COURIER-JOURNAL OUR PARISH COUNCIL Bernard Lyons

Here are some questions that still puzzle me. By sharing them with you this week, I may stimulate your thinking about the questions and help you get a new perspective on your own parish and council.

When is a parish ready for a council?

I am convinced that a parish has to have a certain selfawareness of itself as a community, some inspired leadership, and a recognition of what a council can do for the parish in order to successfully organize a council, but are there any objective standards that can be used to evaluate a particular parish's readiness for establishing a council?

Is there any real need for priests to celebrate daily Mass in large church building for a handful of people during the week?

Such daily Masses, while spiritually enriching, are not personally involving and seem to have little to do with community building. Wouldn't it be better for the human dimension of each Mass and more supportive of the Sunday worship of the parish community for daily Masses to be held in more human-size locations (homes, hospitals, small meeting rooms, nursing homes)?

What can we do to stimulate more priests to become real pastors?

There are priests today who see that a vital part of their job is to train, form, and inspire real apostles among the laity. Usually these are priests who are active in specialized movements (the Christian Cursillo. Family Movement, etc.), but there are not enough of them. A parish council is a real opportunity for a priest to work closely with a group of lay men and women. The involvement, however, should not be limited to working together on parish housekeeping matters, but should be a part of the priest's obligation to develop these persons in Christ.

What can we do to stimulate more lay people to become true apostles?

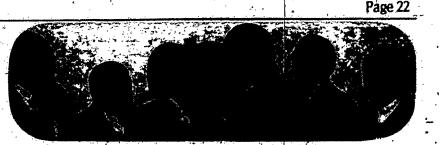
Vatican Council II recom-°mended that the parish be a center where lay people could bring their wordly concerns. Too home, on the job, and in the community with the parish community. Their work on 'a parish council or committee is seen as a spiritually rewarding bit of volunteerism, rather than as a vital link to a worshipping community that prepares them and sustains them to be the truly

Wednesday, October 24, 1973

GIRLS' COACHES TO MEET In preparation for the upcoming CYO basketball season, a meeting of all girls' basketball and cheerleading coaches will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3, 10:30 a.m. in the CYO ballroom, on the third floor of 50 Chestnut St. building. All elementary and high school parish coaches are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be followed by a discussion to set up guidelines to establish a volleyball league for grade school and high school girls.

BETTER WORLD

Auburn – A Better World prayer session will be held on Friday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's School.



Testimonial for Knight .

A testimonial dinner was held Saturday, Oct. 13, for Knights of Columbus past grand knight C. Michael Goodman [third from right] of K of C council 1445. More than 150 knights were in Canandaigua to honor Goodman, including [I-r] Carmine Caifano, secretary to state deputy; William Van Tassell, state treasurer; Anthony Caramele, state deputy; Frank Cutry, Jr., district deputy, and Joseph Fitzgerald, grand knight.

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Dom Giovanni, a controversial figure who had been critical of the Church's role in social action, had supported a dissident magazine, Com, which had often criticized the Vatican.

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