

DSC Also Endorses Concept of Justice, Peace

By MOLLY JUDGE

The Diocesan Sisters Council (DSC) endorsed the concept of the Justice and Peace proposal that had been presented earlier to the Priests Council. The DSC will make recommendations concerning the mechanism through which the proposal will be implemented in the Office of Human Development.

At their Nov. 9 meeting in Mercy Mother House, the sisters rejected the original proposal by Father Daniel Tormey that called for the addition of an executive director in OHD to coordinate a Justice and Peace ministry.

Sister Eileen Conheady SSJ, chairman of the Justice and Peace ad hoc committee, suggested that a commission would provide smoother operation of the proposed ministry.

The establishment of an ad hoc committee to investigate the closing of convents also was proposed by Sister Eileen. "This is a nagging issue which we should lay to rest," she said.

According to Sister Eileen, the committee would study the reasons involved in a convent's closing. It would also recommend a process to make sisters part of

the decision to close their convent. She said that in the past, sisters didn't receive adequate information or were not consulted on this matter.

"This is a more pressing issue all the time. There is an urgency involved to get this matter taken care of," said Bishop Dennis W. Hickey who was present at the meeting in the role of Vicar. Further discussion on the committee was deferred until the next meeting.

The DSC moved to write a letter to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan concerning the National Association of Women Religious (NAWR). The letter will suggest that the Catholic Bishops share with religious the preliminary drafts of the New Code of Canon Law.

Father Charles Mulligan, director of OHD, explained briefly the purpose of his agency. He invited the sisters concerned with issues pertinent to its work to attend one of two meetings to be held later this month that will elaborate further on OHD.

The nominations of three sisters to various diocesan posts were confirmed. Sister Eleanor Celentani SSJ will serve on the Diocesan Social Action Communications Committee. Sister

Phyllis Tierney SSJ will be part of the Genesee Ecumenical Ministry and Sister Halaire RSM will be on the Diocesan Conciliation Board.

Sister Ann Miller RSM suggested that DSC members consult their regional colleagues regarding present regional representation. According to Sister Ann, it is unclear whether a sister should represent the region where she lives or the region where she is employed.

As part of the Vicar of Religious Service, Bishop Hickey will attend three DSC meetings to obtain an insight into the problems women religious encounter. "I am very impressed by the way the meeting is conducted. And the debating is extremely fine," said Bishop Hickey at his first meeting.

DIE FLEDERMAUS

The 100th anniversary of the Vienna premiere of Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus" (The Bat) will be celebrated in two performances by the Eastman School of Music Opera Theatre. Full-scale productions will be presented by different casts at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Nov. 14 and 15, in the Eastman Theatre. The public is invited free of charge.

Pilgrim Virgin Slated At St. Lawrence Church

The Pilgrim Virgin, a beautifully carved wooden statue of the vision of Fatima, as described by the sole survivor of three children who saw the vision, will be on display at St. Lawrence Church on North Greece Rd. in Rochester Nov. 16 and 17th. Formal reception of the statue will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 4:30 p.m. There will be recitation of the rosary and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 9 on Saturday evening. Departure of the statue will follow the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, Nov. 17.



St. Lawrence Parish has chosen as its mission for the Holy Year to increase devotion to the Eucharist. On the weekend of Nov. 16 and 17, devotions to Mary will be part of our Eucharistic Celebration. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m. All are welcome to join us in prayer during this time.

Portugal, May 13, 1967. Pope Paul VI personally blessed the Pilgrim Virgin Statue for the United States. This very same statue is the one to be on display at the Church of St. Lawrence. It was his desire that this statue be kept in the United States and move in pilgrimage from Diocese to Diocese to keep the Message of Fatima before the people.

VALUES SESSION

All adult parishioners of St. John of Rochester are invited to take part in a value clarification session to be conducted Tuesday night, Nov. 19, by John McKiernan, principal of the parish school. The meeting will run from 8 until 10, in the school cafeteria. Refreshments will be served.

The idea of the "pilgrim" or "traveling" statue of the Virgin of Fatima began in 1947, after Pope Pius XII had crowned the original statue of Fatima through a Cardinal legate on May 13, 1946. A Youth Congress at Fatima, the following year, came up with the idea of carrying a copy of the statue processioally to Russia.

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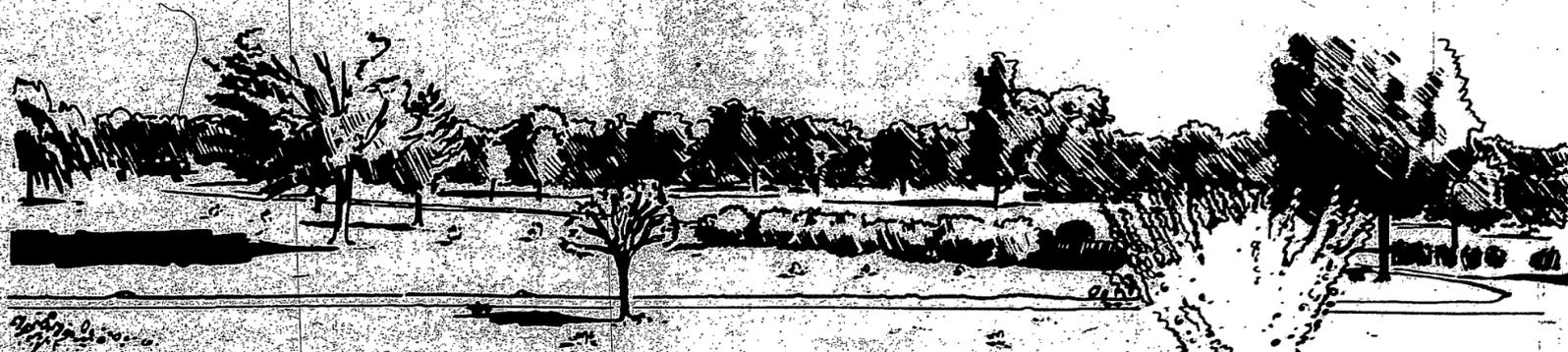
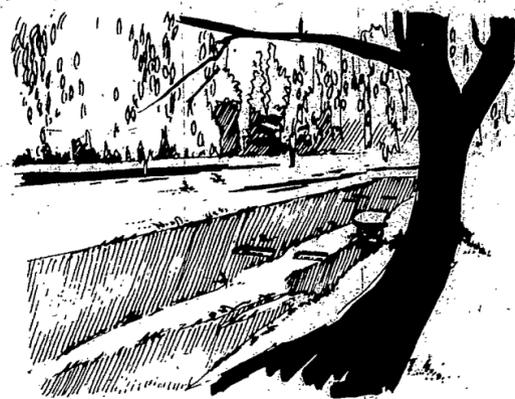


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