

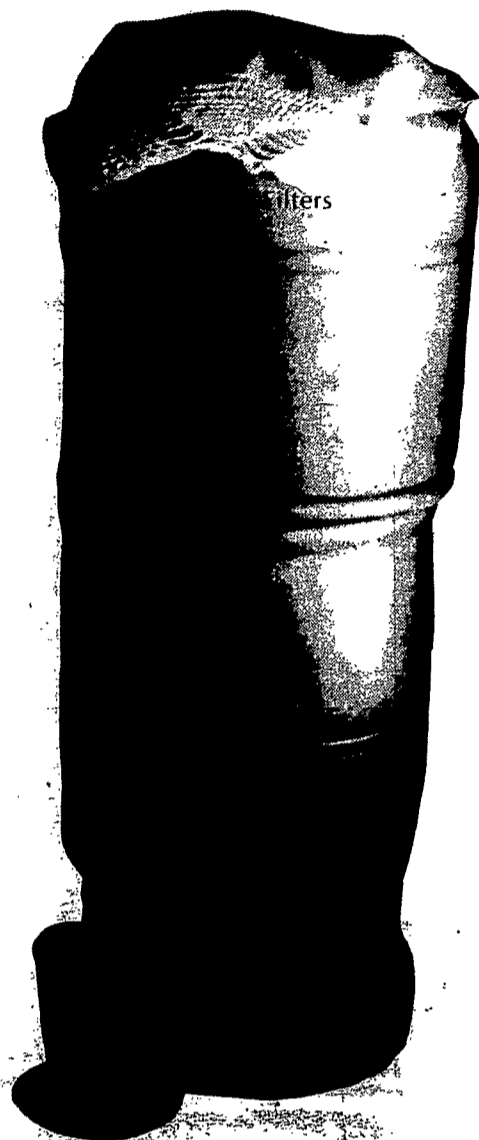
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Help Us Reach our Goal of 1,800 Filters

Filter Drive Off To Flying Start

Response to the Courier-Journal Filter Campaign in the first two days since its announcement has been "very lively," according to Anthony J. Costello, general manager.

More than 100 families have ordered filters in the first two days of the campaign, according to Costello. "There hasn't been much time for response because of the holiday," he said, "but it is a promising beginning."

The campaign is being conducted with the aim of having 1,800 families in this diocese pledge \$10 each, the cost of one water filter, so that 1,800 families in Bela Villa, a development for impoverished people in Brazil, may drink uncontaminated water.

The Brazilian families gather their water from communal spigots. The filters will enable them to run the water through the mechanism, decontaminating the water of worm organisms which constitute a very prevalent illness among children.

Sister Katherine of the Sisters of St. Joseph who serve as missionaries in Brazil, will supervise the distribution of the filters. Recipients will be required to attend three classes on their use and on other aspects of personal hygiene before acquiring the filters.

Information on the back page of this edition will explain how diocesan families can join the filter campaign.

Bishop, 8 Others Celebrate

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan is among nine priests this year celebrating their 35th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood for the diocese of Rochester.

Other members of the class are Father Henry F. Adamski, Father Thomas K. Cleary, Father Joseph M. Egan, Father Clarence Gardner, Father Paul J. Gibbons, Father John D. Hurley, Father Edward A. Shamon, and Father Richard Torney.

According to Father Michael Conboy, Bishop

Hogan's secretary, the bishop's schedule is already so crowded that the bishop will not have a formal observance of his anniversary.

Father Adamski, pastor of St. Casimir's Church in Elmira, will note his anniversary with a special Thanksgiving Mass on Monday, June 6, at 8:45 a.m. The evening previous, parishioners will fete him at a covered dish dinner.

Father Adamski has served as assistant pastor at St. Stanislaus in Rochester.

St. James Hospital, Bethesda Plan Merger

By MARTIN TOOMBS
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Hornell—The directors of St. James Mercy Hospital and Bethesda Hospital here have approved the concept of a corporate merger of the two institutions.

Current plans are for a management committee to plan the specifics of the merger; a legal study also is underway.

The Bethesda Hospital board approved the merger concept May 19, and the St. James board concurred the following evening.

The St. James board's resolution noted that the two boards "are desirous of improving the quality of health care," and "the concept of corporate merger is the most efficient, effective and economical means of improving health care in the Hornell area."

A merger, the statement noted, "means a merging of both boards, the pooling of assets and liabilities and a complete reorganization of the two institutions, coordination and relocation of all services necessary to effect a total elimination of

duplication of effort and services."

Sister Mary Rene McNiff, hospital administrator, noted that the discussion began when Bethesda, the smaller of the two facilities, came under pressure because of its low occupancy rate. Discussion originally dealt with the consolidation of services, with trade-offs to reduce duplication. Sister Rene said that merger became the subject when people realized that there "is a limitation on how much you can share and still keep in financial balance."

St. James is the larger of the facilities, with 144 acute care beds; Bethesda has 90. During the past five years, St. James has had an average loss of \$31,000, while Bethesda has averaged a \$72,000 loss.

St. James is not large enough to assume the health care needs of the community, Sister Rene noted, and the continued operation of the two facilities is necessary. Specific departments and services are expected to come under discussion during merger talks. An

example is that there "should only be one emergency service," Sister Rene noted.

The St. James board's statement says that the merger should "assure that the Sisters of Mercy can be employed at both locations," and "assure that both locations provide for the spiritual care of patients through the expansion of the Pastoral Care Department" of St. James.

The Pastoral Care team, consisting of two sisters and

a priest, has been successful, Sister Rene said; presently no such program exists at Bethesda. Such activities as those of the Pastoral Care team are what is most central to the hospital's Catholic nature, she said, and they would be expanded under the merger agreement.

Employees of the two hospitals have been assured that they will be affected as little as possible, Sister Rene noted, and have been told that there will be no lay offs as a result of the merger.



Brother Stoldt

Kearney Principal Taking New Post

Brother William M. Stoldt, principal of Bishop Kearney High School, has announced that he will be leaving the position at the end of this school year. His next assignment will be that of vice principal at Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, N.J.

Brother Thomas F. Herrick has been appointed to succeed him. He has been principal of Bishop Hendricksen High School in Warwick, R.I.

Brother Stoldt came to Rochester's largest Catholic high school in January, 1973, after a period of studies in Rome, Italy. He had taught previously in Christian Brothers schools in New York City and Kimberly, South Africa.

A "cum laude" graduate of Iona College, New Rochelle, with major in chemistry and minor in biology, Brother Stoldt has an M.A. from New York University and has done graduate work in Fordham University, the University of Cape Town and the University of South Africa.

During Brother Stoldt's time of administration at Bishop Kearney High School, the school population has grown by 200 students, new curricula have been introduced to benefit the variety of students that the school has, the band has been very successful in state and national competition. The school musicals have achieved great popularity.

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Priests Reach 40th Milestone

Celebrations are scheduled around the diocese this month for several priests who this year are celebrating the 40th anniversary of their ordinations to the priesthood.

Three members of the group, ordained in Europe, have already noted their anniversaries, Father Leo Matuszewski of St. Mary's of the Lake, Ontario, Father Robert McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary and Father John Reddington of St. Louis Church in Pittsford.

Other members of the class are Fathers J. Walter Carron, John J. Leary, Donald J. Murphy,

Raymond J. Wahl, and Raymond M. Wuest.

Father Carron's plans are to celebrate a Mass on Sunday, June 4, at 11:30 a.m. to note his anniversary. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Geneseo, where he is pastor.

Father Carron's assignments have included assistant pastorates at St. Mary's, Auburn; Holy Redeemer, Rochester; St. Francis DeSales, Geneva and St. John's Spencerport.

He also has served as spiritual director at St. Andrew's Seminary and as pastor at St. Gregory's, Marion; St. Michael's, Livonia Center and its mission St. Mary's in Honeoye.

Father Leary will celebrate his anniversary at a 12:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Parish in Elmira where he has been pastor since 1965. A reception will follow in the Marian Centre.

A Geneva native, Father Leary has served as assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Rochester, as spiritual director at St. Bernard's Seminary, and also as pastor at St. John the Baptist Church in Elmira.

Father Matuszewski, ordained in Posen

St. John's in Clyde; and again St. Stanislaus.

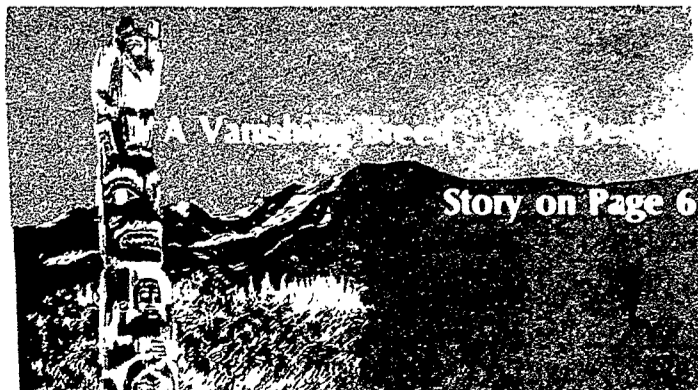
In 1965 he was named pastor of St. Stanislaus in Bradford and St. Joseph's in Campbell. He was named to the Elmira post in 1970.

Father Thomas Cleary, pastor of the Holy Cross Chapel parish in Freeville, was hospitalized last week with pancreatitis. His observance was to have been held on June 6.

Father Cleary has served

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