

Photos by Susan McKinney

Everyone participated in the workshops at the Diocesan Pastoral Council's Convocation Weekend. Glenna Wickline and Hilda Stebbins listen to Andrew Molloy (left). Bishop Hogan checks some notes (center), and (right) Father Douglas Hoffman illustrates a point to Frank Mockevicius and Paul Conley.

DPC Convocation

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session introduced new members to the council. The workshops, he conducted on Saturday morning focused on communication methods, group discussions, and a group proposal writing effort.

Saturday afternoon, the five DPC

Fr. Woloch Dies, Shortsville Pastor

A pontifical Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated for Father John F. Woloch on June 11, 1976, the 69th anniversary of his birth.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan was principal concelebrant of the afternoon rites at St. Dominic's, Shortsville, and Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, of the Mass of Christ the High Priest on the previous evening. Father James Slattery gave the funeral homily. Burial was in the family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Fleming.

Father Woloch, pastor at Shortsville since 1961, died June 8 in Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, after an operation. He had been in ill health for the past two years.

The Pastoral Office chose Father Joseph M. Sasso, associate pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Spencerport, to be temporary administrator of St. Dominic's.

Father Woloch was a Navy chaplain throughout World War II and continued in the reserve at the rank of commander.

He was born in Auburn June 11, 1907, and was ordained exactly 25 years later in old St. Patrick's

standing committees met with a liaison from the corresponding diocesan department.

Election of officers concluded the organizational portion of the meeting. Joseph Mercier from Our Lady of Mercy parish and the Northwest Region, was elected chairperson, with Thomas Cass of St. Michael's, Newark, and the

Cathedral. He attended St. Hyacinth School in Auburn, St. John Kanty College in Erie, Pa., and St. Bernard's Seminary.

Before entering the military chaplaincy, he served as an assistant at Mt. Carmel and St. Stanislaus churches in Rochester, and at St. Mary's, Corning, and St. Casimir's, Elmira. His active duty with the Navy began Nov. 5, 1941, and he was at Midway Island when it came under attack following the assault on Pearl Harbor. On his return to the diocese in 1946, he served briefly at Holy Family, Rochester, and then as pastor of St. Michael's, Livonia Center, and St. Mary's, Honeoye, from 1947 until 1955. From 1955 until his appointment to St. Dominic's in 1961, he was pastor of St. Patrick's in Mt. Morris.

He was chaplain to the Catholic War Veterans who organized at Holy Family during his stay there. He was a member also of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

Father Woloch leaves two brothers and a sister, Adolph Joseph and Mrs. George Fritz, all of Auburn, and several nieces and nephews.

Regionalism

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Northeast, have made an effort to help Mt. Carmel parish out of financial difficulties. Mt. Carmel has to pay taxes and upkeep costs on buildings that are no longer used. The region is helping to sell these buildings. A "talent pool" was also established by the region which urges skilled parish members in the region to donate their services to parishes who may not have these skilled parishioners.

The Southeast assembly brought up the question of accessibility of churches to the handicapped. A listing of regional churches which are accessible to individuals in wheelchairs was drawn up and the SE region urged the DPC to investigate the problem throughout the diocese. A motion was passed by the DPC and ratified by Bishop Hogan that all future church construction make allowances for easy entrance by the handicapped. A regional group for Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics was started by the region. Fr. Roy Kiggin, coordinator said that the meetings have been well-attended.

Father Emmett J. Halloran,

coordinator in the Southwest, reported that two items acted upon by the region were very important. "The peace and justice proposal enabled our representatives to the DPC, to convey ideas and wishes of regional delegates to the DPC for action, and the presentation of Msgr. Cocuzzi, urban vicar, and Dr. Padraic O'Hare on the concept of Urban School Ministry which sparked a vigorous dialogue and answered many questions that were in the minds of region members."

The Northwest Region questioned the expenditure of \$100,000 for an altar which will be used at the Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia this August. Sister Mary Jo Langie, Northwest Regional News Coordinator, said, "They (NW Executive Committee) felt that this was contrary to the interpretation of modern day gospel values." The region, led by Father William Amann, also has established a yearly Teacher Training program. "In one year alone, there were 140 persons from 14 different parishes participating in the program," Sister Mary Jo said.

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Yates-Ontario-Wayne Region vice chairperson. Elected to join them on the Executive Committee were Sister Judith Heberle, the Sisters of Mercy superior and a representative of the Sisters Council; Father John Hayes, pastor of St. Patrick's, Aurora, and a representative of the Priests' Council; James Chisholm, Immaculate Conception and the Southwest Region; Marilyn Muench, St. John of Rochester and the Northeast Region, and Joyce Snyder of St. Christopher's and the Southwest Region.

A Mass celebrated by Bishop Hogan and a buffet supper concluded the weekend's activities.

VISITING SERVICE

A program to give the homebound elderly and handicapped in Monroe County some new friends and a cheerier outlook on life, has been set up by the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter of the Red Cross. Persons interested in joining The Red Cross Friendly Visiting Service may contact the Red Cross at 275-9600.



Your Heritage

June 20, 1926. Opening of the Twenty-Eighth International Eucharistic Congress, Soldier Field, Chicago. Marie Marthe Tamisier, a devout French woman, undertook a campaign in the 1870s to promote Eucharistic pilgrimages. The upshot of it was the first international Eucharistic Congress at Lille, France in 1881 with some 800 in attendance. After Lille, an international committee was organized to promote the movement. Thus far, 40 such congresses have taken place around the world. The Chicago Congress was the first in the United States. Lasting four days, it attracted a million participants, including 300 bishops and archbishops and 12 cardinals. According to custom the Congress featured lectures and discussions on the Holy Eucharist. But it was the public events celebrated at the great stadium Soldier Field that had the most impact. For instance, on "Children's Day" some 400,000 people were on hand. 1926 marked the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Appropriately, plans have been laid for the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia on Aug. 1-6 of the Bicentennial Year. — Rochester Diocesan Bicentennial Commission.

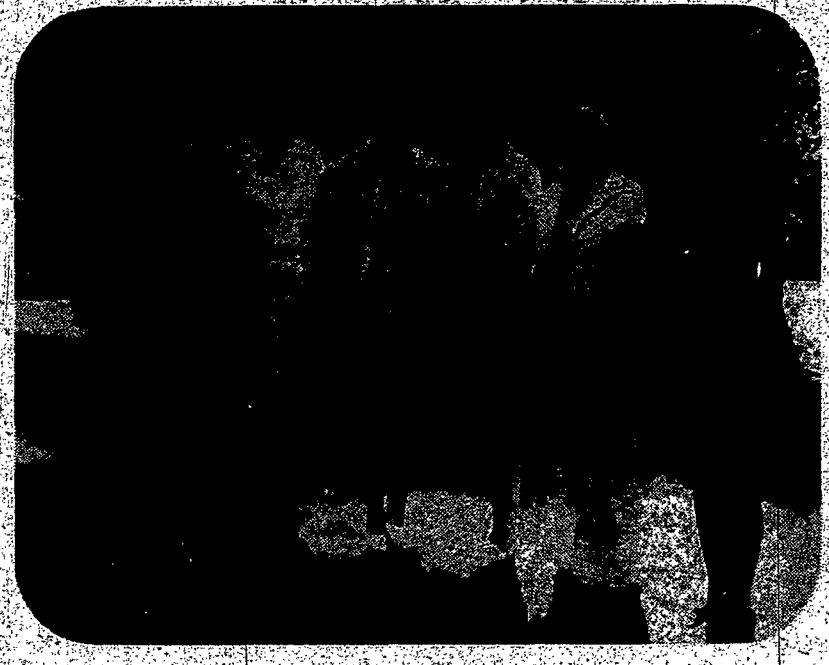


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New Sisters Council officers, from left: Sister Mary Jean Smith, executive committee; Sister Sharon Bailey, recording secretary; Sister Kathleen Kircher, vice-president; Sister Barbara Moore, president; Sister Ann Habershaw, corresponding secretary; and Sister Frances Sweeney, executive committee.

DSC Wraps Up Year, Elects 76-77 Officers

By MARTIN TOOMBS

The 1975-76 Sisters Council completed its work Saturday, and the 1976-77 council convened immediately afterwards to welcome 10 new members and elect officers.

Elected as officers for 1976-77 are Sisters Barbara Moore, president; Kathleen Kircher, vice president; Sharon Bailey, recording secretary, and Ann Habershaw, corresponding secretary. Sisters Mary Jean Smith and Frances Sweeney were elected to the Executive Committee.

The outgoing council heard reports from the committees and Task Forces the council participates in. Sister Ann Miller reported on the position of council members in regional activities. She noted that Father Douglas Hoffman, director of Pastoral Ministry, said that sisters should ask to be included on the executive committee of the region they represent. He said that the regional coordinators have been informed that the sisters are available to serve at a regional level.

The council voted support of the questions asked by the Northwest Region pertaining to the Eucharistic Congress planned for August in Philadelphia. A letter will be sent to Bishop John E. McCafferty, the local congress coordinator, noting their support of the questions

presented in the letter, and asking him to present them to the Eucharistic Congress Board.

The first draft of a diocesan transportation policy, to become part of Sisters Living Needs, was discussed and returned to committee for further work.

The proposal from the Joint Executive Committee calling for the three consultative bodies to participate in common standing committees was discussed, and tabled until the September meeting.

Seven new congregational representatives and three new regionals have joined the council. New congregational representatives are: Sisters of St. Joseph, Sisters Clare Francis Moguehan and Mary Jean Smith; Sisters of Mercy, Sisters Mary Jude and Marlene Vigna; School, Sisters of Notre Dame; Sister Marie Therese Alaimo; Most Precious Blood, Sister Agatha Marie; and Sister Margaret Palmer representing the Daughters of Charity.

New regionals are: Sister Shirley Pilot, SSI, Southeast; Sister Alice O'Brien, RSM, Northeast, and Sister Marilyn Dewey, SSI, Cayuga-Seneca; Sister Alice McLaughlin, SSI, formerly a congregational representative, will represent the Yates-Ontario-Wayne region in the new council.

Ways and Means

Members of Nazareth Academy's National Honor Society wanted to provide some special service to their school and community, so they decided to provide a partial-tuition scholarship for some girl who wanted to attend Nazareth next September, but could not do so without financial assistance.

By selling stationery, the National Honor Society raised \$100 which they presented to Principal Sister Mary Jean at a school Awards Assembly on June 9. Senior Laurie Damaschke, president of the National Honor Society, served as chairman.