



Mapping plans for the New York State Right to Life convention scheduled Sept. 26-28 in Rochester are, seated, from left, Helen Greene of Buffalo, program co-chairman; Muriel Trunfio, fund-raising dinner chairman; Loretta Lallie of Buffalo, workshop committee; standing, Jean Lapple, publicity chairman, and William Polito, convention coordinator.

State Right to Life Picks Rochester for 1975 Convention

The New York State Right to Life Committee has designated Rochester as the site of its 1975 annual convention to be September 26-28, at the Downtown Holiday Inn. The event will be coordinated with the Rochester Area Right to Life Committee's annual fund raising dinner.

The bicentennial theme of the convention will be the Human Life Amendment and the Inalienable Right to Life 1775-1975. The convention will present educational workshops on the various aspects of the pro-life

amendment, such as, Appreciating the Handicapped, How to Prepare and Present the Pro-Life Story, Population, Euthanasia, and Political Action.

The guest speaker at the dinner will be the Rev. Charles Carroll, an Episcopalian minister and an observer at the Nuremberg Trials. The Rev. Carroll has spent several years documenting and studying the Nuremberg trials, in preparation for a book on the subject. He has recently completed the final portion involving the doctors' trials.

Pastoral Changes

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Father Brennan has been pastor of St. Mary's, Corning, since 1953. For the previous five years, he was pastor of St. Patrick, Mt. Morris. He served on the St. Andrew's Seminary faculty from 1931 until 1948, as a teacher of English and Latin. During the first two years of his priesthood he was an assistant at St. Augustine's. He was educated at the old St. Patrick's grammar school and Cathedral High, the diocesan seminaries and St. Bonaventure, St. John's, Brooklyn, and Niagara universities.

Father McDonnell has been at St. Michael's, his third pastorate, since 1957. He went to Newark from Hornell, where he was pastor of St. Ignatius for seven years. From 1944 until 1950 he was pastor of St. Gabriel, Hammondsport, and St. Patrick, Prattsburg. He has served as chaplain at the State School at Industry and as an assistant at

Holy Rosary and Old St. Mary's, Rochester. Father McDonnell is a native of Bath and a graduate of the diocesan seminaries.

Father Kelly, a former teacher and Navy chaplain, is in the 21st year of his Fairport pastorate. The school he established for the religious education of children and the training of adult catechists has served as a model for catechetical centers throughout the country. Father Kelly attended St. Augustine's School and the diocesan seminaries and earned a Master of Arts degree at Niagara. He taught at Aquinas Institute, 1933-37, and at Nazareth College, 1938-42. During World War II, he was a chaplain with the 4th Marine Air Wing in the Central Pacific theater. After the war, he was named pastor of St. James, Trumansburg, and St. Francis Solanus, Interlaken. He has served also at St. Augustine's and Old St. Mary's.

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Representative: Sister Mary David McCall, SSJ, Our Lady of Lourdes Convent, 327 Warrington Drive, Rochester, 14618. Two-year term. B.S. and B.A., Nazareth College. Has taught at St. Ambrose, St. Paul's, Oswego, and Our Lady of Lourdes. Former principal of Corpus Christi. Presently: Regional Coordinator for Sisters of St. Joseph. Member LCWR, NAWR, Diocesan LRMN, Committee, Pastoral Assistants' Committee and SSJ-Community Personnel Committee.

Representative: Sister Mary Judith, RSM, Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Road, Rochester, 14610. One-year term. B.S., Nazareth College; M.Ed., University of Rochester. Business teacher, guidance counselor, office manager, Our Lady of Mercy High School. Assistant General, Sisters of

Mercy of Rochester. Presently: Superior General, Sisters of Mercy of Rochester. National Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Region II (NYS) LCWR, Secretary-Treasurer, 1971 to present; Federation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Secretary, 1971-1973, vice president, 1973-74, president 1974-75; Delegate, Northeast Region; St. James Mercy Hospital, Board of Trustees, vice president.

Representative: Sister Jamesine Riley, SSJ, St. Anne's Home, 1500 Portland Ave., Rochester, 14621. One-year term. B.S. and B.A., Nazareth College; Ed.M., University of Rochester. Teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Ambrose. Principal and coordinator at Guardian Angels Congregational Regional Coordinator, 1968. Elected to General Council, 1969 to Summer 1975.

Jesus Invited Women to Help, Pope Paul Says

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul said here that even though Jesus had made no provision for ordained women priests in His Church, He did invite women to participate in the Church's mission.

"Jesus," said the pontiff, "did not call women to the ministry founded on the sacred order, since, as we know, all the Apostles were men. Nevertheless, He invited women to close apostolic collaboration."

"We cannot change the Lord's decision in this matter," he went on, "but we must recognize and promote the role of women in the mission of evangelization and in the life of the Christian community."

The remarks on the role of women in the Church came in a brief address Pope Paul made at an audience with members of the committee for the current U.N.-sponsored International Women's Year.

The pontiff told the group that promotion of women's rights demanded a progressive approach, conducted with wisdom and without haste, because the problems involved are delicate ones.

"To speak of equality of rights," the Pope continued, "will not resolve the question, which is a very deep one. One might, rather, work towards effective complementarity, so that both men and women will contribute their respective riches and their unique dynamisms to the construction of a world which will not be standardized and uniform, but harmonious and in keeping with the design of the Creator."

Bishops Issue Housing Plan

New York State's Catholic Bishops went on record last week with an official endorsement of: Strong, continued involvement in housing and community development, especially in preservation of existing housing; Using the new Federal Housing and Communities Development Act of 1974 in every possible way; Continued Church support of state programs to provide public financing of low income housing in cities, and suburban and farm areas; A tenants bill of rights that would include state passage of a warrant of Habitability Act (i.e. providing a guarantee to tenant that the house or apartment is live-in-able... or the tenant can take action against the landlord).

These proposals were approved by the Roman Catholic Bishops of New York State gathered in Rochester for an executive meeting, April 17, and released this week.

The proposals are a follow-up to the Housing Conference held under the auspices of the New York State Catholic Conference of Bishops last January in Albany. At that time representatives and experts from the eight dioceses gathered together to discuss Church involvement in housing and ways to improve it.

The conference developed this program of recommendations which the Bishops approved unanimously.

St. Bernard's Names Paratore to New Position

Matthew R. Paratore has been named to the new position of director of recruiting and alumni relations at St. Bernard's Seminary, it has been announced by Father Joseph P. Brennan, rector.

Father Brennan said that the seminary must put more effort not only into seeking new students but also into providing for on-going social and educational needs of its graduating students.

"While some of this work has been well done in the past by part-time persons we now see clearly that these areas must have full-time attention," he said.

Paratore is a native of Syracuse and a 1973 graduate of St. John Fisher College. He recently

completed studies for a masters degree in Church Administration at Catholic University.

He will work with students, vocation directors, seminary review committees and campus chaplains in dioceses throughout the Eastern seaboard. As alumni liaison he will have contact with nearly 4,000 ordained and lay alumni.

SPECIAL MASS

A Latin Mass is scheduled for 10 a.m., Mothers Day, May 11 at Holy Family Church, Father Frederick Eisemann celebrating. The choir, led by Karl Faber, will sing music from the Missa Brevis Mass by Nicola A. Montani, the Ave Maria, and Gregorian Chant by S. Angelica.

Ordination

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College where he majored in English literature. From St. Bernard's Seminary he holds the degrees of Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Master of Theology (M.Th.) Father Laird's dissertation for the M.Th. was on the Christology of the nineteenth-century Jesuit poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins.

Parishes in the diocese with which Father Laird has been associated include St. Margaret Mary, Rochester; Our Lady of Mercy, St. Rose, Lima; St. Joseph, Rush; the Newman Community of the University of Rochester and Holy Family, Rochester. He completed his Clinical Pastoral Education working with emotionally disturbed youngsters at Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry.

The Blessed Sacrament Choir and a brass quartet from the Eastman School of Music will perform works by Messiaen, Gabrielli, Deiss, Pelloquin, Vaughan Williams, Britten, Vermulst and Peeters for the ceremony.

Father Laird will celebrate a Eucharist of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 4, at 12:30 p.m. at his home parish, St. Mary in Auburn. Receptions will follow both ceremonies and the public is invited to attend.

ASSOCIATE NAMED

Sister Mary Bernard has been named associate coordinator of the North Region. She will assist Father Conrad J. Sundholm who is coordinator of the area.

Sister Mary Bernard has been a resident of the region for 20 years of her religious life. She has taught at St. Andrew and St. Thomas the Apostle Schools and she has been administrator of Annunciation School for the last six years. She holds a B.S. degree from St. Bonaventure University and an M.S. in administration from SUNY at Brockport.

Farewell, Best Wishes

The following article was written by James J. Powers, supervisor of the Town of Chili, for the Gates-Chili News. We reprint it with that newspaper's permission.

In 1968, Father Elmer McDonald came to Chili and founded St. Christopher's Parish. Prior to that Father McDonald served at St. Augustine's in Rochester and was a Navy-Marine Chaplain for some seven years.

During his short tenure in Chili, we have seen St. Christopher's Church become a reality in 1971 and the parish has now embarked upon a new building program for an addition to the church to include a meeting hall and classrooms.

More importantly though were the personal characteristics Father McDonald brought with him and the deep and sincere involvement he practiced, not only as a priest but as a member of this community. He possessed a common touch with all his associates. When I was ill a short time ago, he found time to visit me in the hospital. When his parishioners held a reception in his honor recently, I attended to wish him well in his new endeavor but more importantly to thank him for his friendship and for his many contributions to his community.

I'll miss his conversations and advice as well as his parishioners will. So along with his many admirers, I can only say farewell, the best to Father McDonald and great success at St. John's in Greece.

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