Xerox Withdraws Controversial Booklet

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The Xerox Corp. has agreed to withdraw from distribution a booklet entitled "Popula-tion Control" after the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights threatened a suit alleging anti-Catholic statements in the booklet.

Stuart Hubbell, a Traverse City, Mich., lawyer who is executive director of the league, said he would recommend to the board of directors that pending legal action be stopped in view of the Xerox decision.

According to Religious News Service, Hubbell said he received a letter from the corporation stating that all copies of the booklet would be removed from the market and that the booklet would not be reprinted or copied.

In announcing the planned legal action in June, Hubbell had charged that statements in the booklet constituted "a deliberate and malicious libel" on Catholics, particularly in a chapter entitled "The Pope's View on Birth Control.

The booklet was being used in high schools in Birmingham, Mich.; St. Louis; Lincoln, Neb.; and Dade County, Florida.

It was prepared by Xerox Education Publications, a subsidiary of Xerox located in Middletown, Conn. It was adapted from the Harvard Social Studies Project under the direction of Donald W. Oliver, Harvard University professor of education, and Fred W. Newmann, University of Wisconsin professor of curriculum and instruction.

> The chapter the Catholic League found objectionable includes some quotes excerpted from Pope Paul's 1968. encylical, Humane Vitae. The chapter then includes the complete statement purportedly signed by 3,000 scientists shortly after the encyclical was issued.

> > According to the booklet, this statement declared:

"It is high time, therefore, that we make our

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Co-Pastors Named For Mercy Parish

Fathers William Amann and Charles Latus, who have been sharing the pastoral-work at Our ady of Mercy since June, officially became co-pastors today.

Father Amann has been at the parish since 1965, and last May was appointed Northwest Region coordinator.

Father Latus joined him in une, when he took up new, parttime duties as director of the revamped Commission on Ecumenical and Inter-religious



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Pope Paul's Wish:

Diocesan Newspaper In Every Catholic Home

Bishop David F. Cunningham of Syracuse recently had a 35-minute private audience with Pope Paul VI. Early in the conversation, the Holy Father asked if Syracuse had a diocesan newspaper and, hearing that it did, expressed great pleasure.

Stressing the importance of the Catholic press in the Church's work of evangelization through communication, the Holy Father expressed the desire пат the diocesan newspaper receiveu home of every Catholic family."

Special Invitation

Physically handicapped people are invited especially to join the Southwest Region Holy. Year pilgrimage Monday evening, Aug.

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The pilgrimage church, St. Pius X, at 3020 Chili Ave., having a ground-level entrance, gives easy access to those who use wheel chairs or walk with difficulty. The deaf will be served by Father Thomas Erdle's interpretation of the homily in sign language. The pilgrims are asked to assemble at 7 p.m. for a procession into the

church, if the weather is suitable. Mass will be concelebrated at 7:30.

Bishop John E. McCafferty, chairman of the Diocesan Holy Year Committee, has pointed out that "those who volunteer to that transport the disabeled and attend to their needs will be performing a true work of reconciliation." He also noted that shut-ins may make the pilgrimage "in spirit" by praying at home for those actively involved.

Institute To Probe Penance

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Reconciliation is the major theme of this year's diocesan Liturgy Institute, slated for later this month.

Among the programs will be a workshop on the New Order of Penance, led by Father William Graf, professor at St. Bernard's Seminary.

Father Graf's discussion will center on the attitudes both the penitent and confessor bring to the sacrament.

Also on the agenda for the institute will be discussion of Good Shepherd Church in Henrietta. The church recently completed a major redecoration, which Father Robert McNamara will talk about in a session on church architecture.

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Announcing their appointment as pastors, the Pastoral Office said both priests would continue in their special assignments.

They succeed Father John S. Whalen, who moved in June to the pastorate of St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris. Father Whalen had guided the Greece parish through 15 of its 17 years.

The co-pastors are both Rochesterians and graduates of the diocesan seminaries. Father Amann, ordained in 1954, was assigned first to St. Andrew's Church, then to Holy Trinity, Webster. He served as chaplain at Bishop Kearney High School in its early years. Father Latus was ordained in 1968. He had been associate pastor of Blessed Sacrament before his appointment to the ecumenical commission. IN THE REPAIR FOR THE FOR THE

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Father William Amann and Father Charles Latus, both of Our Lady of Mercy, Greece, to be co-pastors of that parish.