

How Parishes Serve Community

More and more parishes are taking a renewed look at their immediate community to see what role the Church can play in solving problems. Last week, Barbara Moynihan described some of the work of Holy Cross parish in Charlotte. This week, she describes how a parish develops programs, from the ground up, focusing on Ss. Peter and Paul parish in Rochester. **Page 7.**

And speaking of parishes, Bernard Lyons tells how one diocese answered the four most heard criticisms of parish councils in his column *Our Parish Council* on **Page 8.**

Our Time of Renewal series continues, beginning on **Page 11** this week, with a look at how diocesans feel about confession.

The ecumenism that followed Vatican II is "Miraculous, not man-made," according to a man who played a role in the inter-church happenings of the past 10 years — Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, former secretary-general of the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Blake was in the diocese last week for an alumni convocation at Colgate Rochester, and staffer, John Dash reports some of his views on **Page 7.**

One of the questions concerning Region II bishops at their meeting last week in Syracuse was youth and the Church. On **Pages 10 and 11**, Laurence E. Keefe has a picture story on one of the activities of diocesan youngsters — the Christian Seminars held at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua.

And, as usual the Courier's columnists are on hand to give their fine analyses of the current scene. Sarah Child explores the idea of a wildlife sanctuary in the backyard on **Page 27**; Father Shamon offers some unusually keen insights into next Sunday's readings on **Page 6**; Father Atwell's trenchant comments may be found on **Page 23**; and Father Cuddy's home-spun humor is on **Page 26.**



Almost a typical scene at an Auburn fire station takes on a different aspect with the inclusion of Father John Glogowski. See picture story on **Page 20**, the regional page.



Photo by Laurence E. Keefe

Cardinal Cooke, Bishop Hogan confer at Region 2 meeting.

A First for Bishops

Initial Regional Meeting Held by Ordinaries

By CHARLES RANDISI

Syracuse — The Church is going democratic.

There they were, 40-odd priests, religious, and lay people discussing marriage, youth, and the dignity of human life, rubbing elbows with Cardinal Terence Cook and most of the 32 active bishops of New York State.

The assembly had gathered at the Hotel Syracuse, April 30-May 2, for a meeting of Region II of the National Conference of Catholic bishops. The other 11 regions are meeting around the country this spring under similar circumstances, and with a common agenda.

The bishops were the only voting members of the assembly, but the other participants were active, commenting on speeches, taking part in small group discussions, and reporting to the main panel on the outcomes of their group talks.

[Though most of the bishops' meeting was open, the conferences of the Region 11 Sisters-run in conjunction were closed. Courier-Journal writer Barbara Moynihan and photographer Sue McKinney were barred from Wednesday's session on "Quest for Justice — Mission and Ministry." The agenda for the meeting did not describe it as executive or closed session.]

During the first coffee break, one priest, who had to act as a group recorder, admitted, "I'm a little scared. This is the first time I've ever been in the same room with a cardinal."

Joining Bishops Joseph L. Hogan, John E. McCafferty, and Dennis W. Hickey from Rochester were Fathers Daniel Brent and Robert Hammond, and Mr. and Mrs. John Pucci. They were invited by Bishop Hogan because of their close ties with the concerns for discussion.

Cardinal Cooke served as moderator and chairman for the three days, keeping the group on a smooth schedule, and punctuating the conference with his own insights.

The main panel for the meeting consisted of Cardinal Cooke and Bishops David Cunningham of

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Father Wuest Resigns Post

Auburn — Father Raymond M. Wuest, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church since 1969, has resigned because of ill health. He told his people Sunday that he no longer felt able to carry the administrative load in what is one of the largest parishes in the diocese.

He was pastor of St. Mary's, Dansville, for the two years preceding his appointment here.

Father Wuest, a native of Rochester, studied for the priesthood at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's, and was ordained in 1937. In 1960 he was named pastor of St. Bernard's, Scipio Center, St. Hilary, Genoa, and St. Isaac Jogues, Fleming.

As an assistant, he had served at St. Salome, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Michael's, Rochester.

'New Emphasis' Urged on Role Of Parish Priest

Syracuse [RNS] — More than 30 Roman Catholic bishops from New York State, meeting here, called for a "new emphasis" on the importance of the parish priest, a recognition of the partnership that exists between parents and the Church in child-raising, and suggested the Church consider "political lobbying" on such issues as abortion.

After a series of discussions — during which nuns, priests and lay persons were consulted — a variety of proposals were considered for submission to the November general session of the NCCB in Washington, D.C. The regional bishops' meetings — 12 were held throughout the country — are not policy-making, but designed to give the prelates a greater opportunity for dialogue than the full membership meetings.

A highlight of the two-day

session was a concelebrated Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. Cardinal Terence Cooke, who was the main concelebrant, stressed in his sermon that marriage and the family must be viewed as the "rock" of society and the Church.

Bishop Stanislaus Brzana of Ogdensburg, in addressing the bishops earlier, cited the 1968 encyclical of Pope Paul, *Humanae Vitae*, which referred to marriage as the "wise institution of the Creator to realize in mankind the design of His love."

The prelate also observed that Pope Paul opposed contraception and has appealed to all the bishops to consider as one of their greatest tasks the support of marriage and the family.

After a series of small group discussions, the bishops agreed

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