

Revival!



Bishop Joseph L. Hogan welcomes an ecumenical gathering at Immaculate Conception Church on the opening night of the first diocese-sponsored revival and spiritual renewal program organized by the local Office of Black Ministries.

The three-day revival featured Rev. Andrew Gibson, pastor of A.M.E. Zion Church, and Rev. Henry Newkirk of the Powerhouse Church of God in Christ as preachers, and choirs from area churches, as well as black lay and religious leaders.

At right, Father Jerome Robinson, OP, director of the diocesan Office of Black Ministries and Rev. Gibson listen to the Bishop.



Photos by Susan McKinney

Continental Walk Ends in Washington

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — A nine-month "Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice," which began in San Francisco and involved a number of long-distance hikers, ended here with an ecumenical service attended by 800 persons.

[The walk crossed the Rochester diocese during the Summer.]

Sponsored by 24 national peace

and social justice groups (10 of them religiously-oriented), the walk had attempted to "dramatize the interrelated issues of the arms-race and unmet social needs in cities and towns throughout the country," according to a spokeswoman.

Walkers participating in the continental walk from San Francisco and those involved in other walks from New Orleans, Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Boston

proceeded from the District Line to the Lincoln Memorial, and from there to the Sylvan Theater near the Washington Monument for an afternoon rally. Speakers there included the Rev. Ralph Abernathy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and other churchmen.

A "Procession of Death," in which coffins were carried "representing all the social programs which have died as a result of Pentagon spending," walked from the Lincoln Memorial to the Pentagon Building, and from there to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and finally to the White House.

Among their "demands," the walkers listed in material they left at their various stops are "immediate and unilateral action toward disarmament," "full employment at decent wages," "an end to racism," "equal rights for

women," "full amnesty" for all Vietnam war resisters, and "immediate, massive aid to our cities."

Religious groups sponsoring the four-day event were the Catholic Peace Fellowship, Lutheran Peace Fellowship, Episcopal Peace

Fellowship, Clergy and Laity Concerned, Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Catholic Worker, American Friends Service Committee, National Assembly of Women Religious, Pax Christi and Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Regional Highlights

Northeast

Divorced, separated and widowed Catholics from the Northeast Region will meet the first and third Mondays of each month at St. Paul's Church, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The decision was made by the first such gathering last week.

Chaplains to the new organization are Fathers Ronald Harley and Terence Fleming.

Sister Kathleen Kircher, organizer for the group, noted that about 35 persons attended the first meeting and that any interested individuals are welcome.

Southeast

The Southeast Region will ask each member of the assembly to fill out a questionnaire dealing with

the goals and purposes of the Regional Assembly and the means to accomplish them.

Father Albert Delmonte, associate at Guardian Angels, has been appointed regional family life coordinator.

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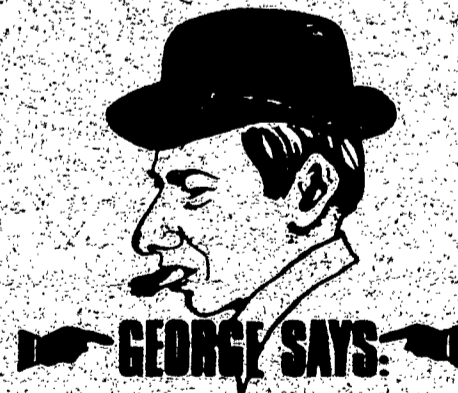
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