

Northwest

(17 parishes,
16 with parish councils)
(1 mission church)



PARISH	STATUS	YEAR EST.
Holy Apostle	PC	1968
Holy Cross	PC	1971
Holy Family	PC	1967
Holy Name of Jesus	PC	1969
Holy Rosary	PC	1973
Most Precious Blood	PC	1972
Mother of Sorrows	PC	1972
Our Lady of Mercy	PC	1973
Sacred Heart	PC	1969
St. Anthony of Padua	PC	1972
St. Charles Borromeo	PC	1968
St. Francis of Assisi	NPC	
St. John, Greece	PC	1971
St. Lawrence	PC	1973
St. Leo, Hilton	PC	1974
St. Mark	PC	1973
St. Michael	PC	1972

Livingston-Steuben

(24 parishes, 18 with councils)
(10 mission churches)



Holy Angels, Nunda	?	1971
Immaculate Heart, Painted Post	NPC	
Sacred Heart, Perkinsville	PC	1972
St. Agnes, Avon	PC	1968
St. Anne, Hornell	PC	1967
St. Catherine, Addison	PC	1973
St. Columba, Caledonia	PC	1973
St. Gabriel, Hammondspport	PC	1972
St. Ignatius, Hornell	NPC	
St. Joachim, Canisteo	PC	1974
St. Joseph, Livonia	PC	1972
St. Joseph, Wayland	PC	1974
St. Mary, Bath	PC	1971
St. Mary, Corning	NPC	
St. Mary, Dansville	PC	1970
St. Mary, Genesee	PC	1973
St. Michael, Livonia Center	PC	1973
St. Patrick, Corning	PC	1969
St. Patrick, Mt. Morris	PC	1973
St. Pius V, Cohocton	PC	1972
St. Rose, Lima	NPC	
St. Stanislaus, Bradford	NPC	
St. Thomas, Leicester	NPC	
St. Vincent de Paul, Corning	PC	1973

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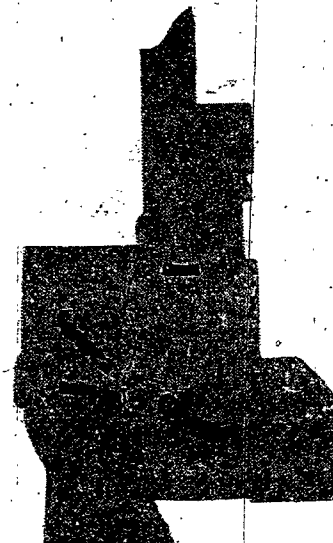
(15 parishes, 14 with councils)



Holy Ghost, Coldwater Rd.	PC	1968
Immaculate Conception	PC	1967
Nativity, Brockport	PC	1973
Our Lady of Good Counsel	PC	1972
St. Augustine	PC	1972
St. Christopher	PC	1970
St. Helen	PC	1972
St. John, Spencerport	PC	1973
St. Jude	NPC	
St. Mary, Scottsville	PC	1973
St. Monica	PC	1973
Ss. Peter and Paul	PC	1970
St. Pius X	PC	1973
St. Theodore	PC	1972
St. Vincent, Churchville	PC	1972

Seneca-Cayuga

(18 parishes, 16 with councils)
(8 missions, 2 with councils)



PARISH	STATUS	YEAR EST.
Holy Cross, Ovid	PC	1971
Holy Family, Auburn	PC	1972
Our Lady of the Lake, King Ferry	PC	1975
Sacred Heart, Auburn	PC	1972
St. Aloysius, Auburn	PC	1969
St. Alphonsus, Auburn	PC	1975
St. Ann, Owasco (M)	PC	1972
St. Bernard, Scipio Center	PC	1974
St. Francis, Auburn	?	
St. Hyacinth, Auburn	PC	1975
St. Joseph, Cayuga	PC	1972
St. Joseph, Weedsport	PC	1972
St. Mary, Auburn	PC(?)	1970
St. Mary, Waterloo	PC	1975
St. Michael, Montezuma	PC	1975
St. Patrick, Aurora	PC	1970
St. Patrick, Cato	PC	1970
St. Patrick, Moravia	PC	1973
St. Patrick, Seneca Falls	PC	1970
St. Thomas, Red Creek (M)	PC	1970

The Numbers Are There . .

The graph on the front page of this section reflects a favorable growth of parish councils — 140 out of a possible 160 in less than 10 years. But while the numbers are there, the spiritual depth may be missing—

"Let's not deceive ourselves," said Father Douglas Hoffman, director of Pastoral Ministry, in discussing the present status of parish councils in the diocese. "The lack of spiritual growth is a major problem. Ideally, parish council members should in a very real way feel that they were called by Christ to that role as well as by the parish. If it doesn't get to that point then we may have created a monster."

"Parish council members must stop and take time to reflect on their spiritual mission and also spend more time seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

Before the emergence of parish councils, the administrative role of the laity in parishes generally was limited to finance committees and school boards and there is the probability now that tradition unfortunately has carried over to the lay person's role on the parish councils.

"Such people forget," said Father Hoffman, "that the parish exists to strengthen people in their faith, to know the Lord better. Many parish councils do not seem to realize that they must make faith and religion welcome subjects for the council table."

Father Hoffman pointed out that the Diocesan Pastoral Council at its first convocation

established parish councils as its top priority. "They want active and representative parish councils, not ones that just exist," he said.

While the question of the lack of spirituality on parish boards concerns Father Hoffman most, he has other areas of concern. For instance, he feels that council members should be educated on the role of the Church in today's world. They ought to be concerned, he feels, with their neighborhoods as well as their parish, should be more aware of worldwide problems such as hunger, and should be more attuned to social ministry.

As examples of possible projects, he and Linda Decillis, office coordinator for Pastoral Ministry, talked of one parish which urged parishioners to contribute 10 per cent of their federal tax rebates to charitable organizations servicing the needy within the diocese; another provided ambulance service for its community; another sent \$500 to earthquake victims in South America.

Working with the elderly in their community is a satisfying and necessary project for many, Mrs. Decillis said.

Another concern for parish councils if they are to be effective, Father Hoffman said, is to work to produce "good, healthy interaction between priests, their staffs, the council members and parish committees. They as a whole form the parish leadership and if they don't work in harmony, if there is factionalism, the parish hurts."

KEY:

- PC Parish Council
- SC Steering Committee for formation of a parish council
- NPC No parish council or steering committee
- ? Have indicated parish council in existence, however, council is not consistent with Diocesan Guidelines.