



Msgr. Gerard Kreig and Mrs. Deirdre Hetzler.

Conciliation Council Begins 4th Year

Since September of 1973, the Council of Conciliation has served as the first step in the diocesan "due process" procedure. It has met monthly to bring together parties in the diocese unable to resolve mutual problems.

Conflicts referred to the council have involved individuals, both lay and religious, Parish Councils, parish societies, and diocesan agencies. "I can't say that we solved every difficulty, but we have served as a constructive force in most of the cases," remarked the outgoing chairperson, Msgr. Gerald Kreig, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Scottsville. "Conciliators don't act as judges, rather they try to remain objective third party mediators who assist the conflicting parties to come to their own mutual resolution of their dispute," he concluded.

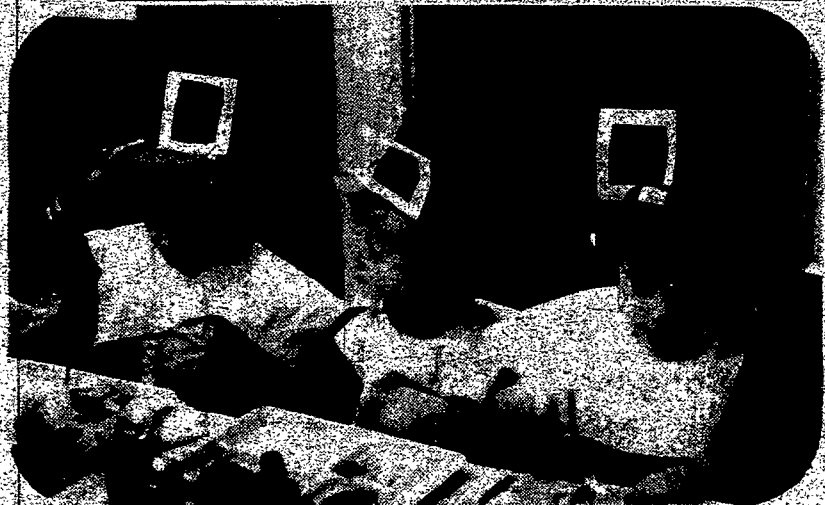
This year's council includes five new members: Dr. John M. Brophy, Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish, Rochester; Father Michael C. Hogan, St. Mary's, Corning; Father William Lum, University of Rochester chaplain; Father T. Paul Murley, St. Patrick's, Victor; and Father Otto J. Vogt, St. Paul of the Cross, Honeyeoe Falls. Those continuing on the council are Mrs. Deirdre Hetzler, St. Mary's, Scottsville; Sister Mary Hilaire Gaelens, Notre Dame High School, Elmira; John L. Greisberger, St. Thomas More, Brighton; Msgr. Kreig; Sister Joseph Kennedy, from Nazareth College; and Ms. Catherine Wobus, St. John the Evangelist, Rochester.

At the September meeting, Mrs. Hetzler was elected as the council chairperson for the coming year. Joining her as officers are Msgr. Kreig, executive secretary and Greisberger, recording secretary.

"I hope that our presence will be well enough known so that no one alienated from the Christian community feels that he or she has no recourse within our diocese," Mrs. Hetzler said upon taking office. "We hope that by becoming more prayerful we can be of greater assistance in helping the people who come to us to work things out in mutual charity. I also hope that having a member of the laity as chairperson will help people realize that we are not manipulated by the diocese, rather this process of conciliation is real and actually works in the Diocese of Rochester."

Any lay person, sister, or priest may initiate the "due process" procedure by contacting Bishop Hickey (716-328-3210) or any member of the Council of Conciliation and requesting application material. The phone numbers of the members are:

Dr. Brophy, 716-254-8436; Sister Mary Hilaire Gaelens, 607-732-6295; Greisberger, 716-271-7077; Mrs. Hetzler, 716-889-9419; Father Hogan, 607-962-0422; Msgr. Kreig, 716-889-3100; Sister Joseph Kennedy, 716-586-2525; Father Lum, 716-275-4321; Father Murley, 716-924-7111; Father Vogt, 716-624-1443; Ms. Wobus, 716-482-7636.

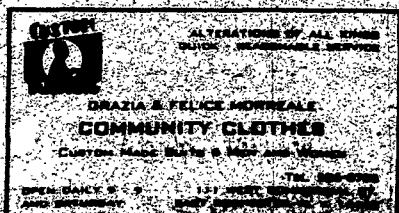


Holiday Feast

Anthony Polidori, left, keeps a close eye on the hand that feeds him during Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 24 at Most Precious Blood Kindergarten. Michael Cannan is at center and Gregory McGrain at right.

50 VOLUNTEERS

The Christmas Bureau of Rochester has a half-day job for 50 volunteer drivers: the delivery of 3,200 packages to elderly and infirm people. The work is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 17. Volunteers may call 271-0068.



Sister Pfaff Dies at 63

Emmitsburg, Md. (RNS) — Sister Rosemary Pfaff, D.C., fifth president of St. Joseph's College here and former assistant provincial of the north province of the Daughters of Charity, died in Boston (Nov. 21) after a lengthy illness at age 63.

A Mass of the Resurrection was offered at DePaul Provincial House, Albany, N.Y., with interment at St. Agnes Cemetery there.

A native of Elizabeth, N.J., Sister Rosemary had been associated with Emmitsburg for most of her life, having attended St. Joseph Academy and St. Joseph College there and having entered into the Daughters of Charity there. She later served in many provincial posts at Emmitsburg before joining the faculty of St. Joseph's College. She served as fifth president of the college from 1962-1968.

EFFECTIVE LIVING

The Cenacle Retreat House has scheduled an Effective Living Seminar for men and women. The program will be led by Sister Nesser of the Cenacle Dec. 10-12. Further information and reservations are available through Sister Mullane at 271-8755.

Star Award

Trinity Council's Grand Knight, Thomas P. Sweeney (right), accepts the Star Council Award from William J. Van Tassell who represented the National Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus at the recent K of C Charity Ball in Webster. The award was given Trinity Council for its membership and major involvement programs.

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