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mentation for approval, which raised questions concerning specific programs the commission would be involved in. Several speakers emphasized that they were not against Justice and Peace, but against the proposal. Apparently those who supported the proposal waited for the vote to be heard, as it was approved with 31 voting in favor, 8 against and 3 abstentions.

Three new topics were examined by the DPC Organization Task Force. DPC members' general responsibilities were defined. The

statement called for their participation in committees and council meetings, and for members to "have a real concern for the mission of the church." A statement of responsibilities for appointed members was questioned, but approved as a challenge for them to contact the minority groups they represent to get ideas and reactions from them. Criteria for the Executive Committee to use in judging proposals also was approved.

At the end of scheduled business, one of the appointed members, Jose Rodriguez, asked to speak on

the problems of the Spanish-speaking community in Rochester. He said that St. Patrick's should not be closed, as has been discussed, but should continue to serve the Spanish-speaking. He also noted that when the community asked for a building where they could hold retreats, the one they wanted was rented to someone else. Some of the DPC members questioned Rodriguez, and asked him to report on future developments.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan then responded to the discussion, calling the debate surrounding the closing of St. Patrick's pure confusion. He said that he had hoped cooperation between St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's would make it possible to consolidate the parishes, but if not, another plan will have to be worked out. He emphasized that the church would not be closed without much further consultation with the joint parish council of the two parishes.

In other action, the DPC approved the constitutional amendments required as a result of action at the January meeting, heard the reports of the five standing committees, and approved a motion, at the request of the Pastoral Organization committee, expressing support of a Parish Council Congress at Mercy High School Sept. 10-11.

Bishop Selection

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diocesan weekly, Archbishop Jadot has written a letter to Msgr. William Kelly, chairman of the Priests Senate, stating:

"It is clear from your letter that the Senate of Priests wishes to proceed in a proper manner and in complete accord with the requirements of the Holy See. These dispositions are deeply appreciated.

"Your group may discuss the needs and situations of the diocese

and develop the general profile of a desirable Ordinary."

For centuries, the entire process of selecting bishops has been surrounded by secrecy, with canonical penalties imposed on persons breaking that veil.

In Rochester it is now expected that the Joint Executive Committee, (made up of the heads of the diocesan consultative bodies) will request that the Priests Council, the Diocesan Sisters Council and the Diocesan Pastoral Council will form a joint committee to evaluate the needs of the diocese.

Ordinations Slated For Four Deacons

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will ordain four deacons to the priesthood this spring. The four are presently serving in various parishes as deacon-interns. They will be ordained in the parishes in

which they are serving their internship.

All of the men were students at Becket Hall, the diocesan college seminary, while working for their undergraduate degrees at St. John Fisher College. They all are graduates of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Thomas P. Mull, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mull of Waterloo, will be ordained at St. Andrew's Church in Rochester on Friday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Peter C. Clifford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clifford of Auburn, will be ordained on Thursday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church of the Holy Ghost, Rochester.

Thomas J. Valenti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Valenti of Roby Drive, Brighton, will be ordained on Friday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Ontario.

Daniel V. Karl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Karl of Allegeny, will be ordained at St. Columba's Church in Caledonia on Friday, May 14.

The public is invited to attend the four ordinations.

MUSIC LESSONS

The Regional Council on Aging has arranged with the Barley School of Music for classes at the Downtown Senior Center, 168 S. Clinton. Courses planned to begin this month, will include piano, voice, band and chorus. Schedules and fees may be obtained by calling Mary Ann Luini at 454-3224.

Pastor

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seminaries and was ordained in 1959.

Father Gaynor, who was ordained in 1935, served as an Air Force chaplain during World War II. Before his appointment to the Moravia parish in 1970, he was pastor of St. Patrick's, Cato and St. Thomas, Red Creek; St. Felix, Clifton Springs; and St. Mary's, Ontario. Earlier, he assisted at St. Mary's, Canandaigua; St. Patrick's, Elmira; St. Agnes, Avon; and St. Mary's, Elmira, his first assignment. He is a native of Auburn, educated at St. Aloysius School, Auburn Academic High School and the diocesan seminaries.

Lenten Regulations

According to the norms of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Lent is observed as a special season of liturgy, prayer, penance and charity.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat.

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

Fasting obliges from the 21st to the 59th birthday. Fasting allows for one full meal and two lighter meals a day.

Abstinence obliges from the 14th birthday on. Catholics are seriously urged to perform penitential practices during Lent.

The Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy tells us, "Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the Paschal Mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God and more ardent prayer" (#109). The season of Lent is a spiritual journey to the glory of Easter. In addition to acts of penance the following practices are recommended: daily Mass, the Sacrament of Penance, Scripture meditation, private prayer, parish lenten devotions, visiting the sick and neglected, generosity to the poor and needy and the increased expression of Christian love in the family, in the parish and in society.

NEW STAFF AT OHD

Two new staff members have joined the diocesan Office of Human Development. Tim McGowan, a graduate of New York University with a degree in social work, is in charge of Political Ministries. The new director of education is Kevin Cullen, formerly of the history faculty at Northern Illinois University. Cullen has previously done social work in Chicago, New York City, and New Hampshire.

SUNDAY DINNER

East Bloomfield — The annual St. Patrick's smorgasbord at St. Bridget's parish hall is scheduled for noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 14. The price is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children 5-12.



Your Heritage

March 6, 1831. Birth [in Albany, N.Y.] of Philip Henry Sheridan, future Civil War hero and head of the U.S. Army.

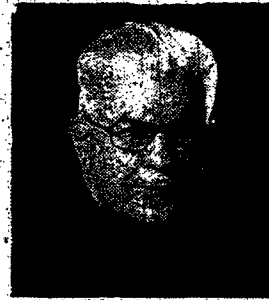
The child of Irish Catholic immigrants, Sheridan graduated from West Point in 1853. He first saw service in the frontier cavalry. When the Civil War broke out he was advanced rapidly to the rank of brigadier general.

In 1864 he was put at the head of the Army of the Shenandoah. During his Virginia campaign, on October 19, 1864, he made his famous horseback ride from Winchester to Cedar Creek, effectively rallying his army after a surprise Confederate attack. Continuing his military career after the war, he was named senior commander of the Army in 1883 and a full general. Sheridan was one of several Catholic top officers during the American Civil War.

Those of the North included William S. Rosecrans, and Thomas F. Meagher; those of the South included Pierre Beauregard, William J. Hardee, and Admiral Raphael Semmes. — Rochester Diocesan Bicentennial Commission.

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