

Jail and Institution Chaplains

There are approximately 16,000 inmates of prisons in the diocese and 30 per cent of them are Catholic, according to a 1975 survey in which the Office of Human Development participated. Ministering to their spiritual needs are four full-time chaplains and several parish priests who do the work as an extra assignment.

The state-operated facilities in the diocese, Auburn, Elmira Reception and Elmira Correctional and Industry, have full-time chaplains who are paid by the state. The Monroe County Jail and Penitentiary also has a full-time chaplain. The 11 other county jails, the South Lansing School for Girls, Camp Monterey in Schuyler County, and Camp McCormick in Tioga County are all served by parish priests.

Father Charles Mulligan, who will have charge of the prison chaplains when he becomes director of Social Ministry next year, explains that the first priority will be training for the prison chaplains. Currently, he said, there is no money allocated for such training. He cited increasing requirements from the state and the expanding needs of ministry to a growing prison population as causing greater pressure for training of chaplains.

The jail and institutions chaplains have no budget.

Pointing out the problem was the death this year of Father Michael Reagan, Father Mulligan noted.

Father Reagan had been chaplain at the Elmira Reception Center and the Chemung County Jail, and the diocese had problems finding a qualified replacement.

Father Mulligan pointed out that Bishop Hogan's pastoral letter on Attica, which was issued a week after the riot in September 1971 spurred the diocese's involvement in several ecumenical programs dealing with prisoners and the criminal justice system.

In Auburn, the Hospitality Center helps visitors to inmates of Auburn prison. At the encouragement of Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, the bishops of the archdiocese of New York and the dioceses of Buffalo, Syracuse and Brooklyn recently joined with the Diocese of Rochester to help fund the center.

During the past year, a group in Elmira has been working to set up a bail fund for Chemung County.

The Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry has been a major ecumenical effort at the Monroe County Penitentiary, Father Mulligan said. The ministry receives Catholic support from 10 parishes, Catholic Charities and the Campaign for Human Development. The ministry trains and supervises 100 volunteers who have rights of clergy in their visits with prisoners. The volunteers help with family and legal problems, and when possible establish ongoing contact. Father Mulligan estimated that 40 Catholic volunteers are

involved in the program.

The Office of Human Development was one of the founding members of the Judicial Process Commission, which is an

advocacy program concentrating on educational activities, Father Mulligan said. Their biggest effort during the past year was the Liberty and Justice for All series that was broadcast on Channel 21.

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Justice and Peace

The International Justice and Peace Commission was established in March, 1976, as the result of a two-year effort by a proposal-writing committee. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan implemented the proposal and named Evilio Perez to convene the commission.

A steering committee is being organized which will suggest individuals to the bishop for nomination to the volunteer commission in January, 1977.

Sister Maryann Weiland, RSM, has conducted World Hunger programs during the past year that will become the activities of the commission. She has worked from the Office of Human Development, with her salary paid by the religious orders of women of the diocese.

Operation Rice Bowl was the largest of the programs, with 70 parishes in the diocese participating. Seventy-five percent of the money from the program was sent to Catholic Relief Services, with the remainder used in the diocese.

Through the office of Sister Maryann, the diocese joined in sponsorship of a World Hunger Conference with the Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches.

The budget for the Peace and Justice Commission will be derived from two sources initially, seven per cent of the Catholic Relief

Services collection and \$5,000 from the diocesan missions collection. Father Charles Mulligan, who will have the responsibility for the commission as director of Social Ministry, explained that the funding will be used for purposes similar to those of Catholic Relief Service and the Missions with the diocese.

The Catholic Relief Services collection, he explained, is designed to help the hungry of the world, and the commission will have the goal of educating people in the diocese about the problem, a necessary activity in response to world hunger.

Currently the commission has no staff. When the commission is named, its first duty will be to decide on staffing.

The goals set for the commission in the proposal are: identify specific aspects of the problem of worldwide poverty and injustice which the Church in Rochester can deal with effectively; make these problems manageable for the Church in Rochester by realistically defining their limits; establish effective methods and programs to involve the Church in Rochester and groups and organizations in the Third World Nations in contributing significantly toward humanizing and improving the living conditions and decreasing the level of injustice suffered by individuals and nations; and establish effective educational programs for use in the diocese.

Office of Liturgy

It was an anniversary. A year to the day he was appointed to head the diocesan liturgy office, Father Robert Kennedy spoke of the accomplishments, frustrations and hopes of the office which "provides liturgical services in planning and education and celebration" for the diocese at large.

The department has evolved over the past 15 years, he notes, as an outgrowth of the work of the diocesan music commission and liturgy commission.

Five years ago, Sister Margaret Mary Mattie, RSM, took over the

post of executive secretary of the liturgy commission, working out of diocesan offices at 50 Chestnut St. Two years later, "at the urging of Msgr. William Shannon, president of the commission," a specific office was created at the new Pastoral Center as a focal point for people who need the services of liturgists.

Those services run the gamut of organizing, organist training, programs to conducting liturgies for special occasions.

The office has a budget of

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