

Share Vocational Concern, Bishop Asks

The following pastoral letter is to be read at all Masses of obligation Sept. 7-8.

My dear People:

The concern for priestly and religious vocations needs to be foremost in the minds and prayers of all of the People of God in today's Church. The Vatican Council II document entitled, **Decree on the Bishops' Pastoral Office in the Church**, reminds your Bishop that he is to "foster priestly and religious vocations as much as possible, and take a special interest in missionary vocations." (n. 15) Likewise, the council documents encourage our priests and Religious to make "serious efforts on behalf of religious vocations, so that a new supply may be at hand for meeting the Church's needs adequately" (P.C. n. 24) Realizing that parents, by their word and example, are the first preachers of the faith to their children, they, too, should "encourage them in the vocation which

is proper to each of them, fostering with special care any religious vocation." (L.C. n. 11)

Again this year it is my happy privilege to invite all of you to share this vocational concern with me. I am asking that together we participate in our Diocesan Prayer Campaign for Church vocations.

A year ago more than 10,000 letters of prayerful commitment were submitted by people throughout the 12-county Diocese of Rochester. All wished to offer their prayers and sacrifices for religious vocations. This sincere and overwhelming participation marked a deep concern for the personnel needs of our Church. I am confident that you share my enthusiasm for this campaign and will be willing to participate in the program again this year.

Sunday, Sept. 15, your parish priest will explain the goals and aims of the campaign. On

Sept. 22, I ask that you bring to the celebration of the Eucharist your personal or family's letter of prayer commitment, good deeds and sacrifices for 1974-1975. Your letter of commitment must be sincere and prepared in a spirit of prayerful generosity.

I pray that the Lord will inspire many faith-filled young men and women to give themselves in unselfish service to God through His people.

With my blessing, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Joseph L. Hogan
+Most Reverend Joseph L. Hogan, D.D.
Bishop of Rochester

Candidates On Abortion

The two candidates in the Democratic primary for governor were in Rochester last week and expressed their views on abortion.

Howard Samuels in a Channel 10 interview said:

"I have always supported the right of women to make their own choice. But if a woman is poor she doesn't have that choice. If we are to give her freedom of choice we must provide the resources."

Hugh L. Carey told Courier-Journal editor Carmen Viglucci:

"My personal beliefs are not different from any practicing Catholic. I am opposed to violence and I consider a surgical act on the fetus as violent."

"But as governor my obligation is to uphold the law."

"The worst thing for me to do would be to demagogue it."

When asked what he would do as governor if the Legislature would vote to overturn the Supreme Court decision, Carey replied:

"I'd veto such legislation. I'd have to. That's the law."

Right to life leaders have withheld support from Carey because he did not vote for discharge of the abortion amendment from the House Judiciary Committee. The congressman claims that if the bill were discharged from committee right now it would lose on the floor "by 3 to 1." Asked if he would vote for amendment overturning Supreme Court decision he replied:

"That's an academic question until I've heard all the testimony and until there is something concrete in the way of a law to vote on."

Diocese Names Director of Development

Joseph A. Smith, executive director of the Valley United Way in Ansonia, Conn., has been named director of development for the diocese by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

"Mr. Smith brings to our diocese a background of education and expertise which we believe can bring into focus some of the salient objectives of the Catholic community," said Bishop Hogan, "and we intend to begin identifying those objectives with the help of all our Catholic community."

A graduate of Fordham University, Smith took his masters degree at Southern Connecticut State College.

His most recent position was as executive director of the Valley United Way, a regional community fund serving a 78,000 population area of Ansonia, Derby, Oxford, Shelton and Seymour, Conn.

Prior to that, Smith was director of news and publications at Yale New Haven Hospital, director of public relations at Bridgeport Hospital and a



JOSEPH A. SMITH

member of the Public Relations Department of Connecticut Blue Cross. He began his career in communications in 1960 when he joined WTNH-TV in New Haven as supervisor of continuity and traffic.

Active in professional and community affairs, Smith was one of four members of the first

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Father Daniel Tormey Named to OHD Post

Father Daniel P. Tormey has been named to the new position of assistant director of the Office of Human Development, it has been announced by Father Charles T. Mulligan, OHD director.

In the new position effective Sept. 3, Father Tormey will be screening issues on which the diocese is asked to take a stand and become actively involved in; will work with human development committees set up in five regions; design effective ways that the office, community groups and parish committees can work together; and make public appearances in conjunction with Father Mulligan.

Father Tormey returned this Summer from the diocesan mission, San Jose Obrero, in

LaPaz Bolivia. Father Mulligan cited his strong background in working with Spanish-speaking people as an advantage in working with the diocesan Spanish background communities.

Before his Latin American assignment, Father Tormey was chaplain on the famed hospital ship HOPE. He assumed that duty after serving for four years as chaplain at Rochester General Hospital.

Father Tormey was ordained in 1955 and has been assistant pastor at St. Francis de Sales, Geneva; St. Francis, Auburn, and St. John the Evangelist, Greece.

He is the brother of Father Richard T. Tormey, pastor at St. Stephen's in Geneva.



Passing Scene

As of today, schoolroom desks will be filled once again as more than 30,000 pupils return to Catholic elementary and high schools heralding the end of Summer.

FBI Alerts Rectories to Wanted Man

The FBI is looking for a tattooed white man with bulging blue eyes who has robbed three Catholic rectories at gun point.

He is suspected of murder and charged with kidnapping in the

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