

La Paz Parish Going Local

Priests Council takes look at rewritten plan for Fund Development Office. This and other council news on Page 12.

After some eight years of Rochester diocesan supervision, the parish of San Jose Obrero in La Paz, Bolivia, will be transferred to the control of the Bolivian Church during 1974.

A proposal for the transfer by the Padres of Rochester who have been directing the parish has been approved by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan. He read it to the Priests Council meeting last week and the priest senators in turn voted their "gratitude" to the work of the parish.

Bishop Hogan in praising the parish team said they have "planted a seed and planted it well."

He said it is the role "of all foreign missionaries to try and establish the Church on a local level . . . they (missionaries) always remain as foreigners as outsiders."

He specifically praised the Padres of Rochester and the laymen who have shared in the work of San Jose Obrero for a "mission accomplished in the very, very good sense."

Father Joseph Reinhart, director of the Diocesan Missions Office, called the transition "the fulfillment of the dream we had when we went there . . . to hand over the parish to the people of LaPaz with the local church in a position to take over."

"Of course, we will continue to lend our support to San Jose Obrero," Father Reinhart added.

Father Edward Golden, who has been serving in LaPaz since 1968, has completed his assignment at San Jose Obrero and is expected back in Rochester shortly.

Father Daniel Torrey, who has been at San Jose Obrero since 1972, expects to wind up his service there within the year.

Father Peter Deckman, who has been at the Bolivian parish since the diocese took a role in its duties in 1966, will stay on until the transition to Bolivian control is completed. Tim McCluskey, the lay member of the parish team, also expects to stay on in LaPaz until the transfer is complete.

The statement by the parish team at San Jose proposes "that the administrative, social and pastoral duties of this parish, currently under the care of the Padres of Rochester, be tran-

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(Artwork by Brother Placid Stuckenschneider, OSB of St. John Abbey, Collegeville)

Jan. 17—Patron of Farm Animals

St. Anthony was born in 251 in Upper Egypt, to very wealthy parents. At their death he inherited their wealth and also the care of a younger sister . . . all before he was twenty. But he took the words of the gospels to heart and, giving away all and leaving his sister in other care, went into a life of common labour, prayer and reading. This did not please the devil who tempted him severely but Anthony endured. From the age of 21 to 54 he stayed by himself in the hills and mountains. It was then that he set up a monastery for some of his followers. Other monasteries rose. In 311 a new wave of Roman persecutions came and Anthony went to Alexandria to give courage to martyrs. Later he spoke against Arian heresy. So well known was he that Constantine the Great wrote to him in 337 asking for his prayers. His final years were spent in his monasteries where in 356, at the age of 105, he died. In the artwork St. Anthony has a crutch, a peculiarly Egyptian T-shaped form of the cross. The pig, no doubt, in its origin denotes the devil. Later, though, herds of swine were cared for by members of the order for local farmers. Some pigs wore bells in order to be located and thus, in time, the bell became associated with the members of his order. The book is a book of nature which compensated the saint for his lack of any other reading, during his youth.