



Brother Lawrence A. Killelea (seated), moderator of the Bishop Kearney Century Club, Richard Costello, president (right), and Robert Roth, vice president and dinner chairman, review membership lists.

Century Club Drive Opens

The Century Club of Bishop Kearney High School, established in 1968 for the purpose of supplying the school with an additional annual source of income, has opened its yearly membership drive. The club, which lists more than 100 local business and professional men, has helped the school in its efforts to keep high quality Catholic education within reach of the average family.

This year's goal, according to

president Richard Costello, is a \$15,000 contribution to the school. Members donate \$100 or more to this worthy cause. The club holds a single social event, a dinner-dance in February.

Interested persons may contact the school or any of the club's officers or members. Other officers are: Robert Roth, vice president; Lou Basso and William J. Hickey Jr., secretaries; Bernie Bromka, treasurer; and Brother Lawrence A. Killelea, moderator.

St. Charles Group Aids Divorced Catholics

On Sunday, Jan. 11, 70 people attended a special Mass at St. Charles Borromeo in Greece. What made the Mass special is that they were all divorced Catholics; a few had not been attending church regularly, and all were responding to the support offered by a group of divorced Catholics that meets at St. Charles.

Sister Patricia Norton, pastoral assistant at St. Charles, became aware of the problems of divorced Catholics through a course taught by Paulist Father James Young. When Father Young visited Rochester, Sister Patricia and Father James Lawlor brought together a group of divorced Catholics to hear him. The group has continued meeting, and has become associated with the national organization for divorced Catholics.

Father Lawlor says the aims of the group are to supply information, social activities, and spiritual counseling to Catholics who have become divorced, and often have no one to turn to for help. The group also provides a contact with the church that may

help a person get through a difficult time.

The number of divorced Catholics seeking help is illustrated by the fact that 300 people have come to a meeting at one time or another, even though the group has received little publicity.

Meetings twice each month include planning activities, and invited speakers. Recent subjects have included the marriage tribunal, special tax situations, legal matters, and mental health. Activities have included children parties and social events for members.

The first national convention of divorced Catholics last November drew delegates from 32 states, including members of the St. Charles group. Ms. Pat Doyle, one of the delegates, is enthusiastic about the potential of the national organization. At the convention, a board was elected and three goals for future action were set: canon law reform concerning marriage; increased community awareness of the problems of separated, divorced, and remarried Catholics,

and reform in divorce laws, to protect children better and ensure greater equality for all involved.

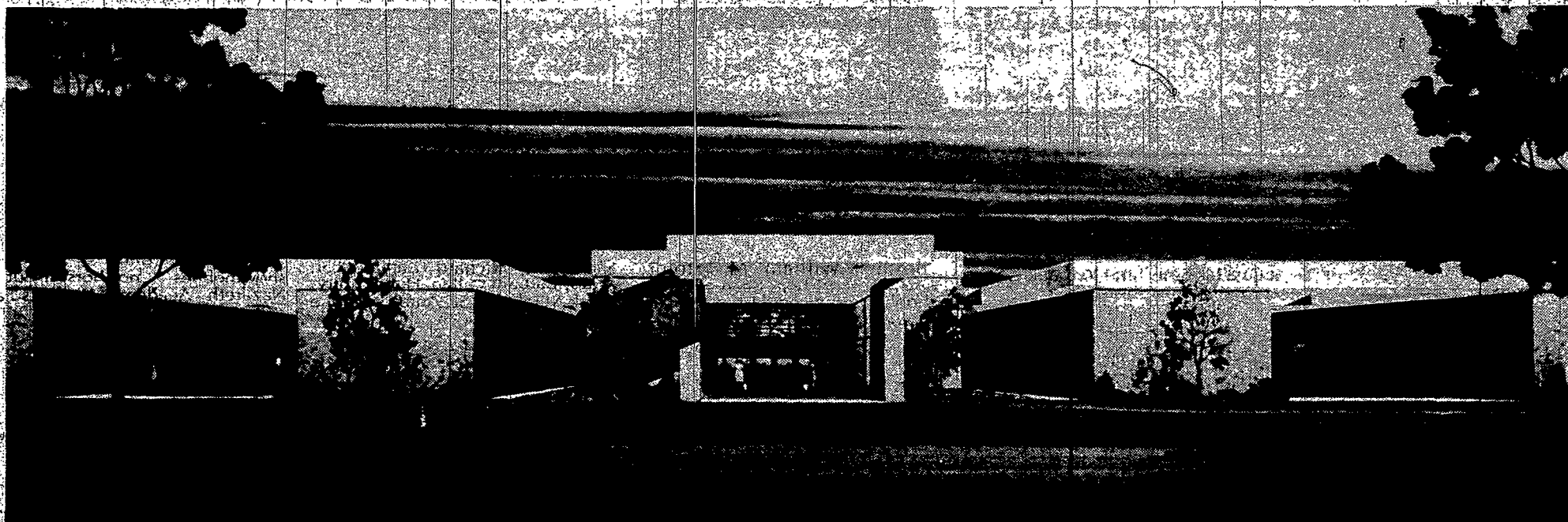
The local organization has had problems reaching the people in other parishes and throughout the diocese. A letter has been sent to each parish asking for a notice in the bulletins, invites new members.

A similar group is now being organized in Auburn by Father Edward Palumbos; it will be only the second in upstate New York. Meetings will be at St. Alphonsus.

The next meeting at St. Charles will be Sunday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Chris D'Amanda, a lawyer, will speak on divorce.

WORK PUBLISHED

Auburn — Into the Beyond, a romantic drama, shortly will be released by Exposition Press, according to Franco Buono, the author. Buono who is a communicant of St. Francis Church here, describes his book as a "flaming romance of our century." He further notes that the work would be of special interest to persons involved in or interested in the theater arts.



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