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## Family Mass

Family Mass on Christmas Eve at the Cathedral was preceded by the ceremony of laying the Christ child in the manger. Shown with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan before the manger are Mrs. Joseph Moynihan and son Patrick. Concelebrating Mass were Fathers Michael Conboy and Bernard Carges.

## Parish Unit Pursues Housing Battle

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

St. Charles Borromeo's Human Development Committee, voicing support again for low and moderate income housing, criticized the Greece Town Board last month for continuing its legal battle against the state Urban Development Corporation (UDC).

The parish committee has been involved with housing efforts for five years, reports the chairman, Joe Ouellette.

Members have spoken before town meetings and public UDC hearings, and otherwise tried to engender support in the community, he says.

UDC is planning to build a 500-unit, subsidized housing project on English Road adjacent to the Parkland School.

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Last August, in a letter to all state, county and Greece officials, Father John Hedges, pastor of St. Charles, and Ouellette urged "open support of this proposal" and called it an "urgent community need."

In a letter last week to town councilmen the Human Development Committee again urged the town board to support the project, pointing out a continuing shortage of inexpensive housing in Monroe County.

The State Supreme Court recently dismissed the town's suit against the UDC project, but the town board voted 3-1 to appeal.

"This letter is to urge them to get going and stop wasting time with appeals," Ouellette said in a recent phone interview.

The letter dated Dec. 13 condemned the appeal, which Ouellette calls a "political ploy."

"They know UDC housing is not a popular thing to the residents of Greece so the town councilmen are showing the voters they are against it too," he continued, "in order to get votes the next time they are up for election."

"Despite your mountainous political rhetoric," the letter charged, "the central fact that Monroe County is in a housing crisis still remains."

"As a Christian community Greece is obliged to do her share to help alleviate the situation."

Ouellette said that many have verbally supported low and moderate income housing construction in the suburbs but, "no one does anything." "We just want to show we are doing something and wish others would. We have done something and we are proud of it," he declared.

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## Pres. Truman's Qualities Recalled at Special Mass

By CHARLES RANDISI

President Harry S. Truman was a man "singularly endowed with a common sense, who knew the pulse of the nation," said Bishop John E. McCafferty.

He was speaking at a special noon Mass for the late president at St. Joseph's Church on Thursday, Dec. 28, the national day of mourning for Mr. Truman.

Bishop McCafferty called the late president "a man who reflected the characteristics of leadership which we all hold dear." He said that during his administration, Mr. Truman had to make many important decisions which would have effects on "decades and generations to come."

Bishop McCafferty said that one of the most important qualities Mr. Truman had was his sense of history. "He realized that what he did was not done for that day alone," but was done with the future of the nation in mind.

Mr. Truman had a great sense of the magnitude of the presidency, the bishop said, yet "He was always somehow one of the natives."

The bishop studied in Wash-

ington during Mr. Truman's administration, and was present at the 1948 inauguration, at which the president revealed his Point Four Program.

Bishop McCafferty lauded the plan, which he said pointed to "the responsibility of larger and better endowed nations toward the underdeveloped countries of the world. Hundreds of thousands of people have benefited from Point Four."

Mr. Truman captivated the youth of that day, Bishop McCafferty said, and he considered himself among them.

Mr. Truman's leadership was "the kind of leadership we should assert our allegiance to," whether inside or outside the Church, the Bishop continued.

"He was a family man as well, and never did he indicate that he was less than the best as a father and a husband."

In conclusion, the bishop said, "We pray that he may find a honorable place in the kingdom of heaven, as he found in the kingdom of men."

The congregation sang the National Anthem, the Battle Hymn of the Republic and God Bless America.

## GEM President Forecasts New Focus on Rural Life

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

In 1973, Genesee Ecumenical Ministries plans increased attention to rural problems while strengthening its commitment to ecumenism, according to its new president.

The Rev. Gene Ferguson, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church since 1968, was elected president of GEM's board of directors Dec. 14 and began his one-year term Jan. 1.

Msgr. George Cocuzzi, pastor of Holy Family parish and former president of the Diocesan Priests' Council, is the new vice president.

Mr. Ferguson, described by Father Henry Atwell, executive director, as "a loyal supporter of GEM" replaced Rev. Robert Wainwright, pastor of St. Paul Episcopal, who had been president since GEM began in November 1970.

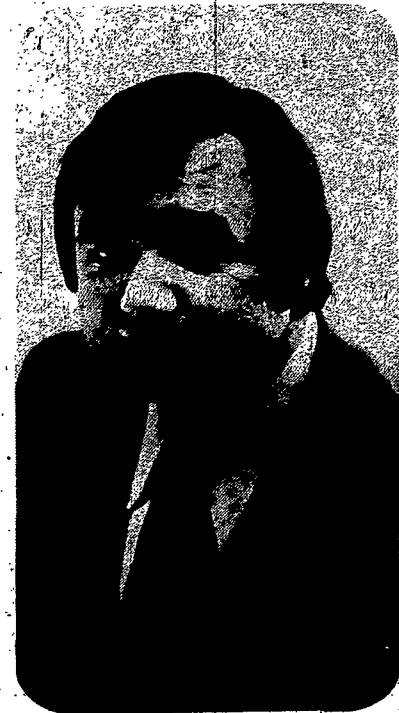
The new president, whose job it is to establish policy for GEM activities, is a native Rochesterian, and has been involved in ecumenical organizing since his return to the area in 1961.

His plan for coming year activities is "emphasize continued commitment to the ecumenical process by further coordination of programs."

Before coordination, however, he advises group evaluation of each denomination's activities in order to form an agreed upon validation process.

As the regional ecumenical organization that includes eight counties begins its third year, Mr. Ferguson talks of moving into new areas of ministry.

"Since much of what we are now into are urban problems, many churches included in the Genesee region don't feel a part of GEM. We want to have more



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regional involvement in such areas as campus ministry and rural poverty," he said.

Mr. Ferguson lives at 138 Inglewood Drive with his wife Joy and two teen-age children.

## Peace Is Theme Of Radio Talk

Peace will be the subject of Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's radio message Sunday night, Jan. 6 on WSAV.

The Bishop's message will follow the weekly rosary program which begins at 7 p.m. The peace talk is expected to last about 10 minutes.