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Living Stations

Members of the Sacred Heart Activities Group at the Cathedral staged a "living Stations of the Cross" on Good Friday in the cathedral. Here Jesus Christ, as portrayed by Joseph Coon, carries the cross.

'Action'

The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) will devote a special meeting Saturday, April 16 to a diocesan response to the Call to Action" resolutions.

The DPC will discuss all 12 issues, and vote on the 53 amendments that were approved by the 10 regional assemblies. To facilitate the process, the DPC standing committees will discuss the amendments to the issues which pertain to each committee, and make recommendations on the amendments to the full council.

When the amendments have been considered, the DPC will vote on the amended issues. The result will be a complete diocesan response to the proposals for Bishop Hogan to consider when the issues are raised at the National Council of Catholic Bishops meeting May 3-5 in Chicago.

The meeting will be from to 5 p.m. at the Sheraton Canandaigua servers are welcome.

Three Pastors To Retire

Pastoral Office announced last week the imminent retirement of three pastors who approach the age of 70. They are Fathers William A. Burns of Anthony's, Elmira; Robert H. Fennessy of Holy Cross, Rochester, and Donald J. Murphy of St. Pius X, Chili. Each has been in his present parish for more than 20 years.

The Priest Personnel Board expects to fill the vacancies within the next two weeks.

Father Burns, who went to St. Anthony's in 1953, spent more than half of his active priesthood in education. His first assignment, a two-year assistantship at St. Monica's, was his only other parish post. He was on the Aguinas Institute faculty in 1935-36, was vice principal of the old Elmira Catholic High School for the next two years, then served as principal from 1938 until 1953. He was born Aug. 11, 1907, in Kansas City, Mo., but grew up in Elmira, attending school at Ss. Peter and Paul and St. Patrick's, and Elmira Free Academy. studied for the priesthood in the diocesan seminaries and did graduate

work at Niagara University Early in his pastorate, he joined the Elmira College faculty as instructor in Christian ethics. Father Burns was ordained June 10, 1933.

Father Fennessy, also of the class of 1933, was appointed to Holy Cross in 1955, after two years as pastor of St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris. He has been ill for many months and is living now at St. Ann's Home. He was born lune 24, 1907, in Rochester and was reared in Sacred Heart Cathedral parish. He has served at St, Mary's, Auburn; St. Augustine's, Rochester, St. Felix, Clifton Springs, and St., Stephen's, Geneva. In recent years, he has spent his vacations in Florida, as unofficial chaplain to circus performers wintering there, and he has let it be known that he would like to carry on that work after his retirement.

Father Murphy organized St. Pius X out of a centuryold mission known as St. Peehan's, and his people built church, school and rectory with their own hands. He was assigned to

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Parochial Clustering Urged by Task Force

By JOHN DASH

During the course of April, diocesans, through their representative consultative bodies will have the opportunity to react to a report issued by the Urban Catholic School Ministry Task Force.

The report is the result of seven months of research study and discussion. The task force first convened last June.

Among its recommendations the task force encourages schools and parishes to "move toward inter-parochial cooperative grouping."

As a whole, the recommendations point to a 'more systematic clustering that would extend to all parishes in the urban vicariate."

According to Sister Roberta Tierney, diocesan superintendant of schools, who presented the paper last week to the Priests Council, the report is "just a beginning, a plan on how to

It is the hope of the task force, however, that "September 1978 will see some implementation," of its recommendations, Sister Roberta said.

The eight page document deals specifically with the schools in the Rochester area. It is forseen, however, that application of the task force's recommendations may be made in urban areas else where in the diocese, sister said.

Catholic schools should have as their purpose "to create an authentically Christian environment in which the Catholic tradition is presented in its fullness."

The Gospel Message in all its fullness is the basis of the religious curriculum, the report states. "Classroom instruction will emphasize the particular Catholic response to this: Gospel Message. At the same time it will identify and respect those common élements found in other religious traditions "

In its financial considerations, the task force recommends a number of actions. Among them:

- •That a tuition program be developed that reflects the capabilities of the parents of students to pay a fee that is adjusted to their economic circumstances:
- •That the total tuition collected be equal to or greater than one third of the general education cost;
- •That the needs of the urban Catholic elementary schools be addressed through the diocesan fund development programs;
- That funds from the local Propagation of the Faith be allocated to subsidize the needs of the urban Catholic School to become a means of evangelization in the 'home
- •That \$60,000 or one third (whichever is larger) of the Urban Ministry Fund be

allocated to the needs of Catholic elementary education in the urban area;

- •That the Department of General Education exert special effort to seek ways of alternate funding for programs through government and foundation grants;
- •That all parishes with both capability and a sense of mission be asked to voluntarily cooperate with one or more needy parishes.
- The final recommendation of the task force is "That immediate steps be taken to assist parishes to work cooperatively toward present and future sharing of personnel and resour-

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Msgr. Baroni, Ms. Dolbeare Set to Speak

Msgr. Geno Baroni, assistant secretary with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Cushing Dolbeare, executive secretary of the National Rural Housing Coalition, will be the featured speakers at an observance of Housing Day, the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation's annual ob-servance, on Thursday, April 21 at 8 p.m. in St. Basil's Hall of St. John Fisher College.

Msgr. Baroni will speak from an urban perspective, and Ms. Dolbeare from the rural, on the topic, "A Decent Home-Who Can Afford It?'



Mission Tour

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan is leading a contingent of diocesan officials on a tour of missions supported by the Rochester diocese. The group includes, from left, Father Louis Hohman, pastor of St. Vincent's in Churchville; Bishop Hogan; Father Michael Conboy, secretary to the bishop, and Anthony J. Costello, general manager of the Courier-Journal. Also making the tour are Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan missions director, and Father Edward Golden, pastor of St. Francis Xavier and a former diocesan missionary to LaPaz, Bolivia. First stop is Selma, Ala., after which the tour will visit missions in Bolivia, Argentina and Brazil. The Courier-Journal will provide on-the-spot coverage of the tour.