



McQuaid Annual Ball

Checking over final arrangements for the McQuaid dinner dance on Friday, Oct. 18 at Oak Hill Country Club are, from left: Thomas Schaeffer, faculty member; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kircher, parents; Mrs. Thomas Schaeffer, and Father Richard P. Noonan, director of development. Proceeds from this year's ball will be used to enlarge the audio-visual department at McQuaid Jesuit High School.

## THE CHURCH 1974

Father Andrew Greeley

The case of the NCCB description of the present state of the American Church gets, as Ms. Alice would have put it, curiuser and curiuser.

It turns out that most American bishops are completely innocent of responsibility for this strange attack on the United States and on the American Catholic community. Many of the bishops saw the document for the first time when it appeared in their local Catholic newspapers. One bishop called me on the phone to say that the first he'd heard of it was when he read my column attacking the wretched and false description contained in the NCCB "review." I was told by a member of the administrative board of the hierarchy that it was only after considerable pulling and tugging that the members of the board got a chance to read the document. Needless to say, the administrative board was not asked to vote its approval.

Furthermore, the author of the "review" was not a bishop, or even a scholar, but a journalist, a man of not inconsiderable talent and skill, but scarcely one with credentials enabling him to speak to the bishops of the world about the state of American Catholicism.

Like I say, curiuser and curiuser.

One of my bishop friends suggested that maybe I owed the hierarchy an apology. That is to laugh. When a document is issued in the name of collegial group, one must presume that the members of the group have seen and endorsed the document. I haven't heard anyone repudiating the "review" in public, and telephone calls to me scarcely count. Individual members of the

### 55th ANNIVERSARY

Elmer J. and Madge B. Schoepfel of Curtice Road will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Margaret Mary Church, Sunday, Oct. 13.

Father Clarence Gardner of Auburn and Father Raymond Heisel will be at the altar. Mrs. Schoepfel is a former president of the Altar Society. The couple has seven children, 20 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A dinner at Berry's will follow the Mass.

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## Orientation Planned For Hospital Volunteers

Elmira — The first all-volunteer orientation for those involved in the volunteer program at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center and those who may wish to become involved will be held at a seminar at the Holiday Inn in downtown Elmira on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Mrs. Rae Creighton, chairperson for the informational session that gets under way with a get-acquainted coffee break, said that "the main purpose of the orientation is to familiarize those who may be involved through membership in the volunteer program but for some reason or other may have become inactive over the years. The nearly 40 volunteer service areas, many of which have recent beginnings, may be of interest to them. The newly expanded facility with

rehabilitation medicine as well as the ongoing burn program offer many new areas of volunteer service."

The St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center and the volunteer role in the hospital will be covered in the opening of the conclave which will include a welcome by Sister Martha Gersbach, hospital administrator and honorary chairman of the auxiliary.

The group will be divided into four discussion groups which will participate in four 30-minute introductions to areas of volunteer service.

Present members are urged to bring friends who may wish to join in the volunteer program.

## Iron Curtain Scholar Sees Faith Enduring

By SHARON DARNIEDER

Father Michael Bourdeaux, an Anglican priest who founded and directs the Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism, in Keston, Kent, England, told a group at St. Bernard's Seminary recently that without his experience teaching there in 1969 the Centre might not have come into being when it did.

"The stimulus and challenge provided by my teaching at St. Bernard's has really led to a major expansion in the whole field," he said. "When I left here I left as a man with an idea. I didn't feel that I was only doing 'my thing.' I felt I was doing God's thing."

Father Bourdeaux, an Oxford graduate in Russian, French and Theology, lectured at the seminary on religion in the Soviet empire. He founded the Centre after his return to England that same year.

He stopped in Rochester last week while on a tour of several American and Canadian cities.

He noted that his appointment to St. Bernard's in 1969 by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, was the "first time an academic approach to the study of religion in countries under Communist rule had taken place," and that the seminary was the only academic institution at that time in the United States to offer such a course.

On religious dissent in the Soviet Union, Father Bourdeaux said that "although the situation there is extremely difficult, it's not rendered impossible, despite the physical things against it."

"You can clamp down on religion but you cannot prevent the work of the Holy Spirit," he added.

"The act of worship, which very often takes place in secret in homes or churches, gathers within itself a dynamic of the Holy Spirit which our worship in the western world very often lacks," he said.

"When you take away some of the extras, concentration on the act of worship itself is greater. Almost the whole of their lives is a conscious act of worship."

Father Bourdeaux pointed out that the "Christian faith in the Soviet Union has been thrown back on its own resources so much that it must find its way as best it can. Every Christian home is a praying Christian home. The saying 'the family that prays together stays together' means a great deal in the Soviet Union."

He said that one of his best research sources is the hostile, atheistic Soviet press.

"It appears to distort the situation but if you read it correctly you can find out the truth. It's like a negative," he said. "The outlines are there and when you develop the photo, black becomes white. When you do this to the Soviet press you can see what's bothering them."

"The Church has not only survived in the Soviet Union it has revived. And as Christians, we have a responsibility to it," he said. "They're part of us, part of the body of Christ and we're part of them. We must be more concerned with their situation, and that's one of the things we stress at the Centre."

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