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parishioner of St. Augustine's, and is active in charismatic meetings, the Legion of Mary, and visits residents of Danforth Tower, a senior citizens housing complex.

Five appointed members were named to continue: Elizabeth Powers, Auburn High student, St. Alphonsus, Auburn; Ms. Lorraine Cappelino, representing the emerging role of women in the church, Immaculate Conception; Mrs. Irene Navatta, a member of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission, from Elmira; Paul Conley, Black Ministries, Mt. Carmel parish, and Jose Rodriguez, Spanish Ministry, from Holy Resary.

Of the 16 members from the regions up for election, 11 were re-

elected, and five new members were picked. Each region filled either one or two positions.

**Northeast Region:** Carl Holtz, 938 Little Pond Way, Webster, St. Paul's. Holtz is a lector, member of the parish's Good Samaritan Committee, a former member of the parish council, and a member of the executive committee of the Northeast Region. He is employed in the Color Photography Division at Kodak.

Frank Riesenberger, 3875 Culver Road, Rochester St. Philip Neri, has been active in parish activities, is a former chairman of the parish council, and has been involved in many other parish activities including choir, bingo, and the parish festival. He is a supervisor for the Burroughs Corp.

**Southwest Region:** Carl Loewenguth was re-elected.

**Northeast Region:** Helen Mura and Joseph Mercier were re-elected.

**Southeast Region:** Samuel Giambra was re-elected.

**North Region:** Frank Mockevicius and Margaret Scott were re-elected.

**Cayuga-Seneca:** Charlotte Riordan was re-elected.

**Schuyler-Chemung:** Andrew Molloy, 510 W. Clinton St., Elmira, St. Patrick's parish will join the council. He is an administrator and teacher at Elmira College, and has been active in parish council, and the parish education committee.

Hilda Stebbins was re-elected.

**Yates-Ontario-Wayne:** Thomas Cass and Mrs. Elaine Gotham were re-elected.

**Tompkins-Tioga:** Edna Michael, 635 Highland Road, Ithaca, St. Catherine of Siena, has previously served as chairperson for the church festival, and on the parish finance committee.

Glenna Wickline was re-elected.

**Livingston-Stauben:** Miss Josephine Ciancaglini, 8 The Circle, Hornell, St. Ann's, is an English teacher at Hornell High School. She is active in education, serving as chairperson of the parish adult education committee, CCD teacher, and a member of the religious education board. She also has served on the parish Human Development Committee, and as Parish Council chairperson.

## Regionalism

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From Rhetoric to Realities

It is obvious to anyone who has served in one of our regions that this work is a new frontier. Courage to piece together new relationships is required. Patient endurance in exploring uncharted territory is needed. Hope, rooted in confidence in the creative presence of the Holy Spirit, will sharpen our vision.

We have seen many efforts to find and build meaning in the regions and have run into a number of roadblocks. On the plus side, there have been inspiring liturgies, challenging proposals to the diocese, airing of feelings about the growth of the Church, identification of problems to be found by Catholics today, cooperative ventures with diocesan offices, the creation of groups to meet special needs, such as those of divorced Catholics, and many more things.

On the negative side is a sense of frustration: uncertainty of the kind of structures to utilize, how to prepare meaningful agendas for assemblies, how to motivate parish councils to take a serious interest in their region, missed communications between regions and parishes and Diocesan Pastoral Council, a host of uncertainties about participation in regionally generated programs, and others.

It is hard to make an assessment of regionalism as a whole. The regional coordinators at their May meeting evaluated efforts of their region, in several different areas.

Scale	1. Poor		4. Good		Remarks
	2. Unsatisfactory	3. Adequate	5. Excellent		
1. Promoted effectively the general directions of the Bishop especially shared responsibility of the Church in our Diocese.	0	2	6	2	0
2. Fostered communications and cooperation among the parishes and institutions of the region.	0	2	3	4	2
3. Provided a forum in the region in which issues could be aired.	1	0	0	8	1
4. Initiated programs during the year that responded to needs that emerged.	1	2	3	4	0
5. Effectively reviewed the parish council constitutions in region to encourage council members to be more in touch with their purposes for existing.	0	1	1	4	5
6. Made progress in implementing the Nursing Home Standards.	0	0	3	5	1
7. Worked effectively with the Diocesan Pastoral Council.	0	1	2	5	2
8. Held assembly(ies) that were a good experience for those who attended.	1	3	2	3	1
9. Regional worship.	1	3	2	2	1

### Sharing Ministry Regionally

"Shared Ministry" captures, for some of us, the emergence of a new style of being the Church at the parish council, regional conference and diocesan council levels. Ministry is the service that members of the Christian community provide to one another and to the world around them in the name of Christ. It is the work we do through the power of God's spirit working in us, working in distinct ways in each of us.

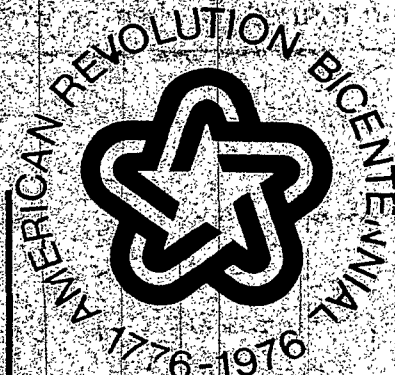
There are three basic actions we can all take in implementing the sharing of ministry regionally — education, encouragement and support.

Education is important because, while we know intellectually what ministry is, our experience of it in the terms we use is often inadequate. Opportunities are needed for people to experience the varieties of ministries that are possible as they respond to their faith, and as they work out their faith each day. Where such opportunities exist, it is just as important for those participating in such opportunities to do so consciously. Educational experiences in regional ministry are emerging, in liturgy, human development services, religious education adult programs, teacher training sessions and family life programs.

Encouragement is ministerial action in the responsibility of all. Without clergy encouragement of the laity, however, in their ministry, many will be hesitant to exercise it. Encouragement of the exercise of ministry in one area tends to stimulate its development in others. Lack of encouragement leaves ministry undeveloped. While there will be occasional initiatives taken in ministry without the encouragement of the clergy, such initiatives are not regular.

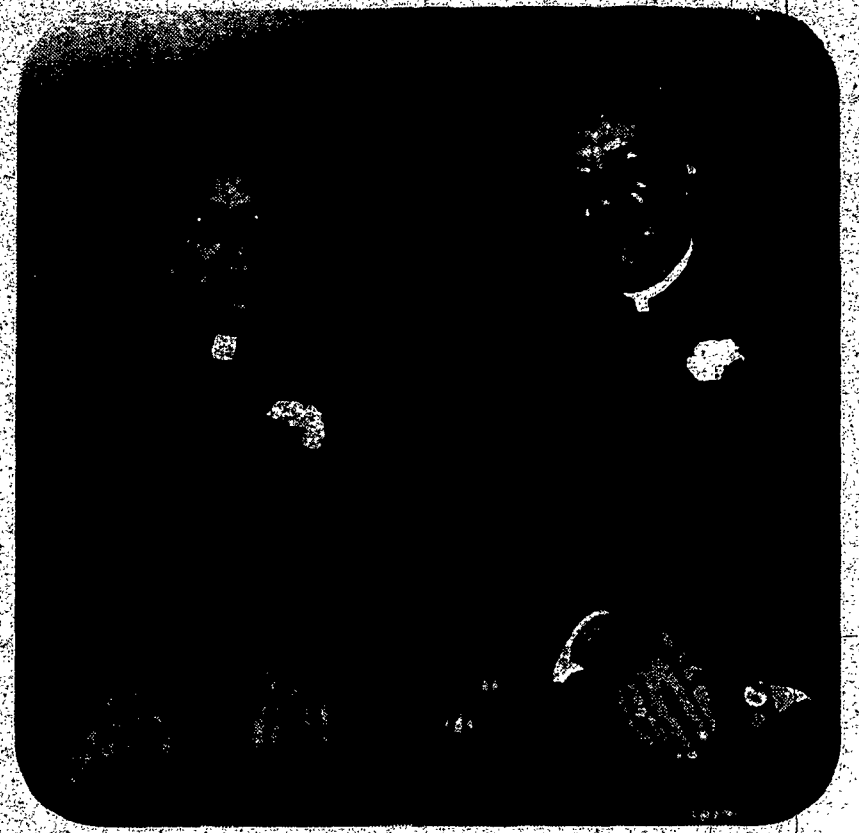
Support is what enables us to continue. We can know what ministry is, but without the support of those around us to strengthen our convictions to believe and act continuously as new opportunities arise, we will falter or fail. Support can be provided in many ways. Sometimes a group will help us, sometimes a personal encounter will. It is needed most at times of crisis and frustration, but it is always needed. We can all learn how to support one another if we care enough about each other.

**NEXT WEEK:** Regional coordinators report on significant progress up to date.



## Your Heritage

June 15, 1924. Consecration in Rome of Constantine Bohachevsky and Basil Takach to head the two new United States dioceses of the Ukrainians and the Russians. Largest of the groups of Eastern Rite Catholics in this country are the Ukrainians and the Russians. Before World War I they lived within the boundaries of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Although they are basically one people, they did not see eye-to-eye for the Carpathian Mountains which divided them had brought about cultural and political differences. This division continued even after they had migrated in large numbers to the United States. A missionary bishop was assigned to both groups in 1907. Only in 1924 was each group given its own bishop. Both Bishops Bohachevsky and Takach, by almost heroic patience, succeeded in organizing and tempering their spirited flocks. In 1958, Pope Pius XII named Bishop Bohachevsky archbishop of all American Ukrainians. Bishop Takach had died in 1948, but in 1969 his third successor was made archbishop of all the American Russians. Each of these provinces now has three dioceses. The American Ukrainians and Russians together number over 500,000. — Rochester Diocesan Bicentennial Commission.



### Special Event

Some 600 persons attended a dinner last Friday night to honor Msgr. George W. Eckl on his 75th anniversary as a priest. Among well-wishers were Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, above, and John Gagnier, a St. Bernard's seminarian and member of St. Andrew's parish, where Msgr. Eckl served for more than 50 years.

Photos by Ben Susso



## Father Reagan Fund Established

Elmira — The establishment of a scholarship fund in memory of Father Michael L. Reagan was announced last week by John Cough, president of the board of governors of Notre Dame High School.

Cough said the fund was established "in response to the requests of many individuals and groups."

Father Reagan served as chaplain at the school from 1966 to his sudden death May 19, 1976, at the age of 46.

According to Sister Mary Walter Hickey, RSM, principal of the school, "Father Reagan was a friend to many. He exercised his priestly ministry with a deep concern for the Church and the needs of those whom he served. His generosity,

loyalty and gentle sense of humor had a strong influence on the Notre Dame community."

She called the fund "an appropriate tribute to a very fine priest."

The fund will be used to distribute two scholarships annually, one based on academic excellence and the other on financial need.

The scholarship committee includes members of the administration and faculty of Notre Dame.

Sister Mary Walter said that those interested in contributing to the fund may write to: The Rev. Michael L. Reagan Fund, Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Ave., Elmira, N.Y. 14904.

After 28 years, Sister Mary Bryan Ford, principal, is leaving Our Lady of Mercy High School to embark on a new career. A former student, Joan M. Smith, our RapAround editor, talked to Sister Bryan about her plans for a busy future and reports on the interview on Page 5.