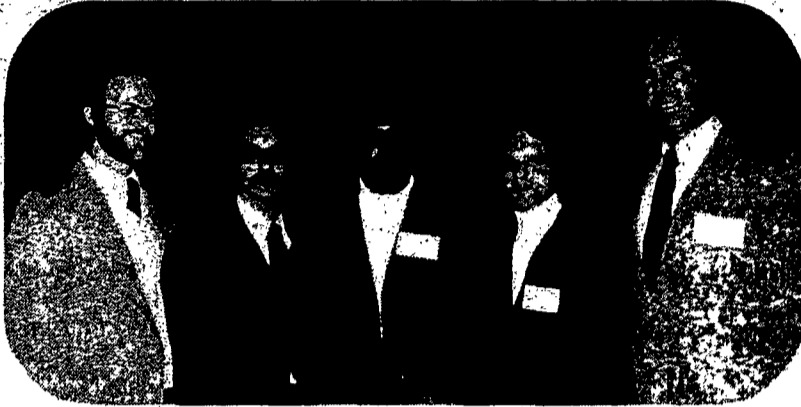




CYO CONVENTION

The 12th national Catholic Youth Organization Federation Convention was held in Indianapolis, Nov. 15-18, and five members of the Rochester CYO attended. The convention, which is held every two years, drew more than 3,000 delegates. Its emphasis this year was on educational involvement of the CYO. Above, Msgr. John Brooks, New York Regional CYO director, talks to the state delegation. At right are the Rochester delegates: Ken Jones (left), training coordinator; Tom Cotterill, youth development director; Bob Laird, youth worker; Rich Weider, youth worker; John Klein, acting executive director.



'Religious Life' Pope's Theme

Vatican City [RNS] — Reflecting on the nature of "religious life" in the Church, Pope Paul VI said here that its "dynamism and strength" lies in maintaining the traditional vowed observances of poverty, chastity and obedience.

The Pope spoke at a special audience with 350 participants of a general assembly of the International Union of Superiors General of Women's Religious Institutes.

Referring to the Church's call for "renewal" of religious institutes, the pontiff stressed that it was not so much a question of "structural change," as it was of "profound interior renewal."

He noted that "present difficulties" beset many communities of women religious — absence of vocations, excessive burden of duties, generation gap, "and the sorrowful departure of a certain number of nuns and sisters."

With regard to these difficulties, and "the consequent debate over the traditional form of religious life," the Pope went on, "it is important to emphasize those essential elements that must be present."

"Religious life," he explained, "will find its dynamism and strength if it is not afraid to conserve an authentic religious life style centered on chastity, poverty, obedience, and common life."

RACL CELEBRATION

The Rochester Association of Catholic Laypeople invites the public to a liturgy at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception with an Advent theme centered around a discussion of "Jesus and the Jewish views of the Messiah." Noel B. Shuell of the St. John Fisher College faculty will help guide the open discussion. The liturgy will be celebrated at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Melnyk, 296 Yarmouth Rd. Officiating will be Father Lawrence Murphy, chaplain at Genesee Hospital.

TEEN CLUB

Bath — The Teen Club at St. Mary's is looking for more members. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to join by signing up any Sunday morning after religion classes or by contacting Father John O'Malley at the rectory.

Greece Musicians to do Messiah

The Greece Performing Arts Society will present a concert at 7:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Greece Arcadia High School, 120 Island Cottage Rd. There will be no admission charge.

Society directed by Ralph Zecchino will offer the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah." Soloists will be Nancy Virkhaus, soprano, Richard Allen, bass, and John Braund, tenor. A brass ensemble from the Greece Symphonic Band and a string ensemble from the Greece Community Orchestra also will perform.

The Greece Symphony Orchestra conducted by David Fetter and the Greece Choral

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