

FATHER KENNEDY

Liturgy

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around \$30,000 a year. Last year some programs realized a small profit for the operations of the group. In the June fiscal report another small profit is noted.

A project new to the office is the scheduling of regional workshops in liturgy this Fall. Father Kennedy notes. Special workshops on penance catechesis also are slated for next Lent. The regional sessions are called "Focus on Parish Liturgy." The office hopes they will attract both parish and regional liturgy committees.

The staff of the office (there are

three full-time employees) can generally acknowledge written requests for information or help on the same day they are received. Phone requests are generally handled with the same alacrity, Father notes.

Over the past year the office has conducted training programs in nine parishes, held the standard workshops on liturgy, conducted an August Institute (last year), held the annual Catholic Choirs fest, and conducted the organist's training program.

This was in addition to establishing regional meetings and

two clergy conferences on the new Ministry in the coming months, and rite of Penance, as well as preparing the weekly column appearing in the Courier-Journal. And more, through a salary subsidy by the Sisters of Mercy, Sister Margaret Mary completed a revised training program for parish liturgists. The office also publishes fascicles on liturgical resources. Father Kennedy hopes to forge strong ties with the new offices of the Spanish Apostolate and Black

Ministry in the coming months, and he would like to have his people able to go from parish to parish to assist in the development of parish liturgies. By and large he is pleased with the accomplishments of the office and its ability to serve the diocese, judging from the reactions we get especially from the office's publications. Yet, he wants to help the clergy better.

Media Distribution

What used to be called "Media Distribution" in the Pastoral Office directory now is the Media Development Center. The new title applies more precisely.

The center prints, folds, stuffs and mails for the administration and some related outside agencies. It circulates films and film strips prepared for religious education programs, and movies used in school social studies and health courses. It produces regular radio programs and occasional radio messages, and has done video tapes for classroom use, and some TV spots.

Also, we can supply you with many kinds of specialty items, such as programs, brochures, newsletters, cards, forms. The center informed its customers in a specially designed promotion piece.

We can record on cassette tape any message or instruction you want to be transmitted to parishes or other agencies. We can record a script to accompany your slides. We can show you how tape recordings can be used as teaching aids. We are prepared to discuss any manner of sound reproduction which your program may require.

The "we" of this announcement are one professional librarian, one electronics wizard, one enterprising graphics man and one part-time helper. Their salaries are drawn from a budget of \$32,400.

We operate on a short shoe string, and in many cases we have to borrow the shoe string," the supervisor noted recently.

He is Joseph Weber, former librarian at St. Andrew's Seminary and King's Prep, the earlier tenants of 1150 Buffalo Road.

"We are a team," he stressed. "I am accused of being the head of the department. I'm oldest, so I suppose that's why."

Weber handles the audio-visual collection and thinks up ways to increase its circulation. He has become interested in copy writing, type styles and layout, and collaborates with Girard C. Hafiss, who has charge of design, printing and mailing. Mrs. Rosemary Lisuzzo is the part-time assistant.

Father William Gall is the whole electronics department — engineer and maintenance and repair man. He has a recording studio where he tapes the regular radio programs of Fathers Louis Hohman, Gerald Appelby and Paul J. Cuddy, as well as the Life in the Spirit program aired weekdays on the Christian Broadcasting Network based in Ithaca.

During the first half of this year, the AV resource center filled 358 orders for religious instruction aids. Last year's total was 232. About 37 parishes are regular subscribers. Their rental fees go into purchase and repair.

The print shop had handled 602 jobs through July. Routine orders are for forms of various kinds, such as teacher contracts and salary schedules, curriculum booklets, letter heads and letters.

"But this is not strictly an in-house operation," Weber said, mentioning the Family Life Office and St. Bernard's Seminary, among other customers.

As a sideline, being familiar with the paper market, Weber saves the schools money by serving as their paper purchasing agent.

One of his goals is "to upgrade the consciousness of the departments and parishes" as to the uses of the center.

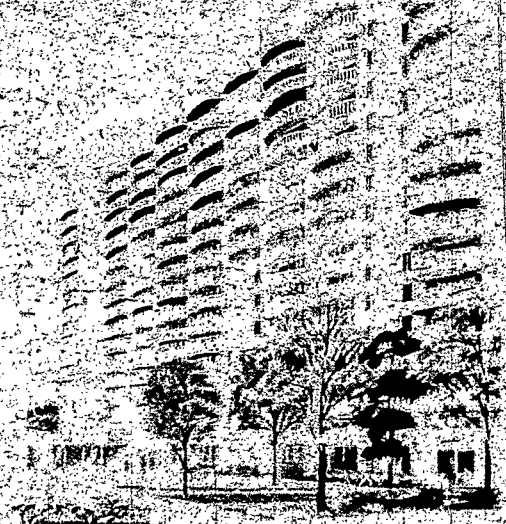
There is enough work now to justify hiring more people, he said, and "we could easily spend \$20,000" replacing print shop machinery. Another \$20,000 could go into basic equipment for producing video tapes.



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Father Hohman's tape on the New Rite of Penance, created as an instruction aid for the parishes, "is a small indication of what we could do if we owned the equipment," Weber said.

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