I'd like to see that figure increase to about 300. We have to turn down a few volunteer applicants, if we think their motives are questionable. We don't want crusaders."

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