

PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

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Liturgy in the Diocese of Rochester — Alive and Growing

I wish to tell all of you good readers that I could leave for my visit to Rome and my participation in the theological institute prepared for the bishops of the United States, renewed and refreshed now that I have participated in the Diocesan Liturgy Institute which was held at St. John Fisher College on August 23 and 24. The institute provided me with new insights, vitality, and a renewed sense of prayer. Indeed, it was a miniretreat. This 1974 liturgy institute was certainly a source of encouragement for me. I do not hesitate to say that our diocesan concern for liturgy is very much alive.

In its own unique way, the Institute was a kind of liturgy — indeed, a celebration of our worship-life in the Church, filled with the special ingredients that make that worship authentic: the liveliness of the people who attended, the animation as they assembled, their forthrightness in questioning the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and myself the dedication of the teams of priests, Sisters and lay people who presented the workshops which were rich with practical ideas and a tested faith experience. We shared various aspects of our liturgical life, such as, baptismal catechesis, confirmation, penance, architecture, children and family liturgies, and a special concern for our elderly and infirm people, with a special emphasis on the anointing of the sick, as well

as a concern for prayer and for the sacrament of matrimony.

One of the workshops I attended concerned itself with the planning and participation of liturgical celebrations. I was most impressed with the fine presentation of material and with the common sharing and searching by both team members and participants alike.

There were many moments for deep and sincere prayer for all of us. How glad I am that we are now rediscovering our ability to pray together as a Spirit-filled community! The Friday evening's prayer with the Celebrate Life folk group from St. Mary Our Mother Church in Horseheads, under the starry August sky by the college's reflecting pool, renewed the youthful spirit of festivity in us and gave us a greater awareness of what it meant to be "a new creation in Christ Jesus." Morning prayer provided us with a spirit of praise and longing to be reconciled to God and to one another. The Eucharist, celebrated with noble simplicity, capped the dignity of our day and of our Christian life, and it climaxed our shared hours of study and concern for good liturgy.

I was most grateful for the opportunity I had to share prayer with the institute staff and with Father James Shaughnessy, our keynote speaker, who came to us from Notre Dame University. It was at these occasions that I realized our solidarity with our Spanish-speaking brothers and Sisters who, with my auxiliary, Bishop McCafferty, were having a similar institute at St. Bernard's Seminary. My prayers and genuine concern extended also to the men and women of our twelve-county diocese who could not par-

ticipate or be present with us at St. John Fisher College.

The liturgy institute was a celebration of affirmation. We have come a long way liturgically in the diocese and we can be justifiably proud of our accomplishments. However, the institute was not without its urgent challenges for all of us to continue to make our parish liturgies truly celebrations of our love for God and for one another.

Let me tell you how deeply moved I was when, after the homily of the Mass, I imposed my hands upon our regional representatives for liturgy as a sign of reconciliation which was this year's institute theme. This sign was then exchanged by all in the congregation. It reminded me of our continual challenge to be reconciled with one another in Christ the Lord.

Father Shaughnessy, in the course of his masterful and scholarly presentations on the dimensions of reconciliation, issued challenges for all of us. We must renew our Christian initiation both individually and as a Church. We must make our baptismal and eucharistic commitment live as an instrument of reconciliation in the life of both the Christian and secular community. In doing so, we must supplant our ignorance with a well grounded appreciation of gospel values based on solid knowledge of the sources of our history, our living tradition, and our sacred theology.

Together, let us thank the Lord that in this Diocese of Rochester our liturgical life is very much alive even though it is still in need of fuller growth.



Controversial Archbishop Resigns

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul has accepted the resignation of Archbishop Custodio Alvim Pereira of Lourenco Marques, the capital of the Portuguese African territory of Mozambique, the Vatican announced Aug. 26.

The 59-year-old prelate, who had headed the Lourenco Marques archdiocese since 1962, was generally regarded as a strong supporter of Portuguese colonialism in Africa.

His resignation followed a fact-finding visit to Mozambique by Cardinal Umberto Mozzoni, a Vatican diplomat. The cardinal's visit came after the Portuguese government announced it was prepared to grant independence to its African territories of Portuguese (Guinea-Bissau), Angola, and Mozambique.

The Vatican said that Arch-

bishop Alvim Pereira had been assigned as Vatican representative in a proposed Committee for the Welfare of Pilgrims during the Roman Catholic Church's 1975 Holy Year.

Prior to the military coup that toppled the government of Premier Marcello Caetano, April 25, chiefly over the issue of Portugal's colonial policies, Archbishop Alvim Pereira took sharp exception to "priests and other Christians" who, by criticizing the Church and the (Caetano) government, were furthering the cause of "international communism."

In a public statement in December, 1973, the archbishop deplored the fact that some Catholic clergymen were supporting "revolution" in

Mozambique by their public statements.

Noting that this support had resulted in expulsion or imprisonment of "some foreign and Portuguese priests," the prelate declared, "People who approve of revolutionary ideas must take the consequences."

He added that accusations claiming that the Catholic Church in Mozambique was "shackled" to the Portuguese government were baseless, and that calls for the Church to support the "so-

called liberation movement" in the country were "infamous."

There is speculation in Rome that Bishop Manuel Vieira Pinto of Nampula, Mozambique, may be named to the Lourenco Marques archdiocese.

Bishop Vieira Pinto, 50, an outspoken critic of the ousted government of Premier Marcello Caetano, was deported to Portugal on April 15 under military escort after had voiced solidarity with missionaries who had called for Mozambique independence.

Under a Missionary Accord of 1940 and a Missionary Statute of 1941, there has been a close tie-in between the Portuguese state and the Catholic Church in Portugal's African territories.

It is expected that these agreements will come under review as each of the territories becomes independent.

Portuguese Guinea — Guinea-Bissau — will become independent on Sept. 10, according to an agreement signed in Algiers also slated Aug. 26.



Strategists

George F. Wiedemer, president of Cable-Wiedemer, and Thomas Mooney, deputy Monroe County manager, plan their strategy for the Commerce and Industry Division of the \$3.75 million Nazareth College Fund Drive. The drive funds will be used to construct a College Community Center on the school campus. The men are co-chairmen of the division which hopes to raise \$200,000 by the end of September.

Sisters of Saint Joseph Annual Fall Festival — On the Motherhouse grounds 4095 East Ave., Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7 and 8. Ham and turkey buffet, booths and home-made goods. Dinners served 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday; 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday; tickets for dinner are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

League of Women Voters — Open House — For league members and the press Thursday, Sept. 5, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. to mark the opening of their new office at 11 N. Goodman St.

Museum and Science Center — Film classic Thursday, Sept. 5 at 2 and 8 p.m. The FBI Story starring James Stewart, Vera Miles and Murray Hamilton and directed by Mervyn LeRoy, 2 hours, 29 minutes.

Museum and Science Center — Ore and metal exhibit of minerals that contain enough key industrial metals to be mined at a profit and patent model exhibit with 10 models dating from 1850 through 1890 on display in museum lobby, 657 East Ave., through Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays; 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays; free admission Saturdays.

Irondequoit Community Theatre — Tryouts for its production of Neil Simon's comedy-drama, The Gingerbread Lady, Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Eastridge High School small cafeteria, 2350 E. Ridge Rd., at 8 p.m.

Photo Display — Joseph Hopkins photo exhibit incorporates multi-dimensional effects; on display at the Brockport Rochester Savings Bank office, 4617 Lake Rd. until Monday, Sept. 30.

Attica Film Showing — Wednesday, Sept. 11, 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. at the YWCA, 175 N. Clinton Ave.; sponsored by the Rochester Attica Coalition in cooperation with the YWCA Community Action Program.

Memorial Art Gallery — The Creative Workshop opens its exhibition season with a show of Cheryl Stone work, a former workshop student; through Oct. 12 in the exhibition lounge of the Creative Workshop in Cutler Union, adjacent to the Gallery building, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Admission is free.

St. Christopher's Women's Guild — Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 8 p.m. with Father Bob Weiss.

St. Charles Borromeo Women's Club — Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 10, rosary at 7:30 p.m. church; meeting at 8 p.m. school hall.

Catholic Mission Guild — Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m., Knights of Columbus Building, Monroe Ave.

Southwest Golden Age Group — Meeting at 34 Monica St., 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6. Newcomers welcome.

Festival — St. Paul of the Cross, Honeoye Falls, 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7; CCD benefit.

Garage Sale — Gabriel Richard Institute scholarship fund benefit, Empire House, 1066 Empire Blvd., 6 p.m. until dark, Friday, Sept. 6; 9 a.m. until dark Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7, 8.

League Day — League of Women Voters, on voter service activities, 9-11:15 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, Baptist Temple, 1101 Clover, followed by open-house at new offices, 11 N. Goodman, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Hot Rod Show and Swap — Rochester Street Rods third annual, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, Rochester Drive In, 1200 Scottsville Rd. Admission \$1.50; children under 12, free.

Barley School of Music — Registration for private lessons and classes Sept. 4-6, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., 31 Church, Fairport; 34 May St., Webster. Visitors welcome on these days.

Bristol Valley Playhouse, Naples — Dandelion Wine, The Day It Rained Forever, short plays by science fiction writer Ray Bradbury, ending drama season, 8-15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, 3 p.m. Sunday. Hannover String Quartet, 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1; Swamp Root String Band, 8:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6.

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