

\$20,000 in CHD Funds Distributed in Diocese

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan awarded more than \$20,000 in Campaign for Human Development funds last night to various agencies from throughout the diocese. The awards, ranging from \$300 to \$4,400, represent the diocesan portion of the 1975 collection.

Father Lawrence McNamara from the national CHD office was scheduled to be the guest speaker at the awards banquet.

The awards are determined by regional task forces composed of volunteers who are involved in the community and able to judge the merits of the proposals received. Each Task Force has a proportion of the diocese's funds for their region, some have yet to complete their awards.

The Monroe County Task Force authorized a \$4,400 grant to the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, a volunteer organization working with the inmates of the Monroe County Jail.

The Yates-Ontario-Wayne Task Force supplied funding to three organizations. The Senior Citizen Action Council, based in Yates County, received \$2,271.76 for its senior citizen programs including a "home helper" for the elderly.

The Community Uninvolved Youth Project in Sodus, Wayne County, received a \$1,000 grant. The project provides a variety of programs for the youth of the area.

The Wayne County Self-Development Center in Lyons

received \$1,000. The center responds to low-income persons' needs, providing counseling, low cost emergency housing and other services.

The Livingston Task Force awarded \$2,000 to the Livingston Crisis Intervention and Prevention Center, a program dealing with drug abuse, alcoholism, family counseling and suicide prevention. The center is the only one providing such services in Livingston County.

The Chemung-Schuyler Task Force granted the Chemung County Health Coalition \$1,556.92.

The Cayuga-Seneca Task Force made grants to three organizations. Auburn Area Fish received \$500 to pay for the operation of a van to transport elderly and handicapped people in Cayuga County.

The Cayuga County Council of Senior Citizens received \$300 to help with the expense of their monthly, county-wide newsletter.

The Cayuga County Action Program received \$300 toward hiring a student for the summer to develop a consumer library and provide consumer education and assistance.

In addition to the regional grants, \$10,000 was distributed on a diocesan basis. Receiving \$2,575 was the Wayne County Self-Development Center, which also received a regional grant.

The Security Deposit Mediator project in Cayuga County received \$7,425. The organization will inspect rental property before a tenant moves in, and again when the tenant moves out, aiding the settlement of landlord-tenant disputes concerning security deposits.

Grants awarded by the Steuben County Task Force were not available at Courier-Journal deadline.

SISTERS' JUBILEE

A Mass of Jubilee, followed by a reception, was celebrated May 29 at St. Boniface Church for three teachers in the parish school.

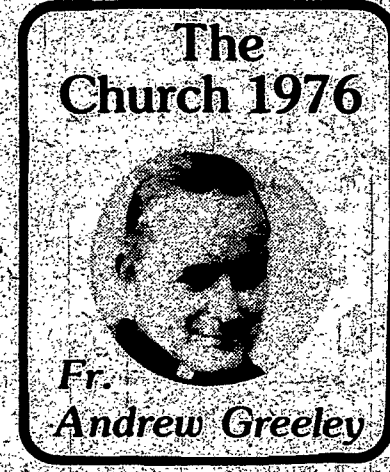
Sisters Blanche and Florence Leising, who are natural sisters, and Sister Katherine Holland are celebrating their 25th anniversary as School Sisters of Notre Dame. Sisters Blanche and Katherine have taught at Mt. Carmel Rochester, and Sister Florence has taught at St. Philip Neri and St. Peter and Paul, Rochester.

ESSAY CONTEST

Sixty students entered the School of the Annunciation's Bicentennial essay contest, writing on the topic "Why I Like the United States Flag." The first place winner was Donna Cowey, who received a \$50 savings bond. Virginia Bonanno placed second, and received a \$25 savings bond. All who competed received a special Bicentennial gift.

NEW OFFICERS

Elmira — Miss Marlene Semesky was installed as president of St. Casimir's Rosary and Sacred Heart Society at the recent Spring banquet. Other officers are Mrs. Regina Kalec, vice president; Mrs. Joy Spiraw, secretary; Mrs. Diana Shabala, treasurer, and Mrs. Ann Kamas, marshal.



Fr. Andrew Greeley

Another Greeley's Law

When was the last time you listened to a good sermon on religious faith? You may have heard all kinds of appeals to traditional, catechetical arguments that most people turned off years ago; you may have heard ranting and raving against abortion; you may have heard charismatic, romantic emoting; you may have heard about how your standard of living is starving the rest of the world; or about the sins of the multinationals or about how you ought not to buy Gulf Oil as part of the Holy Year of Reconciliation. But when have you heard a sermon about life and death, about hope and fear, about suffering and resurrection? When have you heard about how human life is impossible without some sort of profound religious commitment which answers the basic and fundamental questions all humans must ask?

You begin to think your clergy are embarrassed to talk about religion. It's almost as though they think it's not relevant any more.

And yet, Daniel Bell, one of the country's most distinguished social theorists, has recently predicted in his "Cultural Contradictions of Capitalism" that there will be shortly a major return to religious faith among the country's intellectual and cultural elites. Bell argues that the nihilism of the modern "adversary culture" has at last run out of creative energy, and that only affirmative vision can give rise to creativity. To tear apart, to attack, to destroy, to be against, is no longer sufficient to produce great art, music, or literature.

I don't think it ever was, but that's beside the point. Bell, as far as I can see, is not about to become

religious himself. But like many others of the old Trotskyite, new Tory intellectuals, Bell sees the tide running in the direction of religion if only because it has no place else to go. One such person said to me recently, "I wish I could talk religion when my children raise the question, but all my training has made me completely insensitive to the use of religious symbols."

And those of us who are supposed to be sensitive to the use of religious symbols run away from them now.

Psychologist Donald Campbell, a self-confessed "hard-headed reductionist," sounded almost like Thomas Aquinas in his presidential address to the American Psychological Association in Chicago in 1975. He argues that traditional religious and moral value systems have made possible human "social evolution" to counteract the biological evolution toward an ever more aggressive species. Listen to what he says:

"I am indeed asserting a social functionality and psychological validity to concepts such as temptation and original sin due to human carnal, animal nature.

"Committing oneself to living for a transcendent God's purposes, not one's own, is a commitment to optimize the social system rather than the individual system. Social groups effectively indoctrinating against such individual commitments might well have had a social evolutionary advantage, and thus have discovered a functional adaptive truth.

Religious beliefs leading a person to optimize behavior over a longer time perspective than one's own life, especially beliefs in afterlife with compensatory rewards for deprivations in this life, would also further social system functioning and would also reflect a fundamental social truth."

(Taken from "On the Conflicts Between Biological and Social Evolution and Between Psychology and Moral Tradition" by Donald Campbell, "The American Psychologist," December 1975)

So just at the time when the most progressive clergy and religious spout pop psychology about "doing your own thing" and acting "spontaneously," the president of the American Psychological Association argues that at times repression and inhibition are necessary and desirable to curb selfishness, pride, greed, dishonesty, covetousness, cowardice, lust, wrath.

Remember those things, fellas and girls?

I guess what really appalls me is my strong feeling that those who serve up the Sunday morning trivia of the left or the right have never heard of Daniel Bell or Donald Campbell — and couldn't care less.

I shall call it Greeley's Third Law: Clergy and religious are too dumb to know when the tide is turning.

Business in the Diocese

John MacDonald of St. Catherine's parish in Mendon has been named account executive at WEZO Stereo (FM 101). He has been employed in broadcast sales in the Rochester area for the past ten years and also has been radio play-by-play announcer for the Pittsburgh Penguins of the National Hockey League and the Rochester Americans and Buffalo Bisons of

Gabriel Richard Institute Scheduled at Nazareth

An opportunity to improve Christian leadership potential through the Gabriel Richard Course is being offered in conjunction with the 17th National Conference of the Gabriel Richard Institute at Nazareth College, Aug. 4-7.

The focus is on the practice of

TV Show Will Study Women In Religion

"Women and the Ministry," a one-hour documentary made by Portable Channel for "Homemade TV" will be broadcast Thursday, June 3 at 10 p.m. on Channel 21.

Produced by Nancy Rosin, the program is the first part of an ongoing project on women and religion at Portable Channel.

The tape focuses on Rev. Merrill Bittner, who gained national prominence when she became one of several women to be ordained to the priesthood of the Episcopal Church in July, 1974. The program follows her work in the Episcopal diocese of Rochester to her resignation from the church in April of this year.

attitudes and skills that develop a positive self-image, self-confidence, speaking skills, human relations, and Christian purpose. The course is especially beneficial to those whose lives touch the general public — parish leaders, teachers, business men and women, students, parents, sisters, ministers, clergy and professionals.

Rooms and meals will be available.

For the past 27 years, the Gabriel Richard Institute has conducted leadership courses worldwide for the purpose of motivating and training God-fearing men and women to become more effective instruments for restoring spiritual values to the marketplace.

Director of the Rochester Center, host of this year's conference, is Richard Morales. Contacts for registration or information are Mofales at 377-6865, or Carolyn Epps at 482-8968.

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CHARISMATIC MASS

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