



**Parish Council Retreat**

Tom Banaszewski, head of the parish board of education, addresses the parish council of Holy Cross during their second retreat together. "We had one retreat when the council was first started," said Father Robert O'Neill of Holy Cross. "Now that the spirit from that has started to lag, we needed another one." The retreat at Notre Dame retreat house in Canandaigua was held January 21-22.

## Father Marvin Heads New Priests' Council

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

The Priests' Council is a unique and important extension of the governing body of the diocese, Bishop Joseph Hogan assured the newly elected Council after a morning spent in choosing new officers.

But only, he conditioned, if they truly represent the priests of the diocese and are not just a debate society that meets once a month.

Eighteen of the 20 new council members met last Wednesday at St. Bernard's seminary and voted Father James Marvin, pastor of St. Ambrose, as their president; Father Richard Tormey, pastor of St. Stephen's, Geneva, vice president; and Father James Boyle of St. John of Rochester, Fairport, as secretary.

Voted in as the agenda committee, an executive committee that will work with the bishop, council president and vice president, were Fathers Joseph Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's seminary; Paul McCabe of Corpus Christi and James Schwartz, chaplain at Rochester General Hospital.

At the outgoing council's final session, Dec. 5, a recommendation was made that the agenda committee meet with the bishop between council meetings to find out what he holds as top priority concerns.

New council members had their own, additional, ideas on what would be the most efficient action by the agenda committee to facilitate better run, more productive Priests' Council meetings.

It was generally agreed that the agenda committee should "do their home work" on issues of concern and come to the monthly meeting with specific recommendations and no longer, as was done in the past, just



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schedule areas for general discussion with no direction.

Father McCabe, added that the responsibility is not completely the agenda committee's but also lies with the priests they all represent. He said the priests they represent should also assume some responsibility for homework on the business they want considered, and should submit "concrete recommendations" to the agenda committee.

By the end of the discussion it was decided that the three-member agenda committee would have the Council's president and vice president as ex officio members, would meet monthly with the bishop for input, would plan the agendas and come to the meetings prepared with specific recommendations.

Bishop Hogan said he accepted gladly the opportunity to work closely with the committee and later explained, "In these days of shared respon-

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## New Procedure Established For Making Church Decisions

A new diocesan decision-making procedure, to be headed by Father James Moynihan, chancellor, has been established by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

Father Moynihan will be known as the process director. Another key position in the sys-

tem, the appeals officer, will be filled by Father Louis J. Hohman, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul in Churchville and episcopal adviser to the Courier-Journal.

The plan already has been approved by the Priests' Council and the Sisters' Council and its

key feature is that it will provide a system for any individual or group to present projects to the Bishop, through the process director, who will be responsible for channeling the proposal for proper consideration.

Father Moynihan will have a three-man committee assisting him: Father Daniel Brent, representing the interdepartmental staff; Father James E. Boyle,

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## St. Louis de Montfort To Be Commemorated At 'Evening with Mary'

The 300th anniversary of the birth of St. Louis-Marie de Montfort will be commemorated on Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 414 Lexington Ave. Titled "An Evening with Mary," the program will be conducted by the Rochester chapter of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima.

St. Louis de Montfort was a champion of the Rosary. His entire life was devoted to Mary.

Director of "An Evening with

Mary" will be Father Roger Charest, SMM, who founded Queen Magazine in 1950. He was its editor until 1961, when he was appointed as provincial superior of the Montfort Missionaries in the United States and Borneo.

In 1969, Father Charest was reappointed to Queen as its managing editor. He is also the director of Montfort Publications and National Moderator of the Confraternity of Mary, Queen of All Hearts and the Priests of Mary.

Ordained in 1942, Father Charest has traveled throughout the United States, Canada, and the Philippines, preaching and lecturing on true devotion to Mary, according to the writings of St. Louis de Montfort. Since 1947, he was devoted much time and energy to the study of the Marian spirituality of the Legion of Mary.

Father Charest is a member of the Mariological Society of America and of the International Marian Academy in Rome.

The schedule for "An Evening with Mary" includes a recitation of the Rosary the de Montfort way, two talks by Father Charest, discussion, and Mass.

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**Christian Unity**

Leaders of an ecumenical prayer service for Christian unity give the final benediction to members of the congregation in Holy Family church. The service, Thursday, Jan. 18, was a celebration of Christian Unity Week. Taking part were, from left, Father George Schmitt, pastor emeritus of Holy Family; Rev. Horace del Pozzo, pastor Grace Presbyterian; Father Patrick Doyle, associate pastor of Holy Apostles; Rev. Frederick Nissen, acting pastor of Trinity Lutheran; Msgr. Emmett Murphy, pastor of Holy Apostles; Msgr. George Cocuzzi, pastor of Holy Family; Rev. Paul Solt, pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ; Father Richard Brickler, associate pastor of Holy Family; and Rev. James Venable, pastor of Lyell Avenue Baptist.