

New Face . . . New Features

Welcome to the unveiling of our "new face." We hope you like it.

The reasoning behind our changes are explained in our editorial on Page 4 and some of the work and study in bringing the changes about is explained on Page 5.

Along with the new typographical changes we are introducing some new writers and some new features.

"The man who wears no clique's collar" is an apt description for Father Andrew Greeley. Generally considered a liberal, Father Greeley, however, is not the sort that wears the collar of the self-conscious and self-elected liberals from whom so much is heard nowadays in the Church. He disdains bishop-baiting, "alienation," and the attitude that the Church ought to be torn down and rebuilt from the ground up.

In short he thinks for himself. To find out just what he is thinking, turn to Page 3 for his column, "The Church 1973."

We also are adding the services of Dimension News Service, which provides entertainment news. Its managing editor, John E. Fitzgerald, formerly was critic for Our Sunday Visitor and the New York Catholic News.

Fitzgerald has won many awards, including the "Best Critic" by the Directors Guild of America.

This week he criticizes the rating system employed by the movie industry. Turn to Page 16.

On the diocesan front, the Time of Renewal has entered into a special communications phase which will be reflecting the thoughts of Catholics from throughout the diocese. Our coverage is included in a special four-page pullout section in the center of the paper. This is the first part of a continuing nine-week series. We suggest you read it and save it.

Foster Parents Week is scheduled the week of April 8 and photojournalist Laurence E. Keefe depicts the life of a typical "foster family" in photos and words on Pages 8 and 9.

Everyone knows about the increasing role of the laity in the Church. For a concrete example of how it is working, Barbara Moynihan spent days observing the roles of five laymen in the new plan to merge grades of two schools in the Southeast Region. Page 2.

But all is not in a state of flux. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's column continues in its familiar Page 3 spot. Our editorial moves to Page 4 where it will join the ever-popular letters to the editor feature.



Throwback

Looking much as their ancestors probably did, except for the modern carbine, two Indians patrol the perimeter around Wounded Knee, S.D., the historic village occupied by members of the American Indian Movement. [RNS].

50 Bills in Congress Propose Tax Credit

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — Support continues to grow in Congress for the granting of tax credits to parents of private and parochial school children, as evidenced by the number of bills introduced so far in this session.

As of March 20, according to the new computerized legislation status service at the Capitol, 48 bills have been placed in the House hopper and two on the Senate side.

A total of six co-sponsors brings to 54 the number of congressmen who are behind passage of the legislation.

Rep. James A. Burke (D-Mass.) recently reported he will shortly re-introduce a tax credit bill he submitted early in the session.

CEDAR Staff Is Cut Back

Auburn — The Christian Education Department, Auburn Region (CEDAR) will lose its professional staff and cut back to an audiovisual center employing a part-time secretary starting July 1.

The board of directors made the announcement last week following a meeting, March 20. The board said that the decision to cut back the operation of the umbrella organization for religious education, was based on the "total of responses from area pastors."

A major result of the board's quorum decision will be the release of Sister Ellen Ward and Barbara Schmucker, who serve the program as coordinators.

Father John Glogowski, chairman of the board, said that he was "dissatisfied there wasn't more sufficient pastoral support to permit continued services with at least one coordinator."

He also said that the present development can be a step forward if individual parishes are able to provide teacher training and other in-service support for catechists by providing their own religious education coordinators.

this time with 23 co-sponsors, which will raise the total to 76 lawmakers pushing for passage.

His bill, essentially identical to the 50 submitted in both houses to date, would provide a parent with a direct income tax credit of up to \$200 for each child's tuition at a non-profit, private (or parochial) elementary or secondary school.

The credit would be computed on the basis of 50 per cent of tuition expense up to \$400.

To avoid giving unnecessary tax benefit to parents with ad-

justed gross incomes over \$18,000, the Burke-Ribicoff proposal (as it is called) provides for a reduction in the amount of the credit as the adjusted gross income of the taxpayer — and his spouse — increases, reduced \$1 for every \$20 of adjusted gross income exceeding \$18,000 he said.

The cost of the Burke-Ribicoff proposal is "substantial," he admitted, estimated at some \$362 million, "but compared to a possible burden of \$5 billion to \$7 billion in the event our non-public schools close, it is clearly a bargain," he said.

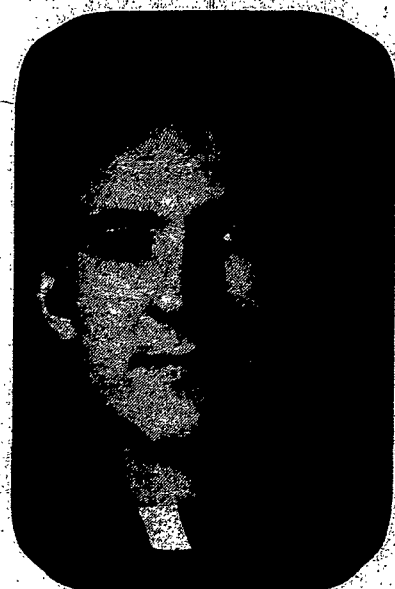
Ordination Slated For Father Mahler

Father Michael J. Mahler will be ordained a priest by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan on Friday, March 30 at 7:45 p.m. in St. Margaret Mary Church, where Father Mahler has served as a deacon for the past year.

He will offer concelebrated Masses of Thanksgiving at St. James Church, Rochester, on Saturday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. and at St. Margaret Mary Church on Sunday, April 1 at 12:30 p.m.

Father Mahler, son of Marie and the late John Mahler of Rochester, is a graduate of St. James School, Rochester, and of St. Andrew's Seminary High School. He received a B.A. degree from St. John Fisher College where he attended Becket Hall, and a B.D. degree from St. Bernard's Seminary.

While attending St. Bernard's, Father Mahler served in the field placement programs at St. Leo's School of Religion, in Hilton, the Monroe County Penitentiary, and St. Ambrose Church. He helped organize and participated in an ecumenical crisis ministry in conjunction with the Rochester Police Department in 1969. He was a recreation counselor for 5 years at St. Joseph's Villa and at



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Camp Stella Maris. He was also director of the boy's season at the camp in 1970.

He received his Clinical Pastoral Training at Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk, California.

Public receptions are planned following the Ordination ceremony and the Mass of Thanksgiving at St. James Church.