



OUR PARISH COUNCIL
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Generally, as councils have been formed in parishes and dioceses across the United States, these elected groups have been called parish councils in the parish, and pastoral councils at the diocesan level.

All councils are pastoral, however. An excellent article on this fact was printed in the July/August issue of "Forward," the newsletter for the Office for the Laity of the Milwaukee Archdiocese. What follows is a summary of that insightful essay:

We accept the premise that the pastor is still Pastor (with a capital P), caring for us in a special way, caring for us as Christ cares for those He loves, helping us back to the community when we are lost, feeding us the Body and Blood of Christ, offering himself up for our welfare.

But we are adult human beings, not sheep, and therefore, we have a desire — we have a real need as Christian adults — to express our Christianity by caring for each other.

We help each other find ourselves when we are lost, though not sacramentally as does the ordained priest. We feed each other when we are hungry for food, for affection, for enlightenment. We offer ourselves for each other's welfare.

This is ministering to each other, this is pastoral care for each other. This is taking responsibility for each other as our Pastor does for us, and, as we submit, we must for him and for each other.



HEADS PRO-LIFE GROUP

The Rev. Warren A. Schaller Jr., rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church in Minneapolis, has resigned to take the new post of executive director of the National Right to Life Committee, an agency formerly affiliated with the U.S. Catholic Conference but now incorporated as an independent body. Mr. Schaller has been an active leader of the pro-life movement in his area and at the time of taking his new post was serving as president of the Minneapolis Pro-Life Association. The National Right to Life Committee became independent when it incorporated this past May and gave up the financial support it had been receiving from the USCC. A major goal of the committee is securing an anti-abortion amendment to the constitution. [RNS]

When we talk about parish councils to new groups or even to established councils, we find rather often that they do not see themselves in a pastoral role, but are thinking in terms of parish administration.

Sometimes the thing uppermost in their minds is not even the administration of the parish, but the question of who has "the most authority" — the pastor or the people. Given our political tradition, it is probably natural for us to think in these terms, but for us the important question is how can we all work together "to pastor." If we can work out this problem, the pastor no longer stands alone as the one responsible for caring for everyone. The people of the parish will find themselves with a more effective, more accessible leader, who knows and understands them because he is one of them.

When we talk about parish councils, we ought to say, or at least think, their full title: **parish pastoral councils**. This makes the needs of the people the concern of the council.

St. Thomas Rosary Society Plans Fete

The leaders and captains of the bands of the St. Thomas the Apostle Rosary Society will be entertained by society officers at a get-acquainted party Aug. 30 at the home of Mrs. Shirley Walz, publicity chairman.

Greeting leaders and captains will be Mrs. Barbara Kelly, president; Mrs. Emma Yohon, vice president; Mrs. Ann O'Brian, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Marie Ferenchak, recording secretary; Shirley Doran, treasurer and Mrs. June Moody. Purpose of the get-together is to acquaint leaders and captains with new officers, inform them of upcoming schedule of events, and to discuss the kickoff event, the annual tureen supper, Sept. 19, at St. Thomas the Apostle.

GENEVA MAN TAKES HABIT

Geneva — Patrick Sweeney, son of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Sweeney of 20 John St., received the habit of the Christian Brothers Aug. 12 at the Santa Maria Novitiate in West Park, N.Y. His family attended the ceremony. He was graduated in 1972 from DeSales High School.

Knights Leader Warns of 'Morality Gap'

Seattle [RNS] — The top official of the 1.2 million-member Knights of Columbus asserted here that if a free society does not have a religious-based morality, it will have no morality at all.

Supreme Knight John W. McDevitt, addressing the States Dinner of the 91st annual meeting of the Supreme Council, warned that "the ultimate result of a non-religious morality is that everyone is free to do as he pleases — or least to do whatever he can get away with, either legally or illegally. Such a situation will not build society, but tear it apart."

Systems of morality that are not based on a religious foundation may be based on an individual's feeling, he said, or they may be tied to conventions of behavior, or to expediency. But such systems of morality "simply will not work in a free society," McDevitt commented.

The "most distressing gap" today, he said, is not the generation gap, the credibility gap or the income gap, but "the morality gap — that chasm between what man's intellect has fathomed and his will has failed to follow."

There have been some recent examples of men and women who are not living up to "what they must know to be their moral obligations," the Supreme Knight said, including instances "within our own Catholic community."

Referring to Father Philip Berrigan and Sister Elizabeth McAlister, whom he did not cite by name, McDevitt pointed out that "the past few months brought out that an activist priest and an equally activist nun who became involved in violence with the avowed purpose of teaching the nation the moral discipline of peace failed themselves to exercise the moral discipline of keeping their vows of chastity."

Today's crying need, Mr. McDevitt maintained, is for elevating the standards of moral conduct. He warned that the discrepancy between man's performance in the moral and intellectual fields has been widening.

"It must be realized that without morality we can have no society," he declared. "Society can survive only if its members abide by accepted norms of conduct."

*"thy letters have transported me beyond
This ignorant present, and I feel now
The future in the instant."
—Macbeth*

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