



Photo by Laurence E. Keefe.

A Different Drum

The famous Bishop Kearney High School band left last Thursday for their annual 10 day tour of Ireland, and the trip meant a lot of packing for members of the Marching Kings. Some of the largest were the triton drums, put in their case by Paul Bonsignore, left, and Ray Erb. Highlights of the trip are the band's appearance in Dublin's St. Patrick's Day parade and performances for Pope Paul VI and Irish Prime Minister Liam Cosgrave.

Volunteers Seen a Key to Reform Of Criminal Justice System

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Volunteers are now indispensable as catalysts for change in the criminal justice system, according to an assistant professor in that field at Rochester Institute of Technology.

A Redemptorist Father from Vancouver, Canada, Father Edward MacKinnon, who is a candidate for his doctorate in criminal justice from Florida State University, has been in Rochester since September teaching and coordinating the field placement office for RIT's new criminal justice department.

During an interview last week in his office at RIT, the professor praised the efforts of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries' Judicial Process Commission.

"I see a growing trend in the use of volunteers in criminal justice," Father MacKinnon said. "They are becoming an indispensable part of it now because of the cost and lack of manpower that exists."



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"But mainly," he continued, "because the real impetus for change is coming from volunteers."

"You can see it here with

GEM's Judicial Process Commission. This small religious oriented group is having a tremendous effect by putting pressure on the courts and educating the public," explained the Canadian priest.

The role of religion in criminal justice concerns Father MacKinnon. He is writing his doctoral dissertation on the role of prison chaplains.

When he came to the United States five years ago, Father MacKinnon was studying for his Masters in sociology at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. He decided to specialize further in criminal justice when he came to feel religion has made no contribution to the field of criminal justice here since the 18th century.

He began his doctoral thesis three years ago, basing it on the negative premise that religion has done nothing in the field. But since then things have

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2 Schools Plan Grade Merger

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

If their parish councils approve, two Southeast Region parish schools will merge junior high grades next September.

Blessed Sacrament's seventh and eighth grades will attend St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt Street, as part of a year of cooperation which is hoped to lay firm ground for further consolidation among three parish schools in September 1974.

Since last October, when a group of 18 lay people and religious from Blessed Sacrament, St. John's and St. Boniface, known as the General Committee For Consolidation, began meeting twice monthly, many studies, plans and refinements have been made.

St. Boniface, which favors consolidation, according to the principal, Sister Ronald Burns, SSND, is not taking an active part in this "pilot project" for two reasons.

It is not in the same serious financial need the other two schools are, she said, and she will not be principal next year. She did not want to reorganize the school for another principal to administer.

St. John's and Blessed Sacrament have a common problem other than money. Each has too many seventh and eighth graders for one class of each and too few to warrant two full classes and two teachers.

St. John's has 95 junior high students and Blessed Sacrament has 102. Under the present system each school has four teachers in the junior high departments.

In the "pilot project" there will be six teachers, who will have 33 students each. This will mean a savings of two salaries for the two schools.

Blessed Sacrament students will be transported the approximate 2.4 miles to St. John's by the Rochester city school district and all cost of the program will be shared equally by the two parishes.

St. John's school building is only 12 years old, has a science lab and can accept the additional junior high groups without any renovation of classrooms. These served as determining factors in the decision to make St. John's the base for the consolidated junior high school.

Discussion of consolidation in the Southeast Region was originally prompted by agreement of the three principals.

Women's Group Slates Priest

Father Joseph F. Reinhart, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will be the speaker for the April 2 meeting of the Spring Lecture Series sponsored by the Women's Council of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

Father Reinhart will speak on "Something Beautiful For God" at noon at the Chamber on St. Paul St.

pastors and lay representatives that there is need and desire for Catholic education with increased opportunities for the students and teachers; individual parishes are finding it near impossible to offer this type education due to increasing costs, declining registration and shortage of religious personnel; increased emphasis on cooperation and consolidation across parish lines is a goal of regionalism.

Right to Life To Push for Amendment

The Rochester Area Right to Life Committee has reorganized to wage a special effort to seek a constitutional amendment to protect the lives of all human beings, including unborn children.

The new strategy was caused by the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision sanctioning abortion.

Sixteen chairmen have been named for eight areas in Monroe County to guide efforts of the committee which now includes some 1,200 persons in its membership.

Chairmen are:

Webster-Penfield, William and Marie Polito, 872-5337; Irondequoit, Jean Lapple 467-0365 and Tony Bonadio 342-9089; Henrietta, Theodore Mooney 334-3225 and Bill Dale 334-7618; Gates-Chili-Parma, George Weidemer, 889-1971 and Jean Black 247-5109; Greece, Steve Wiktorski 227-1361 and Patricia Amato 621-5605; Rochester, Fred and Cathy Scharoun 467-6453; Perinton-Pittsford, Joann Purcell 377-4326; Brighton, Dominic Salamida 244-3527.

The committee has asked anyone interested in supporting the amendment to contact the chairman from his area.

At a recent meeting, the committee resolved "to strengthen its efforts to work within a democratic society to stop this senseless mass destruction of innocent human beings, and its imminent threatened extension to other members of our society."

To this end it announced it would join the New York State Right to Life and the national movements to seek a constitutional amendment to protect the lives of "all human beings, including unborn children."

A committee statement declared that "since the issue is viewed as preservation of human life, the committee would solicit the assistance of all churches in Monroe County, regardless of denomination."

Among other projects, a petition campaign is planned.

BISHOP ON TV

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan is scheduled for two television appearances. He will be guest on Channel 13's Open Line at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 5 and on Crossfire over Channel 8 at 9 a.m., Wednesday, April 11.