



St. Joseph's Day

Though some feel that St. Joseph received his place in history purely by accident, serious reflection makes it evident that he was as hand-picked for his role as Mary for hers.

For 2,000 years he has symbolized what the life of family protector should be.

On Page 6, Charles Randisi describes a traditional celebration for March 19 — St. Joseph's Feast Day.

7 New Priests To Be Ordained During Spring

Seven deacons will be ordained priests for the diocese this Spring. It also is expected that an eighth deacon will be ordained next Fall.

The deacons are all graduates of Becket Hall at St. John Fisher College and have completed their course of study at St. Bernard's Seminary.

For the past year the deacons have worked full time in parishes under the supervision of diocesan pastors, in a deacon intern program.

While in the parishes, the deacon interns participated in liturgical activities, including preaching, leading prayer services, baptizing and witnessing marriages. They have become integral parts of parish councils and committees and have been engaged in regional activities as well.

In addition to parish involvement, the deacon interns meet as a group regularly for days of prayer and study.

One of the main thrusts of the intern program is to allow the people of the diocese an opportunity to assist in the preparation of a man for ordination to the priesthood. Because of this, all seven have decided to be ordained individually in the parishes they have been serving this year.

Michael Mahler, son of Mrs. Marie and the late Mrs. John Mahler, will be ordained in St. Margaret Mary Church, Rochester, on March 30; he will concelebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at his home parish, St. James, on March 31.

Paul Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ryan, will be ordained in St. Stephen's Church, Geneva, on April 6; he will concelebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at his home parish, St. Rita's, on April 8.

Donald Schwab, son of Mr. Harold and the late Mrs. Mildred Schwab, will be ordained in Holy Ghost Church, Coldwater, on April 12; he will concelebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at his home parish, St. Charles Borromeo, on April 14.

William Darling, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Darling of Clifton Springs, will be ordained in St. Paul

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Committee Report: Exemption Stays

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN
The trouble with the local tax structure is not constitutionally exempt properties, but out-of-date assessments, according to the citizens advisory committee that spent more than a year and a half studying it.

The 15-member committee appointed by Mayor Stephen May and chaired by Dennis J. Livadas, attorney, recommended keeping all exemptions that now exist, correcting leaks and abuses, and not instituting any more exemptions.

The United States constitution provides exemptions for schools, churches, hospitals, charities, cemeteries and public buildings, explained Livadas, adding that "we were very kind to churches, they are exempt."

In a 144-page report, the committee made a series of recommendations in substance and procedure, as was their charge, when appointed in June 1971.

On church-related properties they recommended:

- Keeping church-owned properties on city tax rolls until they are actually used for church-related purposes.

- Requiring payment for property-related services either directly or through contributions, in lieu of taxes on a 20-per cent graduated scale to give them time to adjust.

- That no property or person should carry more than two exemptions.

The committee strongly opposed the countywide income tax proposed by city council as a replacement for taxes.

The income tax would not end up replacing the property tax but would be an additional tax, Livadas maintained. "We have come to the end of the line as far as what government can cost people," he said.

"We think the 1970s direction should be slow-down years on tax burdens," Livadas continued, calling the 1960s "spending years."

The citizens committee was made up of a diverse group of representatives of business, law, medicine, religion, real estate, industry, banking, senior citizens, women, veterans, and minorities.

Livadas was glad for the broad based group which he described as being "in the tradition of America's democracy." But he admitted it did lead to disagreements during the time they worked together.

After working and learning together for a year and a half, Livadas proudly reported the committee agreed on 97 per cent of the report.

Church committee members were split in their thinking on Church exemptions, said the chairman, who is a strong believer in plurality whether it is of men and women, education systems or religious beliefs. He argued for his committee's support of exemption for churches and private schools.

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