

## Coordinator Guidelines

The official guidelines for the office of regional coordinator were released recently by Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, executive secretary of the Personnel Board. They are as follows:

### THE OFFICE OF REGIONAL COORDINATOR

To promote shared responsibility between parishes and to coordinate the various ministries of each region of the diocese, it is essential that in every region there be a personal representative of the Ordinary of the diocese. This person, the regional coordinator is called upon to provide the leadership and guidance that is demanded by the diocesan revitalization program launched by the Bishop and the Second Vatican Council.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Regional coordinators shall exhibit to a reasonable degree the following qualifications:

1. Familiarity with the documents of the Second Vatican Council and a sensitivity to the pastoral spirit of the Church from which they have been generated.
2. Acquaintance in general with the pastoral profile of the respective region and the concern to deepen that acquaintanceship.
3. Leadership qualities identifiable by:
  - a. Fraternal relationship with the clergy of the respective region and the desire to further such relationship between all clerics of the region.
  - b. Team-working ability with peers, laity, and diocesan administration.
  - c. Fundamental knowledge of group dynamics to stimulate the regional conference toward specific goals and directions.

### DUTIES

It shall be the primary duty of the regional coordinator to lead the Church in his region to active participation in the regional conference.

Subsidiary to this and as a means of carrying this out effectively, the regional coordinator shall:

- a. Maintain and collaborate with a regional executive committee comprising at least the following: himself, associate coordinators he may choose to appoint, regional committee chairmen in Liturgy, Human Development, Education, Family Life, and Youth. Others may be added as required (including Pastoral Council delegates when identified.)
- b. Maintain channels of communication with the parish councils of the region. This duty includes both communiques to the councils through a newsletter or other formats, and a readiness to attend council meetings when requested.
- c. Maintain liaison with the diocesan departments. This includes at least an annual meeting with department directors on programming, and seeing that minutes of regional meetings of various kinds are sent to the appropriate departments.
- d. Convene the regional conference assembly at least twice each year, and inform the Ordinary of the diocese of these assembly meetings well in advance. In conjunction with this, a regional conference constitution should be drawn up which provides guidelines for all regional conference operations.
- e. Personally represent the Ordinary of the diocese in all matters specifically designated.
- f. Be administratively accountable to the director of Pastoral Ministry. This includes regular meetings as a group and individually throughout the year, as well as semi-annual regional reports. Role clarification will be done annually in late winter and early spring, since responsibilities and challenges continue to be in a state of development.

Various forms of the apostolate should be encouraged and in the whole diocese or in given areas of it the coordination and close inter-connection of all apostolic works should be fostered under the direction of the Bishop. In this way, all undertakings and organizations, whether catechetical, missionary, charitable, social, family, educational, or any other program serving a pastoral goal, will be brought into harmonious action.

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## Attica Defense Fund Proposal Published

Governor Malcolm Wilson has the answer to a request he gave eight community leaders last February. The answer is a specific proposal for adequate funding for the defense of 62 Attica inmates, indicted after the 1971 uprising at that prison.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan is one of the signers of the proposal.

The eight travelled to Albany Feb. 11 to push the issue of the defense funds. At that time Gov. Wilson issued a statement saying that he wanted a specific plan, and that as soon as he received the proposal from representatives of the Monroe County and Erie County bar associations, he would review it with his legal counsel.

The responding proposal was made public last Friday at a press conference held at the Pastoral Center.

## Amnesty Topic at St. Luke's

By CHARLES RANDISI

Unconditional amnesty for draft evaders, war resisters, and Army deserters during the Vietnam War was the panel's topic at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Friday, March 22.

The first in a series of three Friday noontime discussions on amnesty featured the mother of a deserter, a Navy veteran and war resister, an Army veteran with conscientious objector status, and a staff member of the Western New York Peace Center.

The series is being presented by Rochester Area Clergy and Laity Concerned, with the cooperation of the Rochester Downtown Churches.

The first panelist was Mrs. Lorraine Williams, whose son was nearly 27 years old when he left Ft. Polk, Va., never to return.

"He joined the Army with the idea that he was going to be assisting a chaplain," Mrs. Williams said of her son, a St. John Fisher College graduate. It was his understanding, she said, that he would be serving "in a capacity where he would not be killing anyone, and at the same time helping others in a spiritual way."

"He went through basic training, and they told him, 'We're sorry, but there's no place for you in that field,'" she continued. "He came home in May of '67, and told me he was considering not going back."

He has since married a Canadian girl, and is now eligible for Canadian citizenship. "He would continue to live in Canada if there were an unconditional amnesty," Mrs. Williams said, "but he would like to come back and forth."

Her real reason for being on the panel, she said, was not to elicit sympathy for her son, but to show that "I'm not ashamed of my son, I'm not ashamed to be his mother."

Alex Marcelline, the second speaker, enlisted when he was 20 and was enrolled at Military Police school in Ft. Gordon, Ga. "I joined the Army for the American way and apple pie," he said.

He soon found out, he said, that his basic training meant "learning how to kill, to practice at it, and to become efficient." He didn't want to do that, so he went AWOL.

"I faced three things," he said, "going back, going to jail, or getting a dishonorable discharge."

Marcelline applied for CO status, and eventually got it. "But

In the form of a letter, the group said that following the Feb. 11 meeting, "we discovered that the Fourth Judicial Department had already prepared a proposed budget after conferring with some Erie County Officials. We understand that this budget has been approved by Judge (Cody B.) Bartlett, State Administrative Judge, and forwarded to you with an accompanying letter Feb. 25, 1974."

The eight noted that that budget has two main provisions for the defense, namely a sum of \$750,000 for fiscal year April 1 to March 31, 1975 which could be used for attorney's fees and, or, disbursements and investigations; and a recommendation that County Law 722B be amended to provide for interim payments to the attorneys.

The Rochester group noted that it supported the "concept of

flexibility in the allocation of defense funds." They pointed out that defense attorneys claimed an immediate need of \$200,000 for pre-trial investigations. They asked the governor "to do everything in your power to implement the procedures as outlined above."

The Rochester group includes:

Bishop Joseph Hogan, Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester; Ms. Carolyn Micklem, assistant to the director, Judicial Process Commission; Rabbi Judea Miller, B'rith Kodesh Congregation; Father Charles Mulligan, director, Office of Human Development; Alan Newman, Monroe County Bar Association; Pablo Rivera, Ibero American Action League; Minister Raymond Scott, FIGHT; Reverend Carl Smith, executive presbyter, Presbytery of Genesee Valley.

"I was lucky," he said. "I'm white, middle class, have an education, and I had some contacts."

There are many others, he said, who, because of their background, education, and color, will never be as lucky.

Dick Reeves, a former disc jockey at WBBF, claims to have been one of the first war resisters to come back to this country, legally.

After serving "six months and 25 days in the Navy," he said, he was given a medical discharge, and, according to law, was eligible for a veteran's benefits, which he was collecting when the Selective Service ordered him to report for induction.

Not knowing what else to do after he received his "greetings," Reeves said he reported for his physical, and failed five times.

He was classified I-A anyway, and eventually did go into basic training. "I then appealed for a discharge on the grounds of erroneous induction," he said. "The Army was concealing the fact that I was already discharged, that I had prior service."

His appeal was denied and he fled to Canada.

He returned, and when it was found that copies of his discharge papers were in his draft board file,

he obtained a writ of habeas corpus.

"I got off," he said, "not on a technicality, but on a straight injustice."

"If a small town, Newark, New York, boy like me got out," he continued, "because his case was 'different,' then there must be a lot of 'differents' up there (in Canada), from cities like Chicago, L.A., and New York, where the quotas are bigger and you're treated like a number."

Reeves emphasized that he was "never a radical, a 'longhair,' or a stereotype draft dodger. I just couldn't identify with the Abbie Hoffmans and Jerry Rubins. . . I was an all-American boy, and a little bit dumb."

Ken Sherman has been involved in the anti-war movement since 1967. He has worked as a draft counselor, and has helped young men "get landed" in Canada. The Western New York Peace Center, where he now works, is primarily concerned with getting them back into the United States.

He said that amnesty will be a "long, hard battle," and suggested 1976 as a goal year for amnesty.

"Organization," he said, should be the key element in the amnesty movement. "Individual efforts won't be very much help."

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