



Father Daniel Holland addresses regional coordinators. Listening are Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty, Msgr. Donald J. Mulcahy and Father Elmer J. McDonald, Southwest Region coordinator.

Bishop Lauds Coordinators

By CHARLES RANDISI

The regional coordinators of the Diocese of Rochester met on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua.

In attendance were the three bishops, the coordinators and their assistants, Msgr. Donald Mulcahy, executive secretary of the Pastoral Council Formation Committee, Father Daniel Holland, director of the Year of Renewal, Father Albert Shamon and Sister James, vicar and assistant vicar of the Department of Education.

It was the coordinators' regular monthly meeting, with one difference. It was unofficially the first anniversary of the coordinators' appointments.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan gave the opening remarks. He emphasized the importance of the Chrism Mass to be celebrated during Holy Week. It is his wish that every parish council of the diocese be represented, possibly with banners.

He then cited the coordinators for their work during the past year. He mentioned some of the progress that has been made since they began work,

such as the establishment of parish councils or steering committees in most parishes, regional training sessions in Human Development, liturgy, and education, prayer days for priests, and regional steering committees of priests, laymen and sisters.

"Much time and sacrifice has been demanded of you," the bishop told them, "especially considering the pressure of your ordinary jobs."

But there is still much work to be done. Bishop Hogan emphasized personal, spiritual renewal, which is the primary goal of the Year of Renewal.

"Too many people have forgotten the primary goal," he said. "In the updating of structures there is the danger of losing sight of the primary."

He said that the structures, on diocesan, regional and parish levels were tools with which the goals of the diocese may be more easily realized. Bishop Hogan then offered his suggestion for the year. "Never lose courage," he said.

A discussion followed concerning the exact nature of regional

conferences. It was generally agreed that a regional conference has three basic purposes: communication, service, and production of candidates for the Pastoral Council. It is not by any means a form of government for a region, the group agreed.

Msgr. Mulcahy then proposed that each region begin to implement the guidelines for regional conferences. He suggested that each region have a conference meeting by June. At the meeting, the diocese's plan for a renewal would be outlined, the region would be analyzed, workshops would be held in the areas of education, Human Development, and worship, and future plans would be discussed.

Bishop John McCafferty observed that a regional conference, while following the guidelines, will obviously be tailored according to the climate and make-up of the individual region.

The last thing on the agenda was a presentation by Father Shamon and Sister James of services that the department of education can offer to the regions. A chart outlining the educational needs, goals, and accomplishments of each region was distributed.

Arts Center Offers Series On Puerto Rico

A special ten-week course to increase community understanding and appreciation of Puerto Rican culture will be offered free to the public on Mondays, beginning March 12, from 7-9 p.m. at the Arts and Cultural Center, 946 Clifford Avenue.

Jose Jimenez, a bilingual teacher of history at Benjamin Franklin High School, will lecture for the series. He will show films and slides of Puerto Rico and discuss the geography and history of the island from pre-Columbian times, the cultural development of the inhabitants, and the contributions of Puerto Ricans to American culture.

"Increased understanding and cooperation among people of different cultures can come," said Jimenez, "when people have opportunities to learn about how people of other cultures live. Many misconceptions arise from this lack of cultural insight, and prejudiced results."

Those interesting in attending should call the Puerto Rican Arts & Cultural Center (544-2545) for reservations.

NEWARK VALLEY ROSARIANS

Newark Valley—Mrs. Anthony Kozanosky is the new president of the Rosary Society of St. John the Evangelist Parish.

In a ceremony conducted recently by Father Matthew A. Sjudara, these others also were inducted into office: Mrs. Regis Schaffer, vice president; Mrs. Bernard Williams, secretary, and Mrs. Sydney Bouton, treasurer.

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Diocesans Gave \$10,000 To Black Catholic Fund

Brother Joseph Davis, SM, executive director of the National Office for Black Catholics (NOBC), announced that as of Feb. 10, a total of \$187,796 had been collected in a nationwide collection involving 600 parishes.

"It is the first time that programs developed by and for black Catholics have been supported mainly by black Catholics," he said. Results have just been released.

The funds collected will be used to implement a multi-phase program, including the recruitment of black men and women to the priesthood and religious life, the development of Afro-American worship programs, and the training of black lay leadership for the Church

and the individual community.

The Diocese of Rochester gave a total of \$10,670.

Only the four archdioceses of New York, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Chicago, gave more to NOBC than did Rochester. But, compared to New York's 57,000 and Washington's 76,000 black Catholic population, Rochester has only 533.

In most dioceses, this collection was held only in the predominantly black parishes. In Rochester, however, as well as in Pittsburgh and Baltimore, the collection was taken in all parishes.

Auxiliary Bishop Harold Perry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans was national chairman of the campaign.

Men Without Country

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Razak remembers the terror and fear of wondering whether he and his family would get out of Uganda. Given 90 days notice that Asians would have to leave the country, they did not know until later that their citizenship was "invalid." Then each day had to be spent going back and forth to the capital, with "soldiers everywhere. We would be stopped every 10 miles on the way, and it was 150 miles each way."

Razak was robbed of his car at gunpoint by a police officer, who held him and his passengers in jail for a full day.

James Maloney of Catholic

Family Center explained how these three young men came in to the care of CFC. They were brought to this country by the United States Catholic Conference, which asked the help of Catholic social agencies.

"We take a certain number of people each time there is a wave of refugees," says Maloney, who pointed out that the agency has handled exiles from Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Cuba.

Walter Szymanski, the case-worker who found jobs and housing for each of the Ugandans, was enthusiastic in his praise for their morale: "You can't find a more cheerful bunch of guys," he said.

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Parish to Fete Senior Citizens

The Human Development Committee of Our Lady of Mercy Church is sponsoring a special liturgical celebration and breakfast for senior citizens on Sunday, March 11, at 9 a.m.

The Mass featuring special readings and traditional hymns with senior citizens acting as lecturers, readers and ushers, is the kick-off event for the Human Development Committee's programs for the elderly.

Morality Course In Spencerport

A six-week course on Christian morality will open March 14 at St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport, and continue on Wednesdays, 8-9:30 p.m., through April 18.

Father Joseph Sasso, who holds a master's degree in education, will be the teacher. The associate pastor recently was transferred to St. John's from Holy Rosary, Rochester.

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