

# Departmental Status Sought by Chaplains

Hospital chaplains of the diocese voted recently to seek formal recognition of their ministry as a diocesan department, with representation on the bishop's inter-departmental staff.

They elected Father John Rosse of St. Mary's Hospital as first chairman of their new association and Father William Hoberton of Strong Memorial as vice chairman. Father Rosse was asked to communicate their proposal for departmental status to the Pastoral Office.

Father James Schwartz of Rochester General suggested that the chaplains take the initiative in sponsoring a clergy conference on the Revised Rite of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. He said there was a significant need among clergy and laity to erase the last rites

mentality surrounding this sacrament, and to restore the focus of this sacrament as the Church's prayer for the sick.

Father Lawrence Murphy of Genesee Hospital brought up the matter of personnel procedures. Discussion centered on the possible relationship of a chaplains' association to the Diocesan Personnel Board.

Father William Cosgrove of St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell fielded questions about the dimensions of a medical-moral subcommittee of which he is chairman.

There are about 20 priests — secular and regular — serving as chaplains in 14 health care facilities located in the diocese. The facilities include Catholic public and private hospitals and

mental health institutions run by the state. The group will meet again on Aug. 16.

## Collin Dies, Claimed To Be Pope

Nancy, France [RNS] — Michel Collin, the defrocked French Catholic priest who proclaimed himself "Pope Clement XV" in place of Paul VI died here June 23 at the age of 69.

The ex-priest, who claimed he was "mysteriously" made Pope by Jesus Christ in 1950, but did not declare himself Pope until after the death of Pope John XXIII in 1963, died after a self-imposed fast of 100 days.

Mr. Collin was ordained a priest in 1933 after studying theology in the northern industrial town of Lille. Two years later, he proclaimed himself a bishop and founded a sect known as the Apostle Servants of Infinite Love and Our Lady of the Magnificent.

In 1961, the Church "reduced" Father Collin "to the lay state," and placed him under an "interdict" that is, forbade him entrance to the Church, for persisting in "promoting unapproved and even forbidden forms of devotion and worship — to the great scandal and confusion of the faithful."

The self-proclaimed Pope had maintained headquarters in Nancy for an international movement of his supporters. Exact figures are not known, but at one time he was believed to have about 1,000 followers, chiefly in France, Canada and the U.S. In 1963, he established a residence with some followers in Necedah, Wis.

Mr. Collin ran into trouble with Italian authorities on several occasions for distributing leaflets in a number of Italian cities denouncing Pope Paul as an "anti-Christ," and as an "imposter."



Heads Superiors

The first black president of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men was elected at the U.S. Catholic organization's annual meeting in Des Plaines, Ill. He is Father Joseph A. Francis, SVD, provincial of the Southern Province of Divine Word Missionaries. As provincial, Father Francis directs the work of Brothers and priests in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Antigua, West Indies. [RNS]

RTL SPEAKER

Mrs. Pat Dykstra, of the Rochester Area Right to Life, will speak on "What Are a Woman's Rights?" Monday, July 17, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Ambrose School.

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## Life, Liberty and Law

A large, pleasantly rumped Congressman sat on the corner of his desk and reflected in measured tones that he did not share my definition of an alarming anti-life trend in America today. I was in Washington for the national Pro-Life convention, and four of us sat for an hour with this likable man, discussing abortion and related dangers.

Later that afternoon, in the lobby of the hotel, I was handed a report World Population Conference 1974, by the Population Commission. It was a draft of the World Population Plan of Action to be proposed by the United States of America. I share with you the following statements taken from the report, as I believe that this deadly litany reveals the American intention to manipulate population on an international scale. Clearly she does intend to propose schemes designed to control fertility and birth rates. She even hints openly at "maintaining a reasonable age and sex balance" relative to international resettlement.

The commission does not mention direct sanction of abortion, but it stresses the need to prevent "unwanted births." Nor is there direct reference to the abortifacient prostaglandins, though it is well documented elsewhere that America has provided ample funds for such research. Reverend Charles Carroll, Episcopal Diocese of California, would describe these proposals as "the rule of human jetison."

"It is appropriate for governments to take humane and economic measures, in addition to family planning programs, to encourage couples to have small families."

"All governments should provide family planning services (which) should aim at the prevention of unwanted births."

"All governments should establish national population policies to improve health and reduce fertility."

"Countries wishing to influence fertility levels may do so not only through family planning programs but through social and economic policies and programs which have a moderating effect on family size. These measures include providing incentives for smaller families."

"In the interests of all nations and the common good, goals are hereby set to reduce the rates of population growth to or below the following levels by the year 1985: an average of 1.7% for the world; 0.6% for the developed countries; (and) 2.0% for the developing countries." (NOTE: According to

the U.S. Department of Commerce, March 1974, the United States annual rate of population growth has fallen to 0.7%.)

"A further goal is hereby set to bring average world fertility to the replacement level by the year 2000." (NOTE: The replacement level is seen as 2.1 births per woman of child bearing age. Estimates for the United States, according to the Department of Commerce, range from a low of 1.8 to a high of 2.1.)

"Family planning and related services should aim at the prevention of unwanted births."

(All emphasis is added.)

Population control, fertility control, birth rate control, family size control, age and sex balance, prevention of unwanted (twice mentioned), minimizing the defected trend is well under way. I suggest that such controls cannot work unless they are mandatory, and I suggest again that the anti-life trend in America is well under way.

Please contact your congressman. Urge him to secure two copies of the Population Commission Report, one for his own study (as he may be unaware of the proposals) and the other for yourself.

There are those upon whom the mantle of leadership rests as though it were placed by the Hand of God. And there are those upon whom it becomes the Albatross necklace. I hope that our pleasantly rumped congressman will soon recognize the existing void of honorable leadership. I trust that they will then accept the challenge, and I pray that they will guide our stumbling republic toward her most noble potentials.

The power to control involves the power to destroy.

**Area congressmen:** Barber Conable Jr. (35th), Frank Horton (34th), James F. Hastings (39th), William Walsh (33rd), and Howard Robison (27th), U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

**Senator Jacob Javits,** U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

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