

# Priests' Social Action Discussed by State Unit

The recent quarterly meeting of the Priests' Councils of New York at LaGuardia Airport had a distinctly Rochester diocesan flavor. Father James Marvin, president of the diocesan Priests Council and pastor of St. Ambrose Church, also is president of the state group and a principal speaker at the meeting was Father Charles Mulligan, director of the diocesan Office of Human Development.

The meeting discussed priorities for involving priests in social ministry, and Father Mulligan made a detailed report as a member of the state group's Peace and Justice Committee.

The PCNY recognized that many priests senates in New York need to strengthen their committees dealing with social issues because it feels the parish priest working in the community can be a very effective voice and leader in the solution of social problems. The plight of illegal aliens, the attempts of the farm workers to have better conditions, and the new community treatment plans for alcoholics were discussed.

The Social Action Committee of Priests Senates is formative and the PCNY Justice and peace organization will assist it.

Another priority considered was the process for the selection of Bishops.

The process of this selection, the role of the Apostolic Delegate, the archbishop of New York, and the bishops of New York, the involvement of the people, the priests and religious, needs clarification and study, the PCNY feels.

The Canon Law Society has urged priests senates to begin preparation of a profile of diocesan needs and the qualities of leadership needed for the bishop of a specific diocese.

Finally the PCNY noted the steady growth of team ministries in parishes throughout the state, teams of priests, religious and laity involved in parish ministry in certain communities and also the co-pastorate concept where priests share the responsibility of parish ministry.

# Watkins Parish Summer School Seen 'Successful'

Watkins Glen — More than 60 youngsters have enrolled in St. Mary of the Lake Parish's summer school program. This is the first year for the program and it has been called "very successful," by a parish spokesman.

The school is open to pupils in the first through the sixth grades. Under the guidance of the Sisters of St. Lucy Phillipini, the children are learning Italian, arts and crafts and Bible stories.

Junior High School students in the area also are helping in the program.

Father James Hewes, associate, said that the parish also had a "very strong, successful and active Parish Council."

In addition he commented on the "tremendous response of the parishioners in attending and supporting the annual parish picnic" which this spring drew more than 1000 persons to Klute Memorial Park.

# Hornell Couple Wed 50 Years

Hornell — About 120 friends and relatives gathered recently to honor Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Antonelli on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple observed their Golden Anniversary with an Anniversary Mass celebrated in St. Ann's Church by Father Robert C. MacNamara, pastor, and they renewed their marriage vows. Attendants for the couple were Mrs. Agnes Angelo of Rochester and Ascenzo Antonelli of Kent, Ohio, brother of Mr. Antonelli.

Antonelli and the former Mary Vecchioli were married June 25, 1925, in L'Aquila, Italy.

He served in the Italian Army from 1915 to 1919 and came to the United States in August of 1920. He started working for the Erie Railroad Co. in Kent, Ohio. In 1930 he was transferred to Susquehanna, Pa. and then came to Hornell in 1936. He retired June 23, 1963.

The couple have three children, Mrs. Lauretta Ennis of Lauderhill, Fla., Miss Josephine (Pina) Antonelli of Orange, N.J., and Francis Antonelli of Rochester. They have six grandchildren.

Following the Mass, a dinner and reception took place at the Knights of Columbus hall.

# Guidelines

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therefore responsible for working with the council constantly to assist it in achieving the ideals that have been set forth in these guidelines.

In regard to the relationship of the parish council to the diocese as a whole and to the bishop, the document states that the "bishop authorizes parish councils to share in the (his) responsibility for the pastoral mission of the parish. This is done through approval of the parish council constitution and recognition of their collaboration in decision-making with the pastor who is the presence of the bishop in the local Church."

The paperback version is expected to sell for \$1 and will be published in a limited printing, according to Linda Decillis of the Pastoral Ministry office.

Persons wishing to place orders for the paperback should do so before September through the Office of Pastoral Ministry, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, 14624, Mrs. Decillis said.

of an article in the July issue of A.V. magazine. It should awake someone in our Catholic church. Let's quit coddling these so-called scientists or for a better word, communists, even if some of them do claim to be religious.

Sincerely,  
G.A.

The quoted article, entitled Religion vs Vivisection, reads as follows:

Jonathan Ross of Sunnyside California calls our attention to the fact that the magazine Awake published by Jehovah's Witnesses, with a world-wide circulation of 8,900,000 copies, is perhaps the only religious journal that consistently and from its very beginning has opposed vivisection. This is in response to queries we have had from time to time about the almost universal silence on the subject by religious organizations and their publications generally. Any comments?


G. A. then notes, "The above article was taken from the July issue of A.V. magazine. More than likely this sect will accuse the Catholic church of being unable to extract money from animals, thus talking no stand in their defense. They say things like this, you know."

Dear G. A.,

The reason you have never heard anything from the Catholic Church on vivisection is that the Church is not opposed to it when it is done with some real hope of promoting the welfare of the human race. In the Book of Genesis we read, "Be masters of the fishes of the sea, the birds of the air and all living animals on the earth." Gen. 1:28. As long as a man is not guilty of unnecessary or useless cruelty, the forms of lower creation are man's to use for the welfare of the race. The key is the word reasonable use.

When you take a jab at scientists and then insinuate that they may be communists you do more to harm your point of view than to promote it. Scientists in general are not being sadistic in their use of animals in their experiments. They envision the possibility of some great good for the human race, for example, the permanent elimination of cancer from the scene. Can you really equate the pain of an animal in vivisection with the pain of thousands of human beings dying of cancer? Our values must be arranged in their order of importance.

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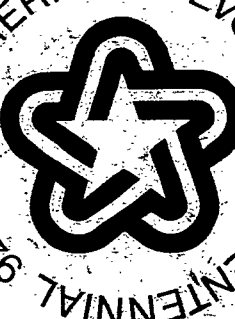
Fr. Louis Hohman

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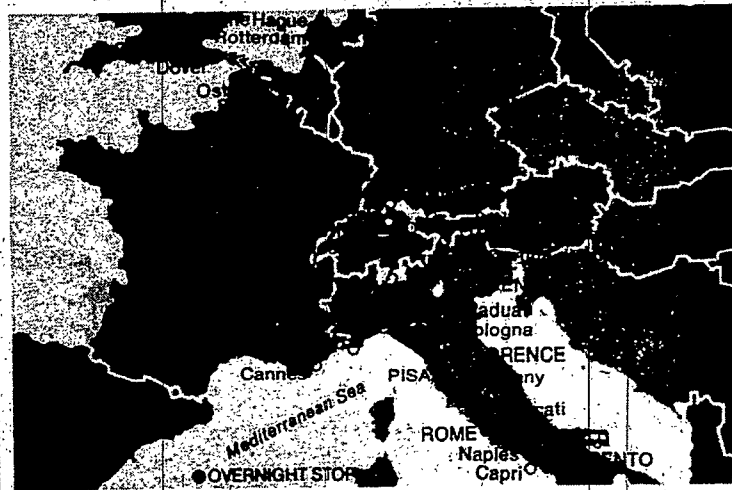
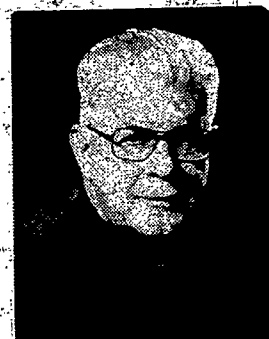
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