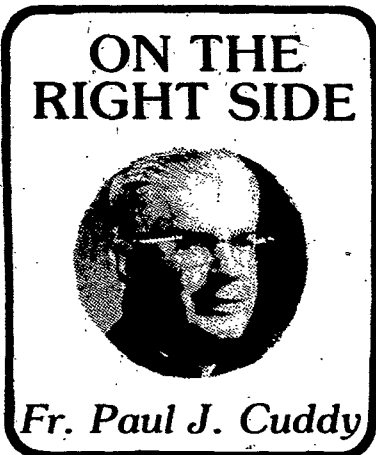




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**Gift From CDA**

Mrs. Frank Donahue, State Regent for the Catholic Daughters, knows how to bring a smile to the face of Bishop Joseph L. Hogan. Above, she presents a \$2,500 check for the seminary and vocations work. Father John Hedges, State Chaplain for the Catholic Daughters, looks on.



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

**Venice:** After Mass at St. Anthony's shrine in Padua, our Courier-Journal group rolled on by bus to Venice. This city the world knows for its canals, gondolas, and for St. Mark's Basilica and the square with its pigeons. Some know it for its history; some for its buildings and art. Travellers are impressed by all this — but also by the smells which come from the canals. Because the pigeons are not house-broken, prudent women wear scarves over their heads. By this time our group had fallen into the discipline and routine of rising at 6:45; bags out in the hotel hall by 7:15; breakfast at 7:30; and departure by 8:05. This was necessary to cover the 3,500 miles of Europe by bus, and was quickly accepted.

Now, we wondered, what comes next? Innsbruck, Austria, was the next overnight, with a break for lunch of spaghetti and sauce, salad and ice cream for \$2.50. A bottle of wine was an additional \$2.50. Drinks in Europe, whether coffee, tea, wine or beer, are never included with the meals excepting for the coffee of the continental breakfast which consists of two buns, butter, jam and coffee. At all other meals, drinks are an extra cost.

**Tyrolean Italy and Austria:** After World War I, part of Tyrol, west Austria, was ceded to Italy. While politically it is now part of Italy, by culture, language and heart it is still part of Austria. All signs are bilingual: German and Italian. There have been five decades of agitation to be returned to Austria. Even this year a group announced that if Italy went Communist, Italian Tyrol would secede. Tyrol, with its magnificent Dolomite mountains makes one exclaim with the psalmist: "How wonderful are Your works, O God." While there is a barricade at the border dividing Italian Tyrol and Austria, there is no natural barrier. The villages, the homes with their window-boxes of brightly colored flowers, the sense of immaculate cleanliness gives the impression that this is a country where Mr. Clean would abide with a pleased smile.

**Churches:** In 1945 I was stationed in Bavaria for six months. I remember vividly the village churches with their Byzantine "onion tower" steeples. In Tyrol and in Austria every village, no matter how tiny,

has a lovely church, usually onion towered. The church reaches up to heaven as a sign of the Presence of God and the Faith of the people. It is because of the deliberate exclusion of churches from Riverton and Canada, that on principle I do not know why any believer would choose to live in these places. On Sunday, Oct. 5, we stopped for coffee and rest room break about 10 a.m. in a Disney-like village of St. Anton, which is world-famous for skiing. Down the street was a charming, onion-towered church, and the people were just leaving from Mass. So I slipped down and found the interior breath-taking. Its interior sparkled. The paintings are fresh, colorful frescoes, mostly of the life of the patron, Saint Anthony. Everything was imbued with a sense of reverence for God. The inside had been skillfully reconstructed for the new form of the Mass.

What had been a shrine to the left of the sanctuary had been converted into a sublime chapel of the Blessed Sacrament. The Divine Presence is reserved in a worthy tabernacle on the shrine altar. The chapel is artistically adorned with paintings, flowers and candles. I thought, "After enduring the sight of the casual placement of the Blessed Sacrament in so many churches and institutions even in our own diocese, what a joy to behold a chapel where Christ is given due honor and reverence." The Pastor was in the sacristy, a man of obvious devotion and kindness. He gave me a folder which he had printed for English-speaking skiers who come to St. Anton's during the skiing season. It read: "The churches pointing to the skies proclaim the presence of God in our midst, and the Faith of His people."

**A thought:** I do not think that the progress of the Church will come through Madison Avenue or General Motors techniques. Nor do I think that vocations will come through advertisements, e.g. in Play Boy; or even in a multitude of engaging posters. The extension of the Church will come, under God's grace, from the simplicity of the lives of those who live the Gospels; and vocations will come to men and women who are in awe of the Majesty of God, and in love with the Lord Jesus: historic, sacramental and in our neighbor; and who will heed a special call: "Come. Follow Me." Witness Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Missionaries of Charity: 800 Sisters, 200 Brothers — all in 23 years!

**SAENGER CHOIR**

The Rochester Saenger Chor, founded 90 years ago, will give an anniversary concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Labor Lyceum, 580 St. Paul. The Teutonia Liedertafel Chorus and the Liederkranz Choral Society also will perform, and the three choruses will sing together a group of songs selected as a Bicentennial salute. Dancing will follow.

# Pro-Life, Jewish Relations On U.S. Bishops Agenda

Washington — Pro-life activities, a statement on Catholic-Jewish relations, a pastoral response to the national housing crisis, and revision of the training program for future priests will be on the agenda at the forthcoming plenary assembly of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) and United States Catholic Conference (USCC).

More than 250 Catholic bishops from throughout the country will attend the meeting Nov. 17 to 20 at the Statler Hilton Hotel here.

The bishops will open their four-day session by concelebrating Mass at the meeting site. Special prayer services will accompany the deliberations each morning and afternoon.

A new format designed to simplify procedures will be in effect at the bishops' meeting this year. A professional parliamentarian will assist the chairman in expediting the business of the meeting, and the format will give the bishops an opportunity for in-depth discussion of major issues at small-group workshops.

The "Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities" which will be presented to the bishops involves a wide-ranging proposal — aimed at every segment of the Church as well as society as a whole — in the effort to establish a constitutional basis for laws that will guarantee unborn human beings the spectrum of human and civil rights assured to all other persons.

An ecumenical dimension of the plan calls for increased contacts and continued meetings with other churches on abortion, euthanasia and related issues, and discussions with non-Catholic theologians and other scholars on pro-life matters.

The Pastoral Plan is the work of the Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Pro-Life Activities, chaired by Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York.

A "Statement on Catholic-Jewish Relations," which coincides with the 10th anniversary this year of "Nostra Aetate," the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relationship

of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, was prepared by the Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, whose chairman is Archbishop William W. Baum of Washington.

While observing that the past decade has seen a virtual revolution in Catholic-Jewish affairs ending "a centuries-long silence between Church and synagogue," the document also points to areas of disagreement and controversy that still separate these communities.

The statement speaks of a tendency on the part of some catechists and preachers to undervalue the rich spirituality of the Church's Jewish heritage, and warns against a still-lingering view of Judaism as a form of religion that lost all validity with the coming of Christ.

"The Right to a Decent Home: A Pastoral Response to the Crisis in Housing" is a major statement prepared for the bishops' consideration by the USCC Committee on Social Development and World Peace. It is the result of a broad consultation process including the housing industry, governmental agencies, housing and labor organizations, as well as many individuals within the Catholic community working on housing problems.

The statement outlines the dimension of the housing crisis and proposes a renewed commitment on the part of the Church and the nation to meet housing needs. Articulating the principles governing the Church's concern for housing, it focuses attention on the role of the neighborhood and local churches in solving housing problems.

## Sisters Council Defines Salary Item

By MARTIN TOOMBS

The Sister's Living Needs Proposal was finished and sent to Bishop Hogan in the major action of the November Diocesan Sister's Council meeting Nov. 8.

Before it was approved, a few changes were made at the urging of the various congregations. One controversial item said that if an employer provided a convent, and the sister chose not to use it, the employer had no obligation to pay for her room somewhere else. This item was deleted, referring the problem to the negotiation procedure, opening the possibility of a payment being made.

Another concern of the sisters involved the method of payment. The original document called for the employer to give the lodging allowance to the sister rather than to the landlord; some sisters objected, saying that there was no need for the sister to handle the money. They felt that it should be paid directly from the employer to the landlord. Several sisters were adamant about their opinions, but Sister Barbara Moore seemed to express the consensus when she said that leaving the sister out of the transaction sounded paternalistic, and she didn't want her money paid for her as though she

was a child. A compromise solution satisfied all but one "Nay" vote: "The method of paying the lodging allowance shall be decided at the time of negotiation."

It was also pointed out that the proposal in no way affected the position of the sister who was now living in the parish convent where she worked.

What Bishop Hogan will do with the proposal is not clear; he has several options concerning its final approval.

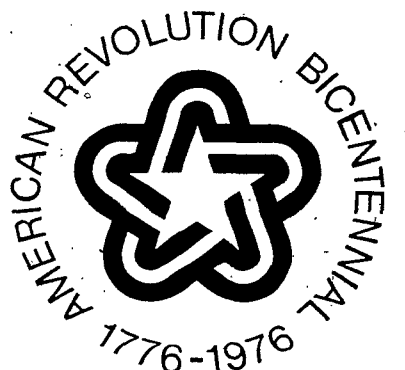
In other action, the council heard from Sister Kathleen Kirchner about activities to combat world hunger, and about World Hunger Sunday, scheduled for the first Sunday in Advent. A resolution was passed urging all sisters of the diocese to participate in their parishes' efforts on world hunger.

Much of the time in the latter half of the meeting was spent discussing the various groups that exist in relation to the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Confusion over the apparent excess of committees was expressed; some sisters commented that they felt as if they were always receiving information second hand, and would like to understand what is happening better.



**Welcome!**

Father Joseph F. Reinhart, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Rochester and Bishop Edward T. O'Meara, national director of the society greet Msgr. Wilhelm Wissing, national director of the society from Aachen, Germany, during his recent visit to the New York City offices of the Society.



## Your Heritage

Nov. 20, 1845 — Establishment of the first American conference of the Catholic lay charitable organization, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Of french origin [1833] this society of laymen was first introduced in the U.S.A. at the cathedral parish of St. Louis, Mo.

From there it spread throughout the country, so that by 1960 it embraced 4000 parish conferences and 37,000 members. Although its membership addressed themselves at first to helping the individual poor and poor families, they later expanded their efforts to embrace religious instruction programs, and the support of charitable institutions and wider charitable programs.

The American branch of the organization was largely responsible for the foundation, in 1910, of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, which, in turn, has done much to promote professionalism in the charity departments of American Catholic dioceses. — Rochester Diocesan Bicentennial Committee.