



Commencement

Diplomas were awarded to 114 graduates of Blessed Trinity School in Auburn at the second graduation ceremonies held June 15. Shown are the pastors, Father Raymond Wahl of Sacred Heart, Msgr. Joseph G. Gefell of St. Alphonsus and Msgr. Joseph Sullivan of Holy Family. The priests of the three parishes that support the school concelebrated the Eucharist.

THE OPEN WINDOW



Fr. Louis Hohman

Dear Father Hohman,

The recent developments in closing the inner city schools [Catholic Parochial] surfaces several concerns. There was no apparent rally to provide funds from other parishes in the diocese.

This void is the concern of other parishes, particularly those committed to the Catholic Parochial schools. The impression is that these schools are primarily for the affluent suburban communities and primarily segregated.

What is the evidence that those trained in the Parochial school system are more concerned Christians? Are they concerned with Christian values in practice? Is this apparent anomaly meeting the goals and expectations of the Mystical Body authorities? Is this the continued future of the Catholic Parochial schools? What do you foresee?

Christ is for all, Louis Clement

Dear Mr. Clement,

A Jeanne Dixon I ain't, and who would care what I foresee for the future? You are the first one who asked me.

But you do bring up some very important concerns with which the church in our diocese is grappling and will continue to grapple with for many years to come.

One of the things which surfaced from the Diocesan Pastoral Council in our setting forth tentative goals for the diocese was that an irate group of people (in the hundreds) expressed dissatisfaction with the fact that apparently the DPC gave parochial schools such a low priority. This indicates that there are no doubt thousands of people who will fight to the bitter end to

keep parochial schools going (or at least their own). They evidently think that Parochial schools make better Catholic Christians; in the case of many parents in the inner city who were not Catholic and sending their children to parochial schools, an important value was seen in them which could not be obtained elsewhere.

But you do bring up some important questions which all of us must face: 1. How long can our people survive double taxation, which is constantly inflating? 2. Can we go along with the idea that only the wealthy suburbs will have this kind of education? 3. If we keep holding on to the parochial school system, will we be able to aspire to a goal of total religious education for all, cradle to grave? 4. Is it equitable to spend over 50 per cent of parish resources on 10 per cent of the parish population?

To me, these are open-ended questions — I have no pre-fab answers. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in a spirit of cooperation we must seek realistic answers.

Lecture Series Begins Today

The Alice L. Foley Lecture Series will be inaugurated today (July 9) at Nazareth College of Rochester by the chief of the Bureau of Teacher Certification in the State Education Department.

Dr. William E. Boyd, will discuss academic excellence in higher education in an address titled "The Unknown Quality." His talk will begin at 10 a.m. in the Nazareth Arts Center Auditorium.

The lecture series, initiated by the college's Education Department, Graduate and Continuing Education Programs, will honor Nazareth's President, Foley "as a distinguished leader in New York State Education," according to Dr. Anthony Barraco, chairman of the Education Department.

The Alice L. Foley Lecture Series will be an on-going program, with a lecture scheduled each summer session at the college. The program is open to the public without charge.

Losses through Abortion Described in Hornell

By STELLA DeGAETANO

Hornell — "In a single year, more lives have been destroyed by abortion than were lost by American forces in all the wars of our history," William P. Polito of Rochester recently told the Hornell Area Right to Life Group at its first banquet.

Polito, chairman of the legislative division of the New York State Right to Life Committee, was principal speaker at the dinner which honored Father William Cosgrove, first chaplain of the group. Father Cosgrove

Father Bynon Heads State School Group

Father Joseph P. Bynon, superintendent of schools in the Diocese of Brooklyn, has been elected to a two-year term as president of the New York State Council of Catholic School Superintendents.

He succeeds Father Daniel Brent of Rochester. Father Lawrence M. Deno of the Diocese of Ogdensburg was elected vice president.

The council, headquartered in Albany, consists of the top education officials of the State's eight dioceses, which enroll some 525,000 students.

Center Names Paul Kelly

Cayuga County — Paul A. Kelly of Syracuse has assumed the position of executive director of Cayuga Family Center according to Mrs. Micheline Contiguglia, president of the Catholic Family Center Board and co-president, Mrs. Eleanor Beardsley of the Family Center Board. A social worker certified in the state, Kelly's previous position was assistant director, Child and Family Service of Syracuse and Onondaga County. He also has held positions as director of Community and Social Services with Elmcrest Children's Center, and supervisor with the New York State Department of Social Welfare. His experience in social welfare includes community involvement in advisory task force capacity in areas of child welfare.

recently resigned as chaplain of St. James Mercy Hospital and is now pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church in Rochester.

"Since the Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion in 1973, the total number of infant lives terminated exceeds the combined population of Arizona, Nevada, Wyoming, Delaware and Vermont," Polito said.

In his response, Father Cosgrove said, "What the Right to Life groups all over our nation are achieving may well affect the future of our civilization. Their concern emphasizes their dedication to their belief in the dignity of the individual."

J. Thomas Gibson, president area group, reviewed progress made during the past year, including the establishment of Heart Line, a referral service for problem pregnancies.

Roses were presented to of-

icers and committee chairmen for their volunteer work for the organization. Recognition was given to Mrs. Donald Koehler, Mrs. James J. Mahoney, Mrs. Robert Hanrahan, Mrs. Richard Kull, Mrs. James Farrell, Mrs. Andrew Lamb and Mrs. Gibson. Jack Murphy is the legislative chairman of the group.

Kevin Doran served as toastmaster.

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