

# Bishop Appoints Three To Study 'Justice, Peace'

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan has appointed three organizers of a committee to study ways and means of setting up a Justice and

Peace Ministry in the diocese.

Groups that would take part in this ministry rejected the original

proposal and asked The bishop to name some people to pursue the matter further.

As a nucleus, he chose Father John Mulligan, chairman of the Priests' Council Social Action Committee; Sister Eileen Conheady, chairman of the Sisters Council Social Action Committee, and Father Charles Mulligan, director of the Office of Human Development. They will get together a broad-based group to seek ecumenical input and devise a mechanism for organizing the proposed ministry.

The original plan was rejected because it failed to state precisely how the ministry would be formed. It was the first matter to reach the "conflict resolution" stage of the diocesan decision-making Process A. Groups participating in the process were the Priests Council, Sisters Council, Genesee Ecumenical Ministry, Campus Ministry, the bishop's interdepartmental staff and the regional coordinators.

The function of the projected ministry will be to keep the people of the diocese informed on national and international events and issues touching upon justice and peace.

# Deficit Threatens Jail Ministry

By BONITA BALDWIN

The Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, an ecumenical outreach to persons awaiting trial in the Monroe County Jail, begins its fifth year with a problem as old as injustice: lack of funds.

RIJM's one full-time staff member, Robert Bonn, said last week that a deficit in the \$16,687 budget for 1975 could run as high as \$8,000. That could mean the end of Jail Ministry by June, he noted.

Bonn was interviewed in a group that included Carolyn Micklem and Father Joseph Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, who is chairman of the ministry's board of directors.

A \$10,000 grant from the Episcopal Diocese Strong Fund in 1971 helped start RIJM. In 1972 the Strong Fund granted an additional \$23,000 to expand the program. No future Strong funds are expected; RIJM now hopes to receive Campaign for Human Development funds, with the goal of building the ministry into a model jail project, Bonn said. Groups outside of Monroe County already have initiated ministries patterned after RIJM, he reported.

Father Brennan expressed greatest concern for the moral support of the ministry. Although he feels that consciousness concerning judicial process is much greater now than it was five years ago, he recognizes the negative, mythical images many still have concerning the people in jail, jails themselves, and the court system. Moral support for RIJM will be tested this year. 1975 is the first year RIJM has found itself totally dependent on funds from the community-at-large.

Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry began as a service of the clergy striving to meet the human needs of incarcerated individuals. Since last April, however, lay people have been trained as jail visitors through a program developed in close cooperation with the Monroe County Jail. Approximately 100 volunteers, 40

to 50 per cent laity, now visit the county jail through RIJM.

One important aspect of the ministry, according to Carolyn Micklem, who is active in both RIJM and the Judicial Process Commission, is that volunteers allow the prisoner to define his own need. If he just wants to talk, they listen. If family or lawyer need to be contacted, the volunteer tries to be of assistance. Sometimes volunteers help with bail arrangements. Spiritual needs are dealt with as they surface.

Father Brennan and Bonn agreed that inmates are very receptive to the volunteers. Father Brennan pointed out that a talk with a volunteer can seem to be an inmate's one contact with sanity in a world over which he exercises no control. The volunteer is a lifeline to the outside world that can be psychologically very significant, he observed.

Although meeting human needs, and not individual rehabilitation or institutional reform, is the goal of RIJM, contact with a concerned individual from the outside is at times the beginning of rehabilitation, Bonn said. Likewise, volunteers' increased awareness of prison situations and judicial process can and sometimes does motivate them to become involved in reform.

The contrast between the ideal of "innocent until proven guilty" and the way the system actually works also makes an impact on those involved in the Jail Ministry, according to Bonn. Lawyers that don't come to see their clients, disrupted family relations, and the disproportionate number of blacks, minorities, and poor in jail are other injustices revealed.

## RELIGIOUS ED.

**Addison** — Grades 7 through 12 at St. Catherine's meet each Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. for religious instruction. The junior high will study "The Life of Christ" and the senior high pupils will use Father Joseph Gallegher's "To Be A Catholic."

the responsibility of the Church, the faith community,

Many years ago in this country the idea of a parochial school system was conceived as the best means of educating our children to be good Christian Catholics. Today, almost a century later, many of our parents and leaders are still saying this is the best way to educate our children in the faith. There are, however, many others who feel like you, that too much of our financial resource is going into teaching the three R's. Others feel that not enough resource is going into adult religious education and religious education of children in non-parochial schools.

At present the whole Church community is agonizing these questions. It needs to be said that the whole community should decide which direction religious education should take, and I believe that is being done. Some Catholic schools are closing and others are staying open because the people who must finance them believe in them almost passionately. They believe that parochial schools as such have a "difference which counts" and are willing to pay for it.

Personally, I believe this is the best way of solving the problem. Your own point of view should be made known in your parish. If you do not believe in supporting the three R's, you can obviously make that known, too. But as I said, the determination of religious education programs and distribution of financial resources for them should be shared decisions. I believe that if they are shared the Holy Spirit will work in us and show us the better way.

# St. Thomas School Has A 'Whale of a Tale to Tell'

"Different Where It Counts" is the theme of the week with a further message that there is a "whale of a tale to tell" at St. Thomas the Apostle School, Colebrook Drive, West Irondequoit, as it prepares for Catholic Schools Week, being celebrated nationally Feb. 2-7.

Sister Roberta Rodanhouse, principal, issues the following invitation: "We at St. Thomas welcome all friends, neighbors, and parents to visit our school. Come, listen, watch and enjoy with the children the difference of a Catholic School."

St. Thomas the Apostle School will be open to the public each day during Catholic Schools Week and the public is invited to participate in one or all of the specially planned days.

A Religion Festival will be held Sunday, Feb. 2, in St. Thomas School Hall following the 8:15, 9:30, 11 and 12:15 Masses. This will feature curriculum outlines, and teacher and student materials for the teaching of

Religion in grades K through 8. On Monday, Feb. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the school has scheduled an Open House Walk-through with a special Carousel Projector Display on "Life at St. Thomas" on the first floor. Tuesday, Feb. 4 (8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) will spotlight the Primary Department with a special invitation to the parents of preschoolers. Babysitters will be provided. Wednesday, Feb. 5 (8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.) the children will pay special tribute to their teachers with essays and drawings. Thursday, Feb. 6 (8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) is scheduled as School Community Day with emphasis on making grandparents and senior citizens welcome. Invitations have also been issued to elected officials and area educators. On Friday, Feb. 7, all are invited to "celebrate the difference" at 8:30 a.m. Mass in St. Thomas the Apostle Church with First Friday Liturgy prepared by the children. A coffee hour will be held in the School Hall following Mass and classrooms will be open to the public until 2:30 p.m.

## Hornell

### CONFIRMATION

**Canisteo** — All students planning to be confirmed Apr. 20 at St. Joachim's are asked to meet at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2 at St. Joachim's or at 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's in Rexville. This begins a special series of instructions for reception of the sacrament.

### EVENTS-SLATED

**Canisteo** — Upcoming events at St. Joachim's are the Rotary Dance to be held Feb. 1 at the parish center; the Feb. 5, 8 p.m. Parish Council meeting, and the Feb. 8 teen dance at the center featuring "Port Royal."

### SPAGHETTI!

**Naples** — The Youth Club of St. Januarius is sponsoring a Spaghetti supper on Saturday, Feb. 1 after the 5 p.m. Mass. Dick and Janet Schwartz will be supervising the young people in making the spaghetti so everyone knows it will be a tasty dish. Ushers at the Masses have tickets or they may be purchased at the door. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please call Cindy Schwartz at 374-2147.

### REWARDS

**Dansville** — The Campbell Soup Label Collection at St. Mary's has been completed and almost 12,000 labels have been received. The bonus for the work of St. Mary's School will be a tape recorder and four pairs of headsets.

### CONFIRMATION PLANS

**Dansville** — The sub-committee of St. Mary's Education Committee is planning for training of parents and candidates for receiving of Confirmation by Bishop Joseph Hogan on Apr. 22. Members are contacting parents to be teachers in this program. The first meeting for parents of Confirmation students is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the school hall. Eight sessions will be held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. beginning Feb. 18.

did not visit the labor room. Instead they camped out in the office of Jo Grant of the hospital's PR staff.

"Each time the telephone would ring," Bonita said, "Sue would turn pale and begin to grab her camera."

"She's exaggerating," laughed Susan. "Just a little bit."

The young women said they "appreciated the sense of family for such a young couple" that the Voorheises displayed.

Anyway, at 3:44 p.m. the birth of Amanda Voorheis was duly recorded by hospital officials and a Courier-Journal staff team. McKinney and Baldwin returned to the hospital three days later on a Sunday morning to cover Amanda's departure for home. They brought the baby a simple gift (a sleeping outfit) and a card signed by Courier-Journal workers.

All in all, an uplifting experience for all concerned.

Good News, if you will.

**From the bulletins** St. Januarius: "An optimist is a man who goes to the window every morning and says, 'Good morning, God.' The pessimist goes to the window and says, 'Good God, morning!'" St. Margaret Mary's: "Sister Mary John says that when she asked one of her fifth graders if his father helped him with the problem under discussion he said, 'No, I got it wrong by myself.'" Father Robert McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary was feted last Sunday at St. Salome's Church for helping out there for 35 (count 'em) 35 years.

### EARLY EDUCATION

St. Pius the Tenth Early Education Program is accepting applications for the second semester, which begins Feb. 3. The program offers a three-day session, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and a two-day session, Tuesdays and Thursdays. An open house is planned for Jan. 15, 20 and 22. Registration will end during the week of Jan. 27. Anyone wishing information may contact the school, at 247-5650.



Carmen Viglucci

It is a good rule for newspaper people to remember that subscribers just are not interested in tales of trial, tribulation and derring do reporters and photographers experience in gathering the news.

And the troubles that newspaper people have are of a nature that they would rather forget them anyway.

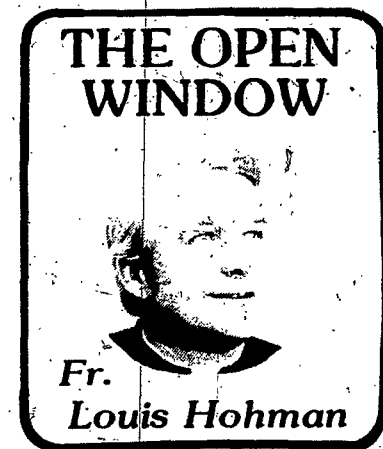
The Jan. 22 photo-story we did on a newborn baby was so different and smacked so much of Good News that we risk breaking a guideline to share it.

It all began during staff discussions on how best to show the value of life in conjunction with the Jan. 22 anniversary of the Supreme Court decision liberalizing abortion. Photographer Susan McKinney came up with the idea of covering a birth.

Such ideas often are more easily expressed than accomplished, given the requirements of timeliness (Jan. 22), the vicissitudes of nature, the cooperation of a hospital and the willingness of a couple to allow such coverage. The first two requirements worked out and the others were fulfilled by the helpful administration at St. Mary's Hospital and the Voorheises themselves who agreed to the venture.

So McKinney and writer Bonita Baldwin found themselves at the hospital on Thursday, Jan. 16. A la expectant fathers they waited, and waited, and waited. Seven hours they waited.

Although the team would be present in the delivery room they



Fr. Louis Hohman

Dear Father Hohman,

It seems reasonable that each parish should provide finances for the religious education of its parishioners, but — does the principle of parents' rights to select a school for their children mean that the parish is financially responsible for financing reading, rite, and rithmetic type of education? What does the Church require in our diocese at this time in our evolution?

Thank you for your consideration.

L. Clement

Dear Mr. Clement,

Religious education is a principal mandate of Jesus Christ: "Go, teach all nations." (Matt 28, Mk. 16) If it must be financed, and it must be, then that is the responsibility of the whole Church, the whole community of believers. The means chosen to educate in the faith, to teach as Jesus did, is also