

special role to perform. For that reason, the parish welcomes diversity.

Next week, Part IV: The Value of Human Life. A Catholic view.

Time of Renewal

Diocesan teen seminar.

Not every parish council in the Diocese is fully organized, but in every parish, steps are being taken to that end. Talented and experienced laymen and priests with up-dated training are collaborating on the project. Yes, the structures are shifting. Yesterday the only full-time parish leaders were the pastor and his

think of this action less in terms of national causes (civil rights, war protests), than in terms of local necessities (youth drug programs, flood relief programs).

Generally speaking, Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester have responded in a variety of ways to the recent changes in the Church. Many seek religious guidance in their parishes to help them understand the changes, and to become more involved, as individuals and families. Others look on the parish as a rallying point where members can work together to initiate projects of service to the community.

Knight of St. John

In the non-tangible area, Catholics feel that although parish councils are trying to develop a "sense of community" in their congregations, there is still a need for better leadership if the parish is to serve both the individual Catholic and the wider community.

Parish council project. Working with other Church and neighborhood groups to bring an ambulance service closer to residents of North West Rochester.

evident, Catholics say, in parish administration and in the Liturgy (wider lay participation and a greater variety of Masses).

Throughout the Diocese, lay involvement has increased more in Liturgy and administration than in any other field. It is also in these two fields that most Catholics say their needs are being met rather well. They do think, however, that their churches are not providing sufficient religious services other than Mass. And they are inclined to view the role of a parish

