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## North Region

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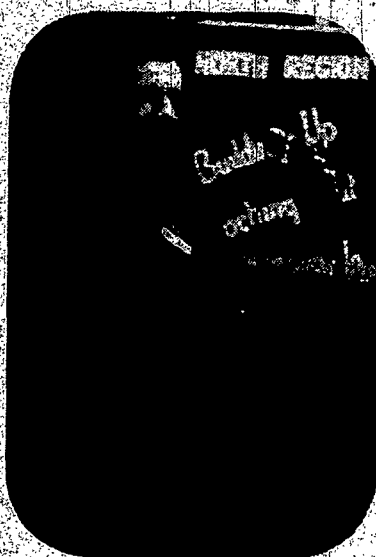
New officers of the North Region installed by the Bishop are: Robert Herberger, chairman, Christ the King; David Maier, vice chairman, St. Salome; Donald Trott, secretary, St. Andrew's; and Kevin O'Brien, treasurer, St. Margaret Mary.

The Bishop said he was happy to see young people taking an interest in region activities and cited the recently elected Trott and O'Brien as examples.

Father Hoffman, director of Pastoral Ministry, who also attended expressed his pleasure in how the North Region is growing and noted that "the spirit is really alive here."

He encouraged region leaders to "seek out the services you're looking for by coming to the Pastoral Center. You know your parish family and its needs. You're the people with the experience."

Closing ceremonies called for singing the North Region hymn.



Father Paul Schnacky

"Nothing would give me greater pleasure," said Father Schnacky, "but we don't have a North Region hymn."

"It's another thing we can do together," he announced with a smile, "and we're open for contributions."

## Governor Asks Plan For Attica Defense

Albany — Gov. Malcolm Wilson will call for a meeting of the Monroe County and the Erie County bar associations to formulate a specific proposal on the question of defense funding for 62 Attica inmates indicted after the 1971 uprising at that prison.

The governor said this in a statement to eight community representatives, including Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, who visited him Monday to push the issue of adequate defense funds for the inmates.

Stating he wants a specific plan, the governor said that as soon as he receives the proposal from representatives of the two bar associations he would review it with his legal counsel. Following this, another meeting with the bar association members who drew up the proposal will be held to help formulate his request to the Legislature for funding and enabling legislation.

In addition to Bishop Hogan, those meeting with the governor Monday were:

Father Charles Mulligan, director of the diocesan Office of Human Development; Carolyn Micklem, Judicial Process Commission; Rabbi Judea Miller, Temple B'rith Kodesh; Alan

Newman, Monroe County Bar Association; Pablo Rivera, Ibero American Action League; Rev. Raymond Scott, Fight, Inc.; and Rev. Carl Smith Genesee Valley Presbytery.

In a statement to Gov. Wilson, the community leaders maintained that "to provide full funding for the defense is not to comment on the guilt or innocence of the accused: it is to side firmly with the American system of justice." Quoting Justice Hugo Black of the Supreme Court, they stated, "There can be no equal justice where the kind of trial a man gets depends on the amount of money he has."

A lack of funds has put the defense at least two years behind the prosecution in gathering and compiling evidence, according to the group.

## Thousands in P.R. Protest Abortion

San Juan, P.R. (RNS) — Thousands of demonstrators — variously estimated at 15,000 to 35,000 — marched silently here to protest proposed legalization of abortion in Puerto Rico.

Protestant and Catholic clergymen headed the group which marched past the Puerto Rican Capitol Building and dispersed after an hour and 15 minutes.

Behind the leaders was a line of women carrying a large banner, "Puerto Rican Christians Against Abortion." They were followed by the thousands of participants, ranging from babies to the elderly.

### OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild of Holy Name parish will meet Tuesday evening, Feb. 19. Members are asked to bring things for a white elephant auction, which Father Frederick Helfrich will conduct. Mrs. Richard Neary will be hostess.

## Mother Frances

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Mother Frances, christened Franziska Schervier, was born into a well-to-do family in Aachen, Germany, in 1819. In 1845, she founded the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis of Assisi, known in the United States as the Religious Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor. Under its two titles, the order numbers more than 2,000 members.

In 1863, Mother Frances brought a group of volunteer nurses to the United States to work in military hospitals. She died in Aachen in 1876. Her cause for beatification was introduced in Rome in 1934.

## Penance Rites

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The new Order does not affect present confessional practice in the U.S. with regard to general confession and absolution.

The three appendices to the new text treat the question of absolution from ecclesiastical censures, offer model penitential celebrations and material for examination of conscience.

The nine proposed penitential celebrations are intended as models. Creativity is encouraged in preparing such services. In addition to those suggested for Lent and Advent, others are intended for celebrations with

children, the sick, or designed around strictly biblical themes.

Episcopal conferences can establish norms concerning the discipline of the sacrament of Penance; they can determine norms for the appropriate place for the celebration of the sacrament and for the sign of penance to be used in the case of general absolution; and they may develop additional prayer texts. It is also up to national bishops' conferences to establish the date when the new rite will be implemented after the translation of the Latin text has been completed, approved and confirmed by the Holy See.

## What Is and Isn't In the Document

According to Father Krosnicki, the following are innovations in the new penance ritual.

1. Community nature of the sacrament is stressed,
2. It urges that the sacrament be celebrated in an enriched manner and in a diversity of forms,
3. It points up the nature and effects of reconciliation with God,
4. It allows for the removal of traditional confessionals and recommends a more open kind of communication between penitent and priest.

The document did not, however:

1. Loosen norms restricting general absolution,
2. Propose theological changes,
3. Treat of the nature of sin.

## Changes in Absolution Formula

Following are the present formula pronounced by Roman Catholic priests for the absolution of sins and an unofficial translation of the new one from the *Ordo Paenitentias*.

### Present Formula

May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve you, and by His Authority I absolve you for your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### New Formula

God, the Father of Mercies, has reconciled the world to Himself through the death and resurrection of His Son and has poured forth the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins. May He grant you pardon and peace through the ministry of the Church. And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.



Photo by Susan McKinney

### Friends

Father Edward Zimmer, pastor of St. Monica's Church, keeps in touch with the younger generation. Talking with Father are Debbie Compagno, Maureen Lynch, Jill Marie Webster and Jami Sue Webster.