



**FATHER KIGGINS**  
**Coordinator Named**  
**For Southwest Region**

Father Roy Kiggins, co-pastor of Good Shepherd Church, Henrietta, has been named regional coordinator for the Southeast region of the Rochester diocese.

Father Kiggins will replace Father John Philipps, who has assumed the duties of pastor at Nativity Church in Brockport, which belongs to the Northwest Region.

Ordained in 1964, Father Kiggins also has served as associate pastor at St. John of Rochester, Fairport; Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira; and St. Mary's Canandaigua.

## Not the Mass

# Communion Rite Issued by Vatican

Vatican City [RNS] — A new Vatican document on the liturgy, which represents a revision of all previous Eucharistic rites based on texts published in the last 10 years, includes rules and liturgical texts for a special devotional Eucharistic service for Catholics that is not a Mass.

Outlined in a chapter dealing with distribution of Holy Communion outside of Mass, the new rite comprises a penitential act similar to that in the Mass, a liturgy of the Word, the recitation of the Lord's Prayer, the sign of peace, and a post-Communion prayer and final blessing. The rite, according to the document, can be long or short, based on local circumstances.

Apparently aimed at "priestless" or priest-short parishes, the new Eucharistic rite could allow for the distribution of Holy Communion by a deacon or extraordinary minister of Communion and a devotional service organized and conducted by parish leaders.

(Since November 1972, Bishop Henri Derouet of Sees, France, has invited more than a dozen parishes to organize occasional Sunday services without the presence of a priest as an experimental practice. Pope Paul was informed. In the Pontoise diocese, near Paris, the illness of a priest led parishioners to request permission to hold religious assemblies, not led by a priest, on one of every three Sundays of the month.)

(Bishop Derouet said the service follows a general outline of regular Eucharistic services: prayers and hymns, readings from the Scripture, homily, Communion, and benediction.)

The new Vatican document, issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship, has consolidated from the texts of the last 10 years everything concerning devotion to the Eucharist. It outlines a number of rites as brought up to date according to the norms and principles of Vatican II.

The introduction to the document, in four parts, stresses the relationship between the Mass and devotion to the Eucharist, the conservation of the Sacred Species, the custody of the Eucharist, and the usual liturgical prerogatives permitted through episcopal conferences by the Vatican.

One chapter in the document covers Communion for the sick given by an extraordinary minister as outlined in an earlier instruction issued in January 1973. This allows the local bishop in certain circumstances to give permission to a lay person, man or woman, to administer Communion to the sick.

Another chapter covers the different forms of Eucharistic devotion, including the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

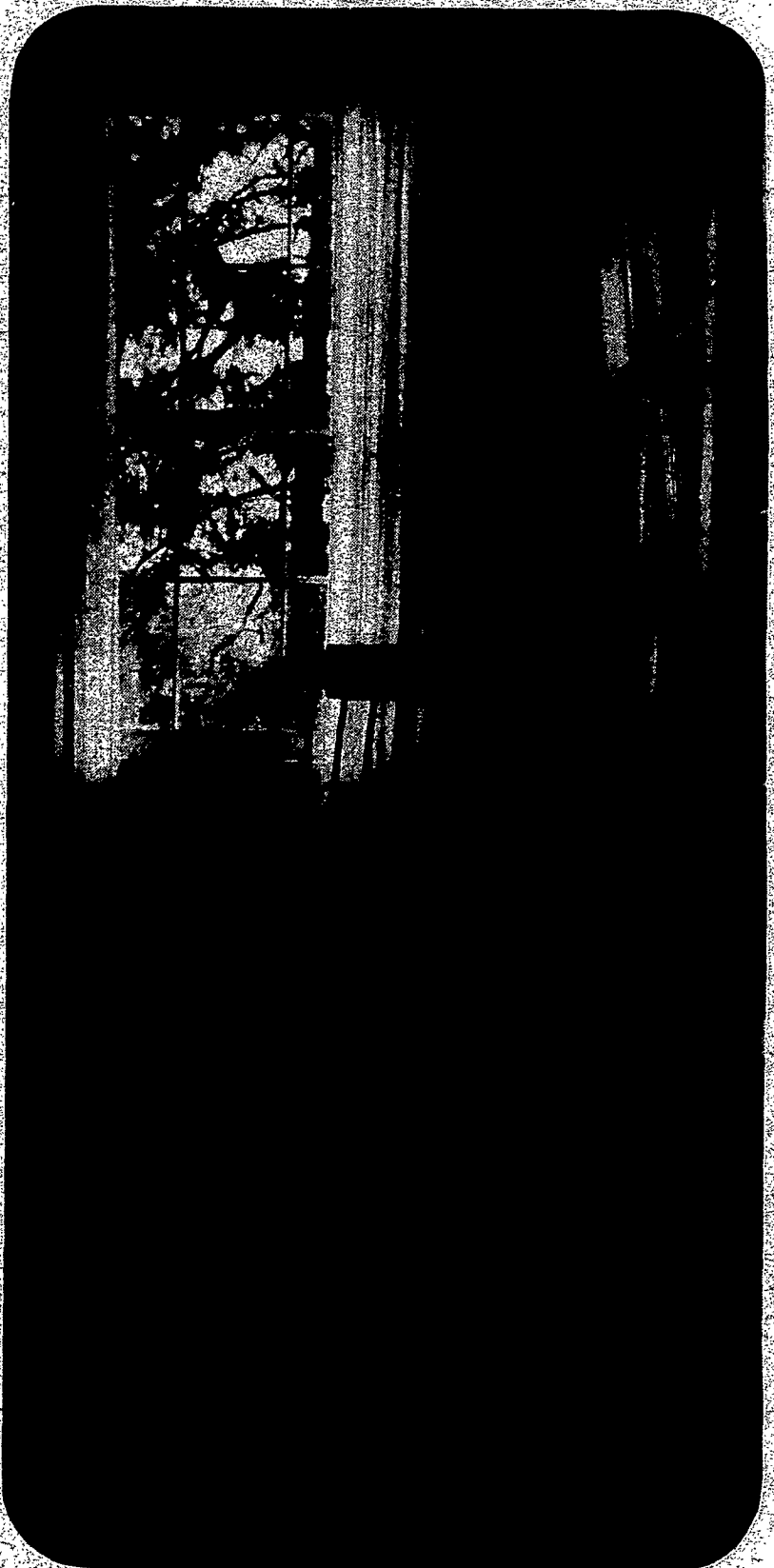


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## New Friend for a Classic

Cathy Mart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mart of Taylor Road, Honeoye Falls, and a first grader at St. Louis School enjoys the library in the restored "Manse" in Pittsford. [See Story on Page 6.]

## Special Tribute

The centerfold this week pays a word-and-photo tribute to Thomas O'Connor whose 44 years of work with the Catholic press formed the foundation upon which this newspaper stands. Still going strong, Tom will be 80 years old in December. Editorial on PAGE 4.



And I dream of the days when work was scrappy  
And rare in our pockets the mark of the mint  
And we were angry and poor and happy  
And proud of seeing our names in print.

Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936)

# Sisters Council Rejects Fund Development Plan

By SHARON DARNIEDER

The Diocesan Sisters Council (DSC) voted unanimously not to endorse the present proposal for a Diocesan Fund Development Office at their monthly meeting Oct. 20 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse.

Some of the impediments to endorsement were listed as: no statement of goals; lack of a stated Gospel foundation for the proposal which appears to have a materialistic dimension as opposed to a service dimension; and the fact that such an office will likely dilute efforts of individual parishes, private schools, hospitals, religious congregations, etc. to raise funds.

The DSC also recommended the establishment of a steering committee to investigate the need for Diocesan Fund Development, to establish the goals of such, if a need exists, and to offer alternative methods of fund development.

The decision not to endorse the

Fund Office proposal was reached after lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of such an office, and the methods of implementing one in the diocese.

Prior to the final vote on the proposal, the DSC rejected a study presented by the three-member, ad hoc committee set up in September to study the Diocesan Fund Development Office proposal.

That study presented the findings of the now dissolved committee, composed of Sister Rosalma Hayes, SSJ, Sister Scholastica Caulfield, RSM, and Sister Veronica Casey, RSM, and recommended endorsing the proposal with reservations. It then listed six impediments standing in the way of full endorsement, some of which were carried over into the final resolution drafted by the members.

Sister Veronica, committee chairman, pointed out that the committee made an effort to get

as much information as possible while studying the proposal.

"We made many contacts within and without congregations," she said. "We also approached knowledgeable lay people."

The committee's findings were acceptable to the council, but the discussion before a vote was taken made it clear that other objections against the proposal had to be listed in the final resolution before it would be accepted by all members.

The DSC's non-endorsement of the present Fund Development Office proposal will be forwarded by letter to Father James Moynihan, diocesan chancellor, who presented the proposal to the council for review in September.

Included will be the complete list of the six impediments blocking the endorsement and the recommendation for the establishment of a steering committee.