

## PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

By Bishop Joseph L. Hogan

## Institute On the Responding Church

Last Summer, fifty Sisters and one laywoman of our diocese gathered every weekday from June 27 to July 31 at St. Bernard's Seminary for a "Pastoral Ministry Institute." This institute, sponsored by the Diocesan Sisters' Council, had three main elements: pastoral theology, specialized ministries, and field experience in the parishes.



It was my pleasure to present three classes at the institute and I know, both from my own involvement and later comments from participants, of the great wealth of information and experience this institute afforded.

This Summer of 1974, the Diocesan Sisters' Council is again backing a program of continuing education for ministry, but it has a new format and a new thrust. The Summer program will be available to all priests, Sisters, and laity. Minicourses are being presented on weekday evenings during July so that as many working people as possible may have an opportunity to attend. St. Ambrose Parish on Empire Boulevard in Rochester has offered its school facilities for these courses. The theme of the program is, "The Responding Church," and the goal of the Summer program is to develop in the participants an awareness of sharing with one another our needs and our gifts.

Fathers Douglas Hoffman and Charles Mulligan will be sharing their insights on the theology of pastoral ministry. The purpose of these presentations will be to help par-

ticipants build a vision of ministry inspired by faith in Christ and in His call to serve. Practical applications to our everyday life in the Church will be forthcoming.

Competent and dedicated persons are presenting each of the courses. Father Robert McNamara, our diocesan historian and faculty member of St. Bernard's Seminary, will conduct two sessions on the Holy Year. Miss Angelina Boella of the Catholic Family Center will conduct one session on Counseling Unwed Parents. Mrs. Margaret Finucane, of the Right to Life group, will present a four-session course on Life Issues and Social Action. Father Robert Collins and Dennis Conheady will be giving six sessions on Marriage and Family Counseling. Sister M. James Lynch, SSJ will present a program on Group Leadership Skills. And there are more — on ministry to the elderly and to youth, to migrants, to those in hospitals, to those in prisons, along with institutional responses to people's needs. Other interesting courses will be offered for all who wish to participate in this Summer program.

An introductory session will be held July 1. This session will provide opportunities for sharing concerns and hopes within the vision of Church.

A weekend seminar will be given by the Reverend William Grace, who is affiliated with the Center for Urban Encounter in Minneapolis. This seminar will concern itself with the ministry of social change, the mission of the Church, the identification of self-interest, the identification of an issue and how to deal with it, and the Church as an agent of change.

A day of reflection, open to all pa-

ticipants and their families, will be offered on Saturday, July 27, at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy, 1437 Blossom Road, Rochester. This special day will include prayer, discussion, celebration of the Eucharist, a picnic, swimming, and special activities for the children.

This Summer's program was set up with the parish council and its various committees in mind. Our priests, Sisters and lay parishioners are aware, as perhaps never before, of their precise role as "responding Church." With this new realization and its responsibilities, comes an awareness of the helps that we all need in order to understand and fulfill our mission as proclaimers of the Good News of salvation.

We need to deepen our theological understandings of the mission and ministry of the Church; we need practical skills for organizing and working effectively with committees; we need to learn how to recognize and respond to the needs presented to us in our parishes, in fact, in all of society. We need the support of others who have similar concerns and who can share resources with us.

I understand that there are informational brochures in every parish, which contain complete course descriptions and application blanks for this important Summer program.

I heartily endorse this program sponsored by the Diocesan Sisters' Council and commend those who have prepared it. I pray that many of our priests, Sisters, and conscientious lay people will be encouraged to participate in the Summer Institute — The Responding Church.

## Area Priests Note 25 Years

Ten priests from the diocese are celebrating the 25th anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood which took place June 11, 1949.

They are Fathers Joseph P. Beatini, Charles Bennett, George Cocuzzi, Joseph Dailey, James Doyle, Patrick Grace, Elmer McDonald, Edward Steinkirchner, Andrew Teuschel and Lawrence Ward. Fathers Grace and Ward are military chaplains.

Father Joseph P. Beatini, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, will celebrate his silver jubilee with a Mass of Thanksgiving Sunday, June 9 at 12:15 p.m. A parish reception will be held on the previous day at 8 p.m. in the parish center.

For 20 of his 25 years in the priesthood, he has been at St. Francis Xavier, Rochester. He came as an assistant in 1954 and was named pastor 10 years ago. Earlier, he had spent five years at St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn. He developed an apostolate to the Italian Americans of the two cities. For his work there and with them and with new immigrants, he was decorated in 1967 by the government of Italy, as a knight of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity.

Also present at Father Beatini's Mass will be Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty, Father James Marvin, pastor of St. Ambrose Church, Father Francis E. Kelly of Johnstown, Pa., and Father Innocent Amore, OFM, cap., of Wilmington, Delaware.

Father Charles Bennett, who will be leaving the pastorate of St. Anthony's Parish June 26, will celebrate an 11 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Anthony's on Sunday, June 9. A family lunch will follow at the Flagship Rochester. The parish will host a reception for him from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the center.

He has served as assistant pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church and St. Mary's Church. During his stay at St. Anthony's he was administrator of neighboring St. Patrick's. He is treasurer and a director of the Brown Square Development Corp., a neighborhood-based project for housing and rehabilitation. He is also active in the Edgerton Area Neighborhood Association, serves as treasurer of the diocesan Clergy Relief Society and is chairman of the Priests Retirement Committee of the Priests Council. He will return to St. Mary's and the downtown ministry.

Msgr. George Cocuzzi will celebrate a noon Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 9, at Holy Family Church, where he is pastor. A parish reception is slated in the school hall following the Mass.

His first assignment was to St. Jerome's, East Rochester. After two years, he was sent to Rome to study for a doctorate in canon law at the Gregorian University and received his JCD in July, 1954. Msgr. Cocuzzi served for one year as canonical consultant in the Chancery Office and Tribunal and was named vice chancellor of the Rochester Diocese in 1955, during which time he was also named Papal Chamberlain by Pope John XXIII. In 1964, he was appointed chancellor.

In October, 1966, Bishop Kearney assigned Msgr. Cocuzzi to be pastor of Holy Family Church. During the same year, he was given the title of Honorary Prelate by Pope Paul VI. He has taught at Nazareth College and has served on various diocesan boards and commissions. For two terms, he was president of the Priests Senate and is currently on the board of directors of the Priests Association of Rochester, as well as vice president and member of the Board of Genesee

Ecumenical Ministries. He is also instructor of canon law at St. Bernard's Seminary, a member of the arbitration board of the diocese and the Canon Law Society of America. He is on the advisory board of the Dutchtown Citizens Planning Association.

Father Joseph Dailey will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, at his parish of St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen. A reception will follow the Mass in the parish center.

His first assignment was assistant pastor, St. Cecilia Church, Elmira. He was transferred to assistant pastor, St. Ambrose Church, Rochester, in February, 1953. Bishop Kearney named him assistant to St. Charles Borromeo, Greece, 1964. Father Dailey was appointed by Bishop James E. Kearney to be vice chancellor of the diocese in 1966.

While at St. Ambrose Church, Father Dailey directed the construction of the new church, and directed the planning of the school and auditorium which took the place of the school destroyed by fire. His work was recognized by parishioners in their naming the new auditorium Dailey Hall.

He was named pastor of Holy Spirit Church, Penfield, in 1969, and then was named director of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, a post he left last year to become pastor at Watkins Glen.

Father James Doyle noted his anniversary May 26 with a Mass at 12:15 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Church, where he has been pastor since 1969. Father William Flynn and Father Owen Quigley, CM, of Los Angeles, Father Doyle's cousin, celebrated with him. A reception followed in the Lima Town Hall.

He has served as assistant pastor of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Mary Church, Brockport, Holy Rosary Church, Holy Redeemer Church and St. Ambrose Church. He has also served as chaplain to the Rochester Fire Bureau.

Father Patrick Grace, a retired navy chaplain, is presently studying in Rome. He will note his anniversary with his family when he returns to the United States later this summer.

He entered the Navy in 1953, from an assistant pastorate at St. Monica's Church. He was given rank of Commander in 1964.

Father Elmer McDonald, pastor of St. Christopher Church, will note his anniversary with a noon Mass Sunday, June 9. Concelebrating with him will be Fathers John Zimmerman, William Spilly, William Graf, Robert Weiss and John Whelan. A parish reception will follow at the center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

He has served as assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Augustine's. He has twice reported for duty as a Navy Chaplain. He has also served as regional coordinator for the Southwest Region.

Father Edward Steinkirchner, pastor of Holy Ghost Church, noted his anniversary on Pentecost Sunday at 12:15 p.m. with a Mass at which Bishop Joseph Hogan was a concelebrant and preacher. The choir and the folk group of the parish as well as the brass ensemble from Gates Chili High School prepared a special musical program for the Mass.

Father Steinkirchner served as assistant pastor at Holy Trinity Church, Webster; St. Boniface, St. Michael and Holy Apostles.

Since 1971, Father Steinkirchner has directed the Intern Program for the diocese. After completing the seminary, a young man is assigned as a deacon to a parish and a pastor supervisor for

a period of a year during which time he is ordained to the priesthood. After ordination he remains in the program working in a parish with a supervisor for three more years. Father Steinkirchner coordinates the program for the deacons, the priests and their supervisors.

Because of his involvement in the Teaching Church Program at St. Bernard's Church has, with other pastoral education supervisors from both St. Bernard's and Colgate Rochester, helped to organize GRAPES (Greater Rochester Area Pastoral Education Supervisors). Currently, he is the chairman of that group.

For the jubilee celebration a dinner was held at Mapledale Party House at 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, for parishioners, family and friends. The children of Holy Ghost School presented a program June 4 to mark the occasion.

Father Andrew Teuschel celebrated his anniversary on the weekend of May 22-23.

Father Teuschel celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 23. Bishop Joseph Hogan was a concelebrant. A dinner followed at the Thunder Ridge Country Club.

Father Teuschel has served as assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus, Auburn; Mother of Sorrows, St. Joseph's in Penfield, St. Boniface, Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, and Annunciation. He was named pastor of St. Joseph's in 1969.

Father Lawrence Ward, an Air Force Chaplain, will note his jubilee with a Mass at 6:30 p.m. June 11 at St. Monica's Church. A family party will follow the Mass.

He served assistant pastorates at St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport; St. Francis de Sales, Geneva; and Corpus Christi, before entering the Navy in 1957.