



Members of the planning commission for religious life in Riverton meet to discuss their joint program for future residents of the new town. From left they are Rabbi Harvey Goldman, of Temple Sinai; Rev. Larry Hickle, of South Presbyterian; Father William Flynn, vice chancellor of the Catholic diocese; Rev. James Venable, of Lyell Ave. Baptist; and Rev. Dr. Kenneth Smith, professor at Rochester Center for Theological Studies.

Riverton Plans Aired

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

There are at least 15 churches in the three towns bordering Riverton and they are all very concerned about what this new town will mean to them.

A public hearing was held Jan. 28 at the North Rush United Church of Christ, to discuss what religious programs are planned for the new town that takes up 2,100 Henrietta acres and is expected to be home to 27,000 people by 1987.

Scott Carlson, vice president for social programming and facility development of Riverton Properties, Inc. and Rev. Larry Hickle, pastor of South Presbyterian Church on East Henrietta Rd., who acts as Genesee Ecumenical Ministries' coordinator for religious planning, assured about 40 lay people and clergy that no decisions are final yet.

"We feel this is something that will have quite an impact on the community," said Father Andrew W. Teuschel, pastor of St. Joseph's in Rush and president of the Rush-Henrietta League of Churches, referring to the instant population growth that Riverton will bring to the area.

Father Teuschel feels cooperation between the existing churches and planners is very

important and says the existing churches must know what is being planned for Riverton and offer their resources to accommodate the early settlers there.

Mary Brien, one of five Catholic representatives on GEM's Task Force on Riverton, sees a very serious need for involvement and cooperation in the planning of religious programs by all surrounding Catholic churches.

"I'd like to see them take a more active part in the initial stages of church mission in Riverton. It is a great opportunity for both lay people and clergy to establish a working committee that would extend neighborliness to Catholics and all Riverton residents," said the member of Good Shepherd who has been involved in planning for the new community for about two years.

Mr. Hickle reported in a recent interview that the atmosphere at the public hearing became increasingly warm as the evening went on, and he noted that the anxieties of people in rural areas, as a large development grows up in their backyards, are only natural.

"It is really an attitude of how is it going to affect our lives, how can we best cope with it," he said.

Changes

volved in the information dealing with parish activities, for example, and where they live is important. If they all live in one area perhaps they can help the elderly in another part of the parish."

The changes the survey eventually will bring about as Father Booth sees it, will come in different ways.

"Parish councils will be involved more," predicted Father Booth. "The survey gives them an objective look at what their parish is doing for the particular human needs that exist there."

He also foresees a redirection of priests' time and better use of all resources, especially personnel. From this information, "the parish council will see ways to free up priests' time that is now spent doing paper work that others could do," he said.

Another possibility is more shared programs. Since the survey used census facts, many of the parishes overlap the government-established boundaries.

Regionalism is the diocese's move toward sharing and the CACP made financial provision for carrying out sharing.

It was decided at last week's meeting to allocate 10 per cent of the diocesan subsidy to inner city parishes for programs other than the school system. This money will be available for

parishes who decide to work together on a shared program but are short of funds.

"At first there seemed to be more needs than we could ever handle," Father Booth said, "but while talking after the presentation, individual needs came out, as well as the idea of the Church's role as advocate. No money is involved there; just better service for the people."

This is the first survey to be done that included whole neighborhoods and not just Catholics.

Father Booth explained the reason for this shift, saying the theology of the Church changed with Vatican II. Emphasis is no longer on our own ecclesiology but on the broader community of Christians.

Housing

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sources of the BSHF to their area, Wardell explained, to use the housing educational program BSHF offers, give information on loans and grants, as well as being a source of income for the Foundation.

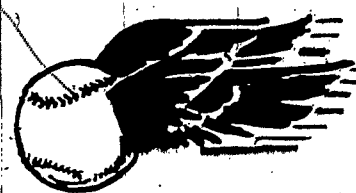
"Our regional teams," continued the young attorney who hopes for two committed people from each region, "are not to set up housing but to mobilize people, to counsel, and inform people in need of possibilities, guide them in funding applications."

SPECIAL STAMP

Vatican City (RNS) — The Vatican post office will issue three special series of stamps to commemorate the 40th International Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 18-25. The stamps, to be issued Feb. 27, will depict the Congress emblem, the face of the Madonna in Michelangelo's Pieta, and Melbourne's Catholic Cathedral.

MANGIONE GRAMMY?

Chuck Mangione, and his quartet have been nominated for Best Jazz Performance by a Group in the 15th annual Grammy Awards. Listed for the Award is his album, "The Chuck Mangione Quartet," on the Mercury label. He is competing against five other groups, Hubbard, Weather Report, Joe Farrell, McCoy Tyner, and George Benson, for the top prize, which will be announced in March.



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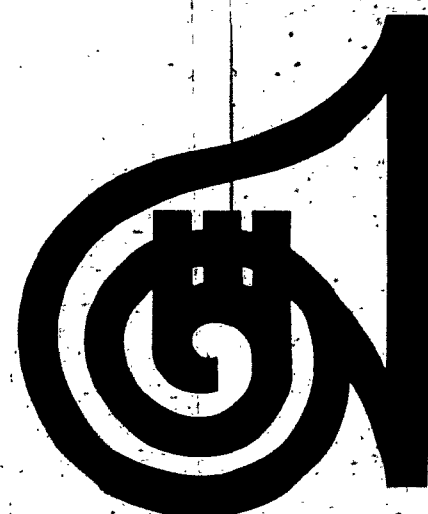
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