



Next-to-New

They're Not Asking for the Shirt off Your Back, Catholic Relief Services points out; they can make good use of clothes you no longer need or want. "They" are the millions of men, women and children who live in poverty the world over. The 25th annual Thanksgiving Clothing Collection sponsored by CRS and the bishops of the United States is scheduled officially for the week of Nov. 18. Parish bulletins should be consulted for details.

Special Mass Scheduled For Thanksgiving Day

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the principal concelebrant of a special Mass for Thanksgiving Day which will be celebrated for the people of the diocese and which will incorporate both personnel and themes of the Campaign for Human Development.

The Mass, slated to start at 9:30 a.m. at the Cathedral, will also feature music by the Sisters of St. Joseph Chorale under the direction of Sister Virginia Hogan.

Concelebrating with the Bishop will be Fathers Bernard Carges, Joseph D'Aurizio, Thomas Wheeland, Joseph Jankowiak, James Cooney and Michael Conboy.

According to Sister Margaret Mary Mattle, of the Office of

Liturgy, which is planning the event, the major theme of the Mass will be Gratitude for God's Blessings in "Making us all less poor." This is also the theme of this year's Campaign for Human Development.

Sister Margaret Mary said the celebration would express "thanks to God and thanks to his people who have shared their gifts with others in need."

POST OFFICE WOMEN MEET

The Postalites of Mary, a group of Catholic women who work at the Post Office, attended Mass Nov. 4 at St. Joseph's Church and had breakfast afterward at 111 East Ave. At a business session, they planned a membership drive and voted \$50 to the painting and decorating fund at St. Joseph's.

Mrs. Ann A. Tomczak is president of the organization; Mrs. A.J. DeSantis, vice president, and Tena D. Magere, secretary-treasurer. Father Albert J. Riesner, pastor of St. Joseph's, is moderator.

Problem Pregnancy?

For free confidential help call Birthright: (716) 328-8700. Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays; 24 hour answering device to receive messages.

Priests Postpone Decision On Fund Development Plan

By SHARON DARNIEDER

Voting on the diocesan Fund Development Office was postponed for the second time by the Priests Council at its Nov. 6 meeting at the Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua.

After a lengthy discussion, those present agreed the proposal should be rewritten to clarify the many questions raised by members and other priests at their block meetings before a vote is taken.

(The council did not vote on the proposal at its October meeting because members felt more time was needed to consider it.)

A unanimously passed resolution introduced by Father Joseph Brennan stated that after talking it over, the council was impressed with the importance of establishing a Fund Development Office.

The resolution said that for this reason the council requested the proposal be rewritten by Father James Moynihan's office (Father Moynihan, diocesan chancellor, presented the proposal to the council in September) with representation from the Priests Council.

Father Richard Tormey will be chairman of the ad hoc Priests Council committee set up to assist Father Moynihan's office with the rewriting. Other committee members will be appointed by Father James Marvin, council president.

Father Marvin also said the Sisters Council will have representatives participating in the rewriting sessions so they can express what their council feels should be included.

(At their October meeting, the Diocesan Sisters Council voted unanimously not to endorse the present Fund Development Office proposal because members felt it left too many questions unanswered.)

The resolution passed after a question and answer period among the council, Father Moynihan and the two professionals who conducted the diocesan survey on which the Fund Development Office proposal is based.

They are William Freyd, regional vice president of New York City's C.W. Shaver Co., and George Holloway, executive secretary of the National Catholic Development Conference, also of New York City.

Council members agreed the original proposal lacked answers to several questions, among them what the office's goals are, the distribution of the money collected, and to whom the director will be held accountable. They also felt the proposal should be more gospel-oriented.

"I'm sure these were contained implicitly in the original proposal," said Father Marvin, "but we want them to be more explicit; to be spelled out more clearly."

He added that the council felt it was important for members and others in the diocese to have the chance to ask all the questions they want.

"We can't see making a decision (on the Fund Development Office) in haste," he said.

The Priests Council committee set up to aid in rewriting the proposal will start work immediately and report to the council at next month's meeting.

Then, after reviewing the rewritten proposal, members will decide if the final vote is ready to be taken.

Priests Council Acts To Clarify Its Role

At a role clarification session Nov. 5-6, Priest Council members examined their relationship to the Bishop and to other diocesan groups.

According to Father Sebastian Falcone, chairman of the council committee which conducted a survey last spring of member's attitudes toward council goals, priorities, procedures and its relationship to others, the area of greatest ambiguity was the latter.

The session at the Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, grew out of the survey results and used as its resource person Father John McCrea, a Syracuse diocesan priest who teaches a course at St. Bernard's Seminary.

He set the session's tone by tracing the whole idea of authority in the Church.

Four basic models of functional relationship to the Bishop were discussed by the council and through an informal balloting system members favored the third model, advise and consent, over the others.

This means the Bishop can consult the council just for advice on certain issues, or he can also ask their advice and consent before he acts. The choice is up to him and would undoubtedly depend on the issue involved.

Father Falcone pointed out that even though the Bishop was

present at the session, the decision reached involved only council members.

"This is the way the people on the council see themselves in relation to the Bishop," he said "and it does not necessarily mean the Bishop agrees with us although it is hoped that he would."

He said since the proceedings have been informal, there has been no opportunity as yet for the Bishop to respond either formally or informally. He added that council members will continue to act on their preference until they hear from the Bishop.

He added that the council hoped the role clarification would be an ongoing thing but noted that there were no immediate plans for another session.

"This is the first time the council has gone into an in-depth analysis of its own corporate effort," said Father Falcone, "and it seems to have been the right time."

Other members agreed.

Father James Marvin, council president, summed up his feelings about the session by saying he thought it had been very helpful to the council because "the frustrations we felt have been clarified. Before this we weren't sure of many things."

He added that the advise and consent method picked by

council members to express their relationship to the Bishop was "a good one because it's democratic and doesn't close the door on other groups in the diocese" (who might want to express their opinion on an issue.)

Father John Mulligan said he thought the session was "worthwhile and a good first step."

He defined the second step as "perhaps a further elaboration of role clarification and then some goal setting."

Father Joseph Brennan said he thought it was "very good for us to discuss how we define our relationship with the Bishop and others, but I feel a little uncomfortable trying to do this when there are no representatives there from other groups."

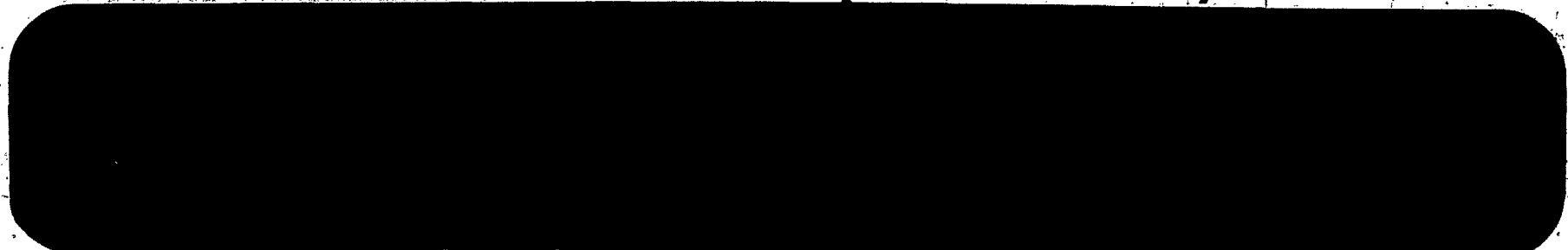
He said such representatives might have been helpful at parts of the session. He added that perhaps it was "kind of premature to define our role to other groups because some of them are still rather new to the diocese."

Father James Boyle felt the most important thing at the session was "an awareness of the common shared ministry of the priesthood between the Bishop and the priests there."

He added that the session was good and "we didn't go too far afield from this, but we didn't take the context of the shared ministry as acutely as we might."

Darnieder.

Whatever You Do For The Least of My Brothers...



CHRISTMAS FUND

SEND DONATIONS TO

Catholic Charities 50 Chestnut Street