



Managua Street Scene

Small shops and residences show the damage caused by the Dec. 23 earthquake which destroyed most of Managua, Nicaragua. The tall, modern buildings in the background appear to have withstood the quake better than the small structures. Catholic Relief Services have sent nearly \$2 million in aid to the area. (RNS)

High Court to Hear Aid Cases

Washington — The same day, Jan. 22, that the Supreme Court approved abortion on demand up to six months and forbade states from prohibiting it up to three months, it also agreed to review the 1972 New York State law providing aid to parochial schools.

A lower court upheld a law passed by last year's Legislature allowing state income-tax benefits to families whose gross income is less than \$25,000 and who pay at least \$50 a year in tuition to nonpublic schools.

The statute had been chal-

lenged by the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL).

Last November the Supreme Court agreed to review a 1970 New York law reimbursing church-related schools for costs of pupil-testing and record-keeping required by state law. That law, the Mandated Services Act, provided \$28 million in reimbursements. It was struck down by a 2-1 district court.

The court last week also agreed to hear arguments on a Pennsylvania law providing state payments of \$75 to \$150 to parents of pupils attending private school. That law was held unconstitutional by a three-judge district court last year.

It is possible that the high court will hear arguments and decide all three cases by the time the current term ends in mid-June.

Sister Traxler Resigns

Chicago (RNS) — Sister Margaret Ellen Traxler, a leader in the peace and women's rights movements and religious race relations, has announced her resignation as executive director of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice here.

The 48-year-old nun joined NCCIJ in January 1965. She became the organization's third executive director in April 1971, at a time when it was deeply in debt.

Under her leadership NCCIJ has paid off its debt and has begun new programs aimed at the race-poverty problems of the 1970s.

Last Fall, Sister Margaret organized a task force to Northern

Ireland to conduct an inquiry into the denial of civil liberties in that country. She will participate in a similar visit to the Soviet Union in February to gather information on religious freedom there.

NCCIJ was founded in 1959 to coordinate the work of some 150 local Catholic interracial councils and diocesan minority rights organizations. It has operated programs in health care, housing, and education.

A long-time leader in women's rights, Sister Margaret is founder of the National Coalition of American nuns, the first major feminist group in the Catholic Church. She is also the national co-chairman of the Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry.

Pastors

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as assistant at Immaculate, he became pastor in 1966. He is a Rochesterian who attended St. Boniface school, Aquinas and the diocesan seminaries, and was ordained in 1954.

Father Erb, a Rochesterian, attended St. Charles and St. Augustine's parish schools and was graduated from Aquinas before entering the diocesan seminaries. Ordained in 1954, he was assigned successively to St. Patrick's, Elmira; St. Michael's, Rochester; St. Rita's, West Webster; Sacred Heart, Owasco, and St. Mary's, Elmira. He has been associate pastor of St. Anthony's, Rochester, since last September.

Father Mans, who went to Good Shepherd as pastor last June, also has served many parishes. He was assigned to St. Ann's, Hornell, upon his ordination in 1953, and then to St. Ambrose, Mt. Carmel, Holy Rosary, St. Philip Neri and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, all in Rochester. He was administrator of St. Philip Neri parish for a short time six years ago, after the fire that ruined the church and took two lives. Father Mans attended St. Michael's school, Aquinas and the diocesan seminaries.

Father Sansom, also a Rochesterian, was pastor of St. James, Trumansburg, from January, 1966, until his appointment to Watkins Glen in June, 1970. He had been assistant at St. Joseph's, Wayland; St. Anthony's, Elmira; St. Agnes, Avon; Mt. Carmel, Rochester; St. Theodore's, Gates; St. Mary's, Corning; St. John's, Spencerport, and Holy Family, Auburn. He attended Immaculate Conception school, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's, and was ordained in 1941.

Church Art Thefts Seen "Organized"

Lille, France (RNS) — Father Rene Pierre Meritoux, who is leading a campaign to alert public opinion about the systematic pillaging of sacred works of art from churches, said he believed

the thefts to be the work of an international ring that does business in the United States.

The priest has formed an association for the protection of sanctuaries, chapels and churches.

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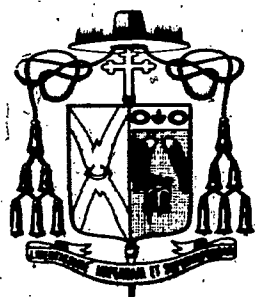
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The Bishop's Public Appointments



February, 1973

- 1—Celebration of the Eucharist and Ordination to the Diaconate, St. Bernard's Seminary — 4:30 p.m.
- 2—Episcopal Ordination of Most Rev. John J. Snyder, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Brooklyn — 11 a.m.
- 5—Press-Radio Banquet, Holiday Inn, Downtown — 6:30 p.m.
- 6—Priests' Council Meeting, Becket Hall — 10:30 a.m.
- 9—Interdepartmental Staff Meeting — 11 a.m.
- 10—Radio Message, Family Rosary Network — 7 p.m.
- 13—St. Bernard's Seminary Board Meeting — 10:30 a.m.
- 13—Concelebration of Eucharist with Class of 1938, Episcopal Residence, Victor — 5 p.m.
- 16—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, St. Joseph Convent Infirmary — 11 a.m.
- 18—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, St. George Church — 11 a.m.
- 26—Meeting with Regional Coordinators, Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua — 2:30 p.m.