



And The Band Plays On

Photos by Susan McKinney

Scott Swagler, top left photo, finds a good trumpet player needs a lot of air as he strains for the high notes. Lynn Consul, top right, gives her music full concentration. Carol Coffas, at left in photo, gives her music a thoughtful glance and her lips a bite as she prepares for her part. Joyce Vollmer, right, plays on.

Permanent Diaconate Reported Catching On

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — A U.S. Catholic bishops' committee dealing with the permanent diaconate said in a wide-ranging report compiled for the bishops' general meeting here (Nov. 12-16) that it will give "priority consideration" to implementing the diaconate program in rural areas.

It asserted that there is "growing concern to find some way of assisting rural dioceses lacking competent faculty personnel to implement a diaconate program."

At the same time, the Committee on the Permanent Diaconate of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) stated that a workshop

held in Houston since the last bishops' meeting "showed clear evidence of the growth in maturity of the diaconate across the country."

The report to the bishops' general meeting disclosed that a survey requested by the Vatican Congregation for the Sacraments revealed that:

* Fifty-nine U.S. dioceses now have diaconate programs and at least 30 other dioceses are in various stages of investigating and planning similar programs.

* There are 411 married deacons and 37 celibate deacons across the country already ordained, and 870 candidates in preparation.

* The response by the people has been "99.5 per cent very well to enthusiastic" with "0.5 per cent uncertain."

Deacons are involved in about 30 different ministries, including assisting at the liturgy, preaching, baptizing, catechetical work, community service, retreats, campus ministry, diocesan administration, pastoral work in missions, prison ministry, alcoholic rehabilitation, and hospital work.

Among the difficulties discerned by the committee were lack of publicity and information to the clergy and laity about the program, finding competent personnel to teach and guide programs, getting minority groups interested, and concern over the question of re-marriage should a married deacon lose his spouse through death.

The report also pointed out that there is concern about deacons having an "attitude that is overly clerical," and there are areas where some priests find acceptance of the entire diaconate program difficult.

Income Aid Topic At Coffee Hour For SW Elders

The new Supplementary Security Program for the Aged, Blind and Disabled will be explained to Southwest area residents at a coffee hour sponsored by St. Augustine's human development committee, Sunday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m. in the rectory meeting room.

Richard Sanow of the local Social Security Office will explain the new Federal program which will make monthly cash payments, starting in January, to people of a limited income who are 65 or older or who are blind or disabled.

The aim of the program is to bring the basic cash income to at least \$130 a month for one person and \$195 a month for a married couple. The amount of the monthly payments depends on a person's income.

Applications must be filed by December 5. Eligible persons may fill out application blanks at the coffee hour.

Those needing transportation may call Lyn Sommers, 328-3371.



White Haven Chapel and Garden Mausoleum

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