



Bishop Ndingi poses outside the Lavery Library with Robert Gullo, library director, and Father Lavery.

## Kenya Bishop Visits College

Although St. John Fisher College and Kenya are thousands of miles apart, they share the loyalties of Bishop Raphael Ndingi.

A Fisher alumnus, Bishop Ndingi is currently bishop of the Catholic diocese of Nakuru, the third largest town in Kenya. Primarily agricultural, Nakuru has a population of about 15 million; 130,000 are Catholic.

Recently returning to the St. John Fisher campus from the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, Bishop Ndingi discussed his work in Nakuru with Father Charles J. Lavery, CSB, Fisher's president.

"I'm interested in developing the social welfare of the people," he explained. "I want to identify their problems, and help raise the money and moral support to solve them."

"We have a motto — Harambee — which means 'Let us pull together,'" he continued. "It's the motto for the entire country, but has special meaning for the people of Nakuru. They want to identify what's best for their own situation and 'pull together' to achieve it."

Bishop Ndingi stressed that Christianity is a prime force in building a responsible community. Kenya is 63 per cent Christian, he said.

"By concentrating on a small Christian community, I can make an effort to bring all the people into the church into the community of God," he said. "I want to build leadership among the people."

## Lewis St. Center Gets ACTION Grant

Lewis Street Center has been awarded a \$105,182 federal ACTION grant to establish and operate a Foster Grandparent Program in which low-income senior citizens and children with special needs will be brought together.

The program has been in existence for 11 years in other parts of the country. The Monroe County project will field up to 53 foster grandparent volunteers during the 9-month grant period, according to Robert P. Fedder, president of the Lewis Street Center Board of Directors. Fedder also announced the appointment of Mary Sherman of 48 Harlem St. as project coordinator and urged interested county residents over the age of 60 to get in touch with her at the center.

and awaken their consciousness as Christians and citizens of Kenya."

"Kenians should use their own resources to work towards independence not isolation," he said. "They should have their own leaders, including church ministers."

Bishop Ndingi has already established parish councils to bring the affairs of the parish into the diocese, what he calls "the decision-making machinery." This is one step, he feels, towards building a responsible community.

He noted that now there are four Fisher graduates working in social welfare in Kenya, and credited the college with helping prepare him for such work.

"St. John Fisher College provided me with the opportunity to complete my undergraduate studies," he said, "but it did more than that. The study of history itself opened up new horizons for me; opened my mind to things I might never have known otherwise."

A native of Kenya, Bishop Ndingi pointed out that it was only through the kindness of Father Lavery and the Catholic Relief Services that he was able to enroll at Fisher. He was a history and political science major for two years, earning a B.A. in history in 1969.

He had been ordained in Nairobi in 1961 and was appointed to his post in Nakuru five years ago by Pope Paul VI. He had previously served two years in the Kenyan town of Machakos.

Benefits to volunteers, in addition to an hourly stipend, include daily hot lunches, transportation allowance, and a free annual physical examination.

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## Supreme Anchor Clubs Set Rochester Convention

The Supreme Anchor Club of America, a club of Knights of Columbus members will celebrate its golden anniversary with a convention in Rochester Oct. 15-17.

About 1,000 members will be staying at the Downtown Holiday Inn and the Americana Hotel to discuss planned projects for the needy.

Anchor Clubs are made up of Third Degree or higher Knights of Columbus, usually employed in the

### Priests Council Meets Sept. 7

The 1976-77 seating of the Priests Council will take place at Becket Hall, Sept. 7.

At that time new councilmen will be introduced and elections will be held to fill various intra-council posts.

It is expected that Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will address the assembly. Also on the agenda are an informational proposal on retirement age, from Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, and a review of the work of the Joint Executive Committee, from Father James Marvin.

Council sessions are traditionally held on the first Tuesday of each month during the school year. The Priests Council is the eldest of the three diocesan consultative bodies.

### Eucharistic Devotions

The monthly devotion of adoration and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Thursday, Sept. 2 at Blessed Sacrament Church. The rites begin at noon and conclude with Benediction before the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

In a recent address to the 41st Eucharistic Congress held in Philadelphia, former Bishop of Rochester, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, recommended the practice of spending an hour a day in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

same type of work. There are 63 Anchor Clubs across the Northeastern United States and one in Canada. Industries represented by branches include law enforcement, the post office, dock and rail workers, brokerage firms, department stores, construction and engineering.

The theme of this convention is "Exceptional Children," with the aim of providing scholarships for educating teachers for the handicapped. They also are raising funds to give seminarians scholarships for their last year theological studies.

The clubs raise funds and work to aid the handicapped and disadvantaged groups.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

New York [RNS] — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn accounted for the voter registration of some 6,500 residents as the result of a drive conducted outside parish churches during the June 12-13 weekend. Another 3,000 registration forms were distributed to parishioners who chose to complete them at home and mail them to local election boards.

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