



Guild Presents Check

Mrs. Mary Trotter, president of the Holy Angels Guild, gives a check from the year's activities to Sister Francis, superior of the school. The guild has been working for the home since its foundation in 1930. It helps support the nuns who staff the boarding school for girls.

Nixon's Pastor Calls Watergate 'Tragic'

New York [RNS] — A Presbyterian pastor who has preached in the White House and whose congregation has sometimes included President Nixon described the Watergate affair as "tragic" here while affirming his personal affection for the President.

After he addressed the annual meeting of the American Bible Society, the Rev. John A. Huffman, Jr., pastor of Key Biscayne (Fla.) Presbyterian church, discussed his views on the prophetic role of a Christian preacher.

"I think we have to speak to any kind of personal and social injustice or wrong," he said, adding that in his own preaching, "I start with myself. If there's any finger pointing, it begins with me."

On his relationship with President Nixon, Mr. Huffman commented, "I love him very very much and I love the first family." At the same time, he emphasized, "I'm the pastor of the Key Biscayne Presbyterian church. I've never claimed to be the President's pastor. I'm the pastor of a church at which the President chooses to worship on occasion."

Business In The Diocese

Donald E. Kuhman, assistant secretary and manager of the Main Office of Rochester Savings Bank, has been elected and installed as president of the Rochester Chapter of the American Institute of Banking (AIB) for 1973-74. He succeeds Robert C. Hargather, an assistant secretary at Central Trust Co. A non-profit organization, the AIB is the largest adult education organization in America and offers educational courses at chapter levels in various general and specialized aspects of banking and finance. Kuhman is a member of St. Jude's Parish. He, his wife, Judy, and their two children live on Joli Lane, Gates.

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Review of Year

Religious Education a Total Effort

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Clyde — "I hope as a result of my continuing efforts as religious education coordinator in the three parishes I serve, religious education will be a total parish effort, not just a school or CCD effort," explained Sister Lorraine Masucci, a Sister of Mercy who has been serving as coordinator since September for St. Patrick's in Seneca Falls, St. Mary's in Waterloo and St. John the Evangelist in Clyde and its mission, St. Patrick's in Savannah.

"I envision religious education as more than just for the children, for if we are to educate them we must educate the parents as well in order to meet the growing needs of the child," she explained. "We are finding that religious education even for the child in Catholic school isn't sufficient and must be carried out in the home to be effective."

As administrative details for the religious education program remain with parish coordinators, Sister Lorraine has greater freedom to develop the total program emphasis of religious education in the parish community. She explored new avenues in the field of education and concentrated on parent meetings, developing formal teacher training courses, individual teacher consultation and demonstration classes.

Sister Lorraine worked closely with new teachers in lesson planning and provided more in-depth suggestions for implementation with experienced teachers. As a resource person she has provided theological approach to the thinking of the church today, pointing out different approaches in the sacraments as well as ideas

concerning conscience formation.

Teacher training for the high school level concentrated on deepening theology, self-understanding, and presentation of materials, new liturgical experiences and shared prayer. She was involved in the curriculum revision for grades 7-12 in the three parishes.

While work in adult education varied with the complexion of each parish, the bulk has been with the sacramental preparation for parents. Sister Lorraine set up the inter-parish adult lenten series. Next year's emphasis includes baptismal preparation for parents, re-emphasizing their role in the rites.

Prior to this assignment, Sister Lorraine was administrator for St.

Thomas the Apostle School in Rochester. She holds a BA in education from St. Bonaventure University and is working towards her masters in religious education at Seattle University.

Sister Lorraine looks to expanded family education programs through an experimental family religious education program for a few families. Children would be part of the family meetings, participate in community celebrations, and be involved in the spectrum of experiences as the whole family together.

One difficulty Sister Lorraine has had to deal with is that the three parishes are involved in two regions; with Clyde in YOW (Yates, Ontario, Wayne) and Seneca Falls and Waterloo in the Cayuga-Seneca region.

Former Bishop Joins Law Firm

Minneapolis [RNS] — Dr. James P. Shannon, former auxiliary bishop of the Catholic archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis, plans to join a law firm in Albuquerque, N.M., in September.

At 52, he will be the oldest of 22 members of the firm of Sutin, Thayer and Browne, according to an article by Willmar Thorkelson in The National Catholic Reporter.

Dr. Shannon, who will graduate from the University of New Mexico Law School on May 20, has been named the school's commencement speaker, the article reports.

In addition to his work with the law firm, he will teach a course on the legal profession for the law school this fall.

He also hopes to begin writing a book about present and future challenges to society. He said it would have a minimum of autobiography and would not be a "one-more-priest-leaves-the-Church" book.

Dr. Shannon's marriage in August 1969 brought automatic excommunication and the end of his career as bishop. Mrs. Shannon is a member of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The Catholic Church is the only spiritual home I've ever had or ever will," he said.

The Shannons worship regularly at the Aquinas Newman Center in Albuquerque and he has been a lector at Mass there, the article reports.

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