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St. Patrick's

Oldest Diocesan Parish To Be Dissolved July 1

By MARGARET CONNOLLY

St. Patrick's parish in downtown Rochester, the oldest parish in the diocese, will be dissolved July 1. The diocese will maintain the church building pending its sale.

The Spanish-speaking people of the parish will continue in the care of the Spanish Apostolate. Nearby St. Anthony's, which has administered St. Patrick's as a mission for the past five years, will have responsibility for all other parish members.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan announced the "definitive decision" through a letter read in both churches at weekend Masses.

His vicar for urban ministry,

Msgr. George A. Cocuzzi, explained that there would be a three-year "transitional period" in the work of the Spanish Apostolate. Members of the diocesan agency concerned with St. Patrick's will consult with their people and neighboring church communities to determine how best to serve the needs of the Spanish speaking.

Bishop Hogan appended to his letter Msgr. Cocuzzi's statement of his findings, the first of which is that it is "demographically unrealistic and fiscally irresponsible to maintain two separate parishes in the Brown Square-Edgerton area."

The bishop's letter spoke of "the pain and anxiety of the past nine months" evidently in reference to

an earlier attempt to dissolve the parish.

St. Patrick's Church, built as a social hall in 1905, is the last remnant of the old cathedral, which was closed in 1937 and demolished, its site sold to Eastman Kodak Company. The late Msgr. Charles Shay, who was cathedral rector at that time, used to tell of taking steps to assure the survival of the parish, because he thought that if he didn't the parishioners would cease to attend Mass. St. Anthony's, at that time, was about two blocks away. Its congregation was Italian; its pastor, from Italy.

St. Patrick's was incorporated in 1832, 12 years after the first pastor was sent into the neighborhood. St. Anthony's, founded in 1906, moved



St. Patrick's Church, a remnant of the old cathedral, stands on North Plymouth Avenue, in the shadow of the Kodak Office building.

into an elegant new building on Jones Park in 1966. It now becomes "the seat of a single territorial parish, having the boundaries of old St. Patrick's," Msgr. Cocuzzi says in the statement of his determinations. He raises the possibility, however, of redefining parish

boundaries, "should this prove desirable."

If St. Patrick's Church is sold, the money will be put into "the maintenance of ministry in the entire area comprising the territory of the former St. Patrick's," the vicar's statement concludes.

Mother Theresa, Dom Helder To Speak on Social Justice

Philadelphia — Internationally known speakers from India, Brazil, the United States and the highest office of the Roman Curia will address an all-day symposium on the Hunger for Freedom and Justice here Aug. 3.

One of seven major conferences of the 41st International Eucharistic Congress, the Freedom and Justice Symposium will be held on what has been designated "Suffering People's Day" in the congress program for the week of Aug. 1-8.

The session will be opened by Archbishop Giovanni Benelli, substitute secretary of state for the Holy See, giving a view of "The Church and its response throughout the world to the hunger for freedom and justice."

The other morning speakers at Philadelphia's Civic Center are Dom Helder Camara, Archbishop of



Olinda-Recife, Brazil, and Mother Teresa of Calcutta, founder of the Missionaries of Charity, a religious order of nuns.

Both well known apostles to the poor, Dom Helder and Mother Teresa will present the need for

social justice as seen among the underprivileged of their respective continents, South America and Asia.

A four-member panel will pick up the discussion in the afternoon:

The Most Rev. Robert F. Sanchez, Archbishop of Santa Fe, N.M.; Father J. Bryan Hehir, associate secretary for International Justice and Peace of the U.S. Catholic Conference; Father A. Rollins Lambert, specialist for African Affairs, U.S. Catholic Conference; Dr. Alba Zizzamia, education coordinator of the Office of World Justice, Archdiocese of New York.



Father Brown and guests

Sunday School on Radio

A Mike for All Ages

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

This is Sunday School and I am Father Brown. Shalom. The Lord's peace be with you. Thus begins the 15-minute radio program created and hosted by Father Lewis Brown of St. Ann's Church in Homell. The program, which began in 1973, is now aired twice each Sunday.

Father Brown explained that the catchy songs and stories hold the attention of the youngsters. Older children and adults also find it instructional, perhaps serving as a refresher or just plain presenting the "Good News" in a simple way. He said adults are becoming some of his most faithful listeners.

Each 15-minute segment takes up to six hours to prepare, he says. The tape includes three songs, a story, scripture reading and prayer. All are centered around one theme that follows the liturgical and holiday calendar. When children are guests it requires more preparation. The stories Father Brown uses deal with basic human feelings and conditions.

Father Brown attributes part of

the success of the program to high local visibility as area children often are guests and references are made to local events.

Biblical selections and adaptations of modern day stories are used along with more familiar liturgical formulas to bring the message to the audience. His approach is more conversational than homiletic and takes its origin from the life experiences around us, which he roots in man's relationship to God and his fellow man through the blending of song, scripture and story.

Father Brown feels the program appeals to a large segment of the radio audience that may not attend church regularly but who tune in on Sunday for religious input. Radio ministry, he pointed out, doesn't produce envelopes in the collection basket, but it is a way to bring authentic religious education into the home.

Father Brown said that the foremost child educators are the parents. This program can supplement the religious values which should be nurtured in the family as

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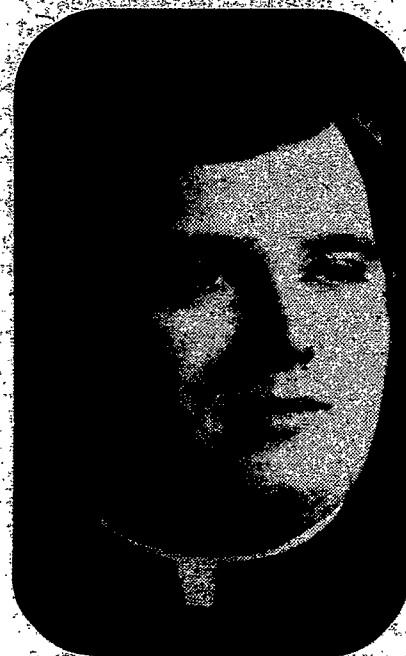
Rochester Priest Named To D.C. Post

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — Father David M. Murphy, executive director of the Seminary Department of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), has been named director of the Washington Theological Consortium, effective July 1.

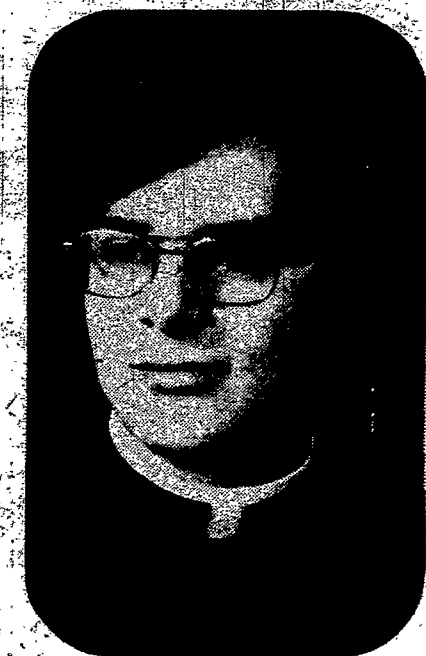
He will succeed Father Mark Heath, who has been appointed regent of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington. No one has been yet appointed to succeed Father Murphy at NCEA.

The Washington Theological Consortium is composed of five Catholic and four Protestant theological schools and seminaries in the D.C. area.

As executive of NCEA's seminary department since 1972, Father Murphy was consultant to U.S. seminaries and to the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Priestly Formation. He was ordained in Rome in 1953 as a priest of the Rochester, N.Y. diocese.



FATHER CLIFFORD



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New Priests Reassigned

Father Peter C. Clifford has been appointed to St. Michael's, Penn Yan, and St. Andrew's, Dundee, as assistant pastor in internship. Since his ordination March 25, he has been at Holy Ghost Church, Coldwater, where he had served as a deacon.

Father Thomas Mull, who finished his diaconate at St. Andrew's, Rochester, and was ordained there March 19, leaves St.

Andrew's for St. Ambrose, Rochester, where he will be an assistant pastor-intern.

Father John M. Turner, also newly ordained, was assigned last week to St. John the Evangelist in Spencerport, rather than to St. Ann's, Homell, as originally intended. Father William Spilly will remain at the Homell parish as assistant pastor in internship.