

Theology (M.Th.), an academic degree. After lengthy research and planning, the seminary introduced in 1975-1976 a completely revised curriculum, the B.D. being replaced by the *Master of Divinity* (M.Div.), and the M.Th. by the *Master of Arts in Theology* (M.A.). One of the results of this shift has been an increased enrollment of priests, sisters, and lay-students in our M.A. program. This is a step in the direction of making Saint Bernard's a training-place for a wider Church leadership. In 1975-1976, seventeen degrees were conferred: Master of Divinity (11), Master of Arts in Theology (5), and Master of Theology (1).

In the fall of 1975, the seminary accepted a mandate from the Bishop of Rochester to develop a program of continuing education and formation for professional Church leaders. Later that winter and continuing on into the spring, a nationwide search was conducted for a professionally qualified Director who would create and administer this program.

1975-1976 saw the addition of a full-time priest-professor of Liturgy and Church Music to our faculty. Another priest was authorized to attend the Pontifical Gregorian

University in Rome for doctoral studies in theology, and one member of the current teaching faculty was given a study-leave for 1976-1977 to complete his doctorate in theology.

Among faculty publications this year were the following:

Robert F. McNamara, S.T.L., *Catholic Sunday Preaching: The American Guidelines, 1791-1975*, (published by the Word of God Institute, Washington, 1975).

Joseph A. Torma, Ph.D., *A Training Program: Human Development in the Parish*, (*Liturgy* magazine, October, 1975)

Joseph M. Jankowiak, S.T.D., Doctoral Dissertation in Moral Theology at the Gregorian University in Rome, "*Critical Negativity and Political Ethics*," (within the context of Political Theology according to J. B. Metz).



PASTORAL LIFE/FIELD EDUCATION

The appointment of a full-time Director of Field Education in 1967 was another "first" among diocesan seminaries in the United States. The demand for a pastoral emphasis in the seminary program is reiterated again and again in both the 1971 and 1976 editions of *The Program of Priestly Formation* approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Pastoral Department at Saint Bernard's reflects that concern.

1975-1976 brought a new lay Director of Field Education, and saw an expansion of the Field Education Department by the addition of an assistant director.

With nearly ten years of experience to draw from, the effort this year has been to systematize the placement of students in accordance with individual needs, and to provide for the kind of supervision that will help the student to grow into a truly effective minister of the Gospel.

