

Priests Council

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Father Ignatius Cantanello, Priests Council of New York president, attended the meeting to draw attention to the regional Priests Council. Vatican II divided the United States into 13 regions, New York State being region two.

Pastoral Council Budget Estimated

The Priests Council received the Pastoral Council Formation Committee's report on the estimated yearly cost of running the projected council. The report was presented by Father John Mulligan.

The cost analysis for personnel employment, which was reviewed by John Ritzenthaler, treasurer of the diocese, included salaries for an executive secretary (one day per week), secretarial help (one and a half days per week) and operating expenses.

This cost would amount to \$8,311 if a priest was employed, \$8,707 for a sister and \$9,013 for a lay person.

Operating expenses will involve printing and duplicating, telephones, conventions, mailing, meeting expenses, books, overnight meetings and equipment. These expenses would amount to approximately \$5,145 of the total.

The report put this budget in perspective with the budget for the Priests Council.

The Priests Council (1974-75), with a membership of 20, had a \$4,295 budget and a \$214.75 cost per member. The Pastoral Council (1975-76), with a membership of 55, has a proposed estimated budget of \$8,707 and a \$158.31 cost per member.

The \$8,707 includes \$3,500 in the current Office of Pastoral Ministry budget, primarily for secretarial help and printing costs. The cost differential for the 1975-76 budget should fall between \$4,811 and \$5,513.

Academy To Note HD Week

Nazareth Academy's Human Development classes have planned a week of activities to highlight the mission of the National Human Development Campaign during Human Development Week, Nov. 18-22.

Each day a different issue will be treated through speakers, films and money raising sales. The schedule of the week's themes is: Monday, World Hunger; Tuesday, Life Issues; Wednesday, Women's Issues; Thursday, Drugs; and Friday, Prison-Reform.

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"Regionalism is where it's at. I'm trying to draw attention to the fact that I think it's eminently important to work together. Things in New York State concern all of us. And the things we're dealing with contain a lot of heavy material. We do look towards Rochester as an example when it comes to dealing with these situations," he said.

Father Cantanello also commended the work of Father Charles Mulligan in the Office of Human Development.

Father Peter Bayer, liaison to the PC from the interdepartmental staff and director of the Office of Planning, asked for PC support and for their participation in the goal setting process.

This process would be spread over a three-year period beginning in May 1975. It would define the purpose of the Church in Rochester in terms of goals and priorities.

"A system of accountability is much needed. It would be a planning experience and help the Church get to the grass roots," Bishop Joseph L. Hogan commented.

The council heard two progress reports dealing with the Boards of Conciliation and Arbitration and Long Range Ministerial Needs.

The Boards of Conciliation and Arbitration were established in September as part of the diocesan "due process" to be followed in cases of conflict. The Conciliation Board acts mainly as a mediator between disputing parties. If this board fails, the problem is sent to the Arbitration Board, which makes a final decision for both parties.

"We want people to be aware of this counsel and the services the boards offer. We want them to understand and believe in the process," said Father James Boyle.

The PC then nominated three men to serve on each Board.

Father Douglas Hoffman presented the Long Range Ministerial Needs progress report, which dealt with a personnel survey. He said significant data would be compiled and interpreted by June.

"The survey results will be helpful to a lot of different groups in the diocese," Father Hoffman said.

Marriage Encounter Seeks Priests Council Support

By MOLLY JUDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Holly, coordinating team of the Rochester Marriage Encounter, gave an informational report at the Priests Council meeting and answered questions about their group.

"We want good-will, understanding and support from you, the Priests Council, and from the bishop. We want you to be aware of what we're doing in the diocese," Holly said.

Marriage Encounter's purpose, he explained is to provide an atmosphere in which married couples can be strengthened in their marital relationship and somehow share the sacramentality of their relationship within the Church.

"There are two social sacraments, marriage and the priesthood. Both must work together to serve God's community and must share together a harmonization, as priests and people, in union with God," said Father Leo J. Klem, CSB, who was assigned to work with ME by his community. Father Klem and the Hollys were introduced to the council by Father Edward Palumbos.

According to Father Palumbos, ME provides a lifeline for people to return to their parish with a sense of community and mission.

"We don't see ourselves as the elite group that we've been accused of being. Our function is to get people back in the parish to do what they can as couples," Holly said.

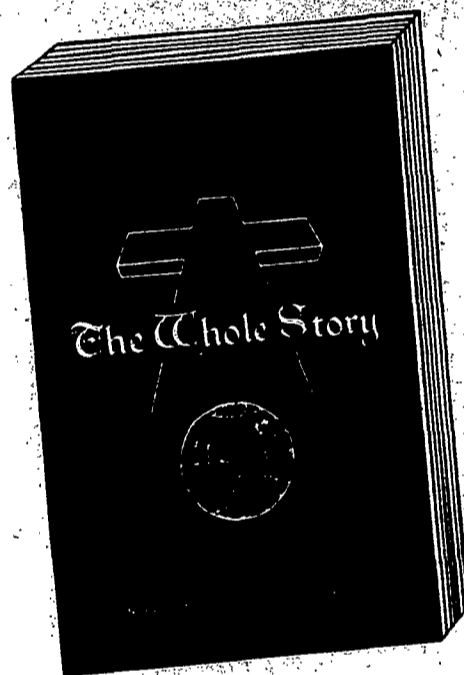
Father Klem noted that some couples were afraid of priests before they became involved in ME. "Marriage Encounter gives people a tremendous reverence and love for priests," he said. "It amazed me, but people were afraid of priests and now they see priests as Christ's representatives on earth."

The ME group recently requested that the bishop and the diocesan personnel board assign a priest to work full-time with the coordinating team.

GLOBIES SCHEDULED

The Harlem Globetrotters will display their basketball prowess at the War Memorial, Saturday, Nov. 16. Chief jester among the famous team is Meadowlark Lemon, known as the Clown Prince of Basketball. Game time is 8 p.m.

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