



Headed for Rome

Photo by Bruce Genut

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan leads a contingent of diocesans to the canonization of Mother Seton in Rome. With the bishop are Father Louis Hohman, episcopal advisor to the Courier-Journal and pastor of St. Vincent dePaul in Churchville, and Anthony J. Costello, general manager of the Courier-Journal.

St. Mary's OB Unit Threatened

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passed the recommendation to close St. Mary's by one vote. Thirteen votes were cast to close the Genesee unit, 14 to close St. Mary's. There were four abstentions.

The vote also drew fire from the diocese. Speaking in the name of Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey noted that "It is ironic that the work of the Sisters of Charity should be curtailed in the Rochester community at the very time their illustrious founder is being recognized throughout the world as a pioneer in the very area from which her daughters would now be excluded. It's inconceivable that Rochester would want to appear in the role of an opponent to the work for which St. Elizabeth Seton is now being so universally proclaimed."

Sister DeChantal said, "We strongly feel the philosophy of the organization providing general health care and the individual receiving this care are vitally important to the delivery of health care. There must be a recognition of the fact that a fundamental constitutional right to freedom of choice in the areas of health, education and welfare is basic to the lives of our citizens."

Bishop Hickey Statement

The following statement on the Monroe County Health Council was issued last Friday by Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, diocesan vicar general, speaking for the diocese in the absence of Bishop Joseph L. Hogan who is in Rome for the canonization of St. Elizabeth Seton.

"I am distressed by the action taken last evening by the Monroe County Health Council. St. Mary's Hospital is not only a health care facility but it is a witness of Christian concern to the poor of the area in which it is located and to the sanctity of all human life.

A concern for efficiency is certainly understandable especially in these days of escalating health care costs. However, decisions which touch so deeply the basic human elements of life and death should take into account human values other than bed use efficiency. St. Mary's represents in our community an institutional witness to concern of a large segment of our population for the value of unborn life. This is a time when our country is struggling with the question of whether the law should protect unborn life. To eliminate the obstetrical service which is rooted in the concern for unborn life would be a great disservice to those who cherish that cause.

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MARK TUOHEY

Touhey MC For Life Fete

Mark H. Tuohy Jr., director of Industrial Safety at the Kodak Park Division of Eastman Kodak will be master of ceremonies for the Rochester Right to Life annual fund raising dinner on Sept. 27.

Tuohy, well known in Rochester as a former commissioner of Public Safety, previously spent almost 20 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a special agent. He is on the Advisory Board of the Criminal Justice Training and Education Center and Fire Science Program at Monroe Community College. He is a trustee or member of more than a dozen police and fire organizations.

The event will be at the Downtown Holiday Inn, on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available from: Carol Reichert, 192 Rogers Parkway, Rochester, New York 14617, 342-8849.



SISTER SHEILA

Sister Sheila To Take Final Vows

Sister Sheila Stevenson made her final profession of vows in the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 6. The profession took place during a Eucharistic liturgy at St. Michael's Church in Newark.

Concelebrants were Father Joseph McDonnell, pastor emeritus, and the co-pastors of St. Michael's, Fathers Peter Deckman and Eugene Sweeney.

Sister Sheila, a dental hygienist, has been employed in a dental hygiene research program in Geneva for the past two years, and has lived at St. Michael's Convent.

A 1965 graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School, she received a B.S. in Social Sciences from the University of Rochester in 1972. She is studying this year at Boston University for an M.S. in dental public health.

For the past two summers she has been director of Camp Silver Birch, a day camp run by the Sisters of Mercy.

Sister Sheila is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Stevenson of St. Joseph's Parish, Penfield.

Dominican Offered Black Ministry Job

By JOHN DASH

The chairman of the committee charged with recruiting an administrator for the new Black Catholic Ministries Office, confirmed this week that its search may be over.

Betty Anderson said that the position was offered to Jerome Raymond Robinson, OP, a Midwestern Dominican seminarian, the last week in August.

Approval for Robinson to assume the post, however, is yet to be given by his religious superiors, the Dominicans of the Province of St. Albert the Great.

"He is a very dynamic young man. We're very thrilled he, hopefully, is coming to Rochester," she said.

Robinson is now pursuing theological studies at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in Dubuque, Iowa. He will be ordained a priest on Nov. 1. It is expected he will begin his duties in the diocese on Jan. 2.

The process for Robinson's hiring grew from a proposal submitted by the Black Ministry Committee to create the office and staff it.

A search committee was established, which ran advertisements nationwide. That ad drew more than 20 applications which were then classified. Six candidates were interviewed by the committee and Robinson was selected.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan approved the committee's selection and the job was offered, pending approval from Robinson's superiors.

Robinson will be expected to formulate a ministry program for black Catholics and "interface" with diocesan departments, according to the recruiting advertisement.

Included in Robinson's extensive academic and professional resume are stints on

the board of directors of the National Office of black Catholics in Washington, D.C.; as vice chairman of the Midwest Black Catholic Clergy Caucus; a coordinator in the Permanent Diaconate program for the Archdiocese of Chicago; a lecturer in black Catholic urban education.

He has studied at Mundelein, Boston Theological Institute, Union Theological Seminary, and Xavier University among other schools.

Your Heritage

Sept. 20, 1924. On this day they dedicated a monument, opposite the present St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, honoring the Catholic sisters who served as nurses in the Civil War. **Almost 400 Catholic nuns, from at least 20 religious orders, nursed the sick and wounded soldiers of both the Union and the Confederate armed forces in field and hospital.** The largest percentages of nursing sisters belonged to those orders which specialized in hospital work, like the Sisters of Charity, the Sisters of Mercy, etc.

Up to 1850, the nursing profession for laywomen was in disrepute. Florence Nightingale began to change that after 1854, but Catholic nuns, Anglican nuns, and Evangelical deaconesses still formed the majority of the nursing personnel.

Often, therefore, the civil authorities, North and South, paid the sisters for their service. But they brought to the work far more than money could obtain. — **Rochester Diocesan Bicentennial Commission.**

Father Auble Ordination Set

Father Theodore Auble, a deacon intern at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish will be ordained to the priesthood in that church by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan on Friday, Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Father Auble's theme at the liturgy will be taken from the Prayer of St. Francis, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Wakeman Auble is a graduate of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He received an MA and an STB degree from the

University of Louvain in Belgium in 1974. He took his Clinical Pastoral Education at Wooster State Hospital in Wooster, Mass.

Father Auble has also taught English at the junior high school level and has served a stint with the Peace Corps in South Korea. He has also worked as a religious education coordinator with noted author Father Joseph Champlin.

Father Auble's Mass of Thanksgiving will be held in his home parish, Holy Name of Jesus, on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 5 p.m.

DPC Agenda

The agenda for the next meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20 at DeSales High School in Geneva:

- Opening prayer, Bishop Hogan.
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- Approval of the agenda.
- Report from executive committee. Sister Mary Ann Binsack.
- Reports from the 10 regional liaison members on regional reaction to tentative goals of the DPC.
- Discussion of direction of DPC on tentative goals.
 - a. Recommendations from Father Peter Bayer
 - b. Open forum
- Break
- Report on "Perspectives on Parish Ministry" Father Douglas Hoffman
- Report on Confirmation task force. Sister Michael Lappetito.
- Report from Priests Council liaison. Marily Muench.
- Report from Sisters Council liaison. Liz Quinn
- Old business.
- New business.