

'Leadership' Your Role, Bishop Tells Coordinators

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Canandaigua — Bishop Joseph L. Hogan congratulated regional coordinators and their associates on their work and pointed out

that "you're called upon in your area to provide leadership and guidance in our program for renewal" at an informal meeting for them March 12 here at St. Mary's.

He noted that regionalism and their role in it was to "build up team spirit with the clergy, laity and diocesan administration."

"I've never seen so many people working so hard for the welfare of the Church in the diocese of Rochester," he commented. "And that includes priests, Sisters and lay people."

He also told them that, as regional coordinators, they're his "personal representatives." We have to get this message across to the people in the regions. When you're there, I'm there!" he said.

The meeting was conducted by Father Douglas Hoffman, director of pastoral ministry, and part of the discussion following the Bishop's remarks centered on the length of the coordinator's term, which had previously been agreed upon as two years.

At the end of that time the term will be reviewed and the coordinator has the option of either resigning or continuing.

Aquinas Sets Boxing Finals

Aquinas Institute's annual boxing competition is going on this week with finals scheduled for Saturday, March 23. Defending champions are Pat O'Day, Jim Cocilova, Mike and Bob Birecree, Ray Megerle, Steve Micilli, Pete Schmitt, Mark Kolmer, Bill Magee and Ross Cibella.

In charge will be Hunk Vadas, who has directed the program since its inception 41 years ago. Abe Raff, one-time fighter who was a downtown merchant here for many years, will be back from Baton Rouge, La., to referee. Also calling decisions will be Supreme Court Judge John Mastrella. Tickets may be reserved by calling the school office, 254-2020.

FIFTH GRADERS TRY PIONEERS' SKILLS

Fifth graders at Holy Trinity School, Webster, completed their study of early America last week with some practical experience. Classes centered on the settlers' ways of feeding, sheltering and clothing themselves.

Nancy Rosenberg of the Rochester Museum set the stage with a general description of pioneer times. Twenty-one women from the area took charge of classes in baking and the preparation of jam, cheese and butter, the dyeing and spinning of wool, log sawing, candle dipping and other skills. Each child participated in five of these laboratory sessions and wore a costume appropriate to the period.



Photo by Susan McKinney

Father Thomas Reddington, northwest regional coordinator and Sister Margaret Mary Mattle exchange a smile and notes during the meeting.

The Bishop said that a coordinator was free to leave before his term was up if he felt the work was becoming too much in addition to his other duties, and he assured them he'd understand if someone requested to leave under these circumstances.

"Because there is so much responsibility that goes along with the job," he said, "I would not expect any of you to stay if the work becomes too demanding."

He suggested that June would be a good month for the review, and said that outgoing coordinators should give names of those recommended as successors to him for final approval.

Sister Margaret Mary Mattle of the diocesan liturgy office and George Walker of the diocesan liturgy planning committee, reported on the upcoming Christ Mass at St. Stephen's Church, Geneva, on April 9 at 8 p.m. Bishop Hogan will concelebrate the Mass with the 10 regional coordinators.

They pointed out that sections for each region will be designated in the church, and that the coordinators will vest early so they can greet the people from their regions before Mass and stay with them until the entrance procession.

The coordinators were asked to

select a key lay person playing a significant leadership role in their region to accompany them in the procession.

Father Hoffman also spoke on the Holy year and urged coordinators to work closely with the priests in their regions concerning the programs for it, especially the pastors of churches designated as pilgrimage churches.

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Mother Teresa Lends Support To CRS Plea

New York [RNS] — Mother Teresa, whose work with the poor and dying of India is known throughout the world, appealed in a message released here, to all American Catholics to support the overseas relief efforts of Catholic Relief Services.

Addressed to Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia, president of the U.S. Catholic Conference and chairman of the 1974 American Overseas Aid Fund Appeal slated for March 24, Mother Teresa's plea stressed that the poor of the world "need your people's love in action now more than ever."

The famed foundress of the Missionaries of Charity, an order of nuns now active in many poor areas of the world, noted that U.S. Catholics have been "more than generous towards us through Catholic Relief Services for the past 23 years."

She went on to appeal to the people of the U.S. "to give until it hurts during your efforts to

PRO-LIFE CONCERT

Folksinger Barbara Breuer-Sipple, who will perform here at the annual Right to Life dinner Saturday night, also will give a concert to raise money for the Rochester Area Right to Life education fund. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 24, at Nazareth Arts Center. The popular singer is a member of the National Pro-Life Coalition and devotes much of her professional activity to the movement.

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She suggested the sacrifice of a meal a week, a pack of cigarettes, giving up some entertainment "for the many who are hungry, the naked."

Mother Teresa has worked with CRS since 1950, when she founded her order numbering more than 7,000 members.

The annual fund appeal, which will benefit CRS efforts in more than 60 countries, will culminate with a special collection in some 15,000 U.S. Catholic churches on Laetare Sunday (March 24).

ST. HELEN'S MARKS GIRL SCOUT WEEK

Girl Scout ideals were expressed through a special liturgy last Thursday in St. Helen's Church, Gates.

Father Daniel Hogan, saying Mass for the 80 girls of the parish who were observing Girl Scout Week, was assisted by junior scouts as altar girls and cadettes as lectors. Brownies and juniors formed the offertory procession, and a girl from each of the five troops in the parish presented the celebrant with a symbol representing some Scout principle or activity. The brownies received the Ave Maria Award. A flag ceremony preceded Mass.

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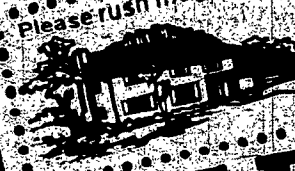
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