

# Preparations Under Way for First Pilgrimage

Last-minute preparations are under way for launching the diocesan Holy Year pilgrimages, according to Father Robert F. McNamara, who is in charge of publicity. The first "official" pilgrimage will take place Friday May 31, when parish council members of the Northwest Region will gather at St. Michael's Church, and, after a short service there, move on to the Cathedral, where Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will address them.

St. Michael's is the alternate church of pilgrimage in the

Northwest Region. The first pilgrim group is starting its pilgrimage from there as a sign of its concern for the needs of the inner city.

According to Father McNamara, who has addressed regional clergy meetings throughout the diocese on the Holy Year, other regions also are being invited to arrange at least a small pilgrimage to take place on the same "kick off" date.

On Sunday, May 26, all preachers in the diocese are to

devote their homilies to the Holy Year and its spiritual meaning. The Prayer of the Faithful also is to concentrate on the same subject.

There are two types of pilgrimage. Group pilgrimages are made up of groups who request their pastor (or the head of their institution) to arrange a pilgrimage for them at the Cathedral or an alternate pilgrimage church. Each group will have a leader, usually a lay person. The pilgrimage prayer-service, available at the door of

the pilgrimage church, lasts about 20 minutes.

The second type of pilgrimage is the **pilgrimage service**. Pilgrimage churches will present, once in the Summer and once in the Fall, a special service to which all individuals are invited. The full list of dates will be announced later. Those who participate in either type of pilgrimage merit the "gift" of the plenary indulgence granted by Pope Paul VI.

The question has been raised,

said Father McNamara, whether further churches could not be designated for pilgrims, especially churches in downtown Rochester available to elderly suburbanites by bus line.

The answer is that during this Holy Year, the focus is on group pilgrimages rather than individual pilgrimages (except in the case of the pilgrimage churches). This suggests an admirable work of Holy Year charity to parish societies: to organize the elderly

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## Father Amann To Be Northwest Region Coordinator

Father William Amann, associate coordinator for the Northwest Region and associate pastor at Our Lady of Mercy, has been named that region's coordinator, according to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

Father Amann will replace Father Thomas Reddington,



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pastor of Holy Name parish, who has been regional coordinator since regionalism was begun in February 1972.

At the regional assembly meeting May 15, Father Amann was acclaimed by regional representatives present as Father Reddington's successor, and the decision was subsequently approved by the Bishop.

The Northwest Region includes 18 parishes plus Cardinal Mooney High School, Aquinas Institute, Nazareth Academy and St. Bernard's Seminary.

A Rochester native, Father Amann was ordained in 1954. He attended Aquinas Institute, St. Andrew's Seminary, the Catholic University of America and St. Bernard's.

Father Amann was appointed to Our Lady of Mercy in 1965 and has also served at St. Andrew's, Holy Trinity, Webster, and as chaplain of Bishop Kearney High School.

His successor as associate coordinator has not yet been announced. Sister Mary Jo Langie, RSM, is the region's other associate coordinator.

## Pope Scores Moral Laxity

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul, scoring "moral permissiveness," declared that a Christian, by the fact of his or her baptism, is committed to a life that is "holy and immaculate."

In an address at his weekly general audience, the pontiff said that "a tendency toward perfection" should characterize the life of a baptized person, and that it should make no sense to such a person to speak of "moral permissiveness."

"Baptism demands moral, Christian behavior," he said, adding: "The Christian life

inaugurated by baptism, which elevates us to a new existential level — that of adopted sons and daughters of God — carries with it the demand that we be holy and immaculate."

Referring to what he called "the concept of liberation," Pope Paul said the concept "seems to exonerate modern man from every scruple and to authorize him to live according to the spontaneity of his instincts, of his passions . . . in the erroneous and sometimes fatal illusion that to free his conduct from all prohibitions and inhibitions is the best way to an easy and happy life."



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## Healing Rites

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan anoints one of the more than 250 persons from Cayuga County who gathered Sunday at St. Alphonsus Church for a communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick. The rite, one of four approaches sanctioned by Vatican II, resulted from wide cooperation among parishes.

## Precious Blood Fathers To Staff St. Anthony's

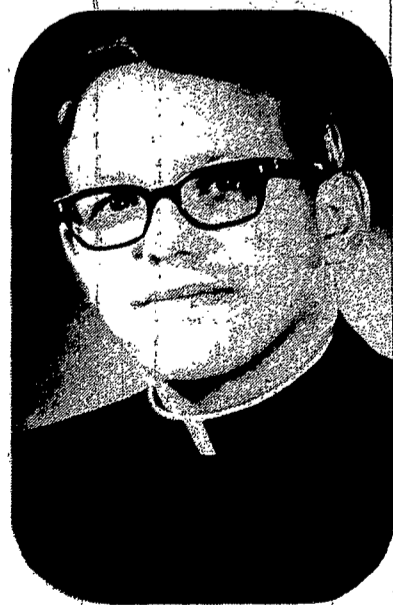
As of June 26, the order of the Precious Blood Fathers will assume the pastorate of St. Anthony's parish and the administration of its mission church, St. Patrick's, both in Rochester.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan has appointed Father Richard J. Masciangelo, CPPS, to be pastor of St. Anthony's and administrator of St. Patrick's. He has been associate pastor at St. Anthony's since last June.

Named associate pastors are Precious Blood priests, Father Carlo DellaVecchia and Father Albert DePascale.

Father Charles Bennett, present pastor, will be stationed at Old St. Mary's Church in downtown Rochester. He will return to directing the downtown apostolate, a position which he left to assume the St. Anthony's pastorate in 1969 when its pastor, Father Nicholas Alletto, was incapacitated by an accident.

The order, officially the Precious Blood Fathers of the Atlantic Vicariate, is not new to the diocese. Members already staff the Church of the Most Precious Blood on Lexington Avenue and a House of Studies at



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65 Highland Ave., both in Rochester.

The decision to transfer the parish to the order was made only after consultations with parish councils of both churches. Both councils approved the action unanimously.

The diocesan Priests Council, at a meeting April 3, 1973, accepted a personnel board



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recommendation that order priests be asked to staff some parishes to relieve a shortage of diocesan priests committed to pastoral work. There are other parishes in the diocese already under order administration.

The Precious Blood Fathers order has an Italian background and many of St. Anthony's parishioners share that heritage.

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