



Father James Marvin and Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey share a laugh.



From left, Fathers Louis Hohman, Thomas Streb, Conrad Sundholm, James Boyle and Robert Kreckel.

# Council Ends Season

It ends on a light note, the Priests Council. Last week the final session of the 1976-77 season was held at Marvin Country Club in Macedon, "Marvin Gardens," as wags have dubbed it.

session, a number of representatives from a variety of diocesan departments and special groups addressed the council on their work and programs.

It also was a day of relief. Father James Marvin, had come to the end of his term as president of the council.

In his remarks, he paraphrased a line from the late Bishop Lawrence B. Casey.

"Thank God, no more meetings," he quipped.

The next season of Priests Council deliberations begins in September.

The councilmen divided their day into a work session, which lasted most of the sunny and warm afternoon, followed by an evening of recreation.

During the afternoon

Among those represented were the Office of Family Life; the Task Force on the Permanent Diaconate, the Priests Retirement Committee, The Spanish Apostolate and the Clergy Relief Society.



From left, Fathers John Hempel, Thomas Cleary, Bertrand Scully, Robert Kanka and Kevin Murphy.



Father Robert Brickler takes notes.



Italo Rodriguez reports on the Spanish Apostolate.

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Fathers Gaelens and Hogenkamp assist Bishop Hickey during the special K of C Mass preceding scholarship fund awards presented to five area Catholic high schools.

## Area High Schools Receive K of C Awards

The James O. Stein Scholarship Fund Memorial Mass of the Knights of Columbus Trinity Council 4618 was celebrated on Wednesday, June 15. The concelebrants were Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, Fathers Robert Gaelens and Leon Hogenkamp.

and Father John McDonald, McQuaid.

Following the Liturgy, scholarships from the fund were presented to Sister M Bonaventure, Our Lady of Mercy High School; Brother William Stoldt, Bishop Kearney; Father Gaelens, Aquinas; Sister Mary Jean Smith, Nazareth Academy

The scholarships are funded by Trinity Council 4618 as well as from donations from individual members and friends of the council and the Stein family. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship assistance to needy students during freshman and sophomore years to enhance the students' appreciation of the value of their Catholic education so as to inspire them to earn their junior and senior year's tuition.

## Members Named To Board

At the June 20 meeting of the Aquinas Institute Board of Trustees, two new members were named to serve on the 23 member board. They are: Michael J. Duffy, 4 Heathcote Court, Pittsford and John R. Riedman, 1125 West Side Drive, Gates.

Duffy is an attorney with Wiedman, Duffy and Vazzana. He graduated from Aquinas in 1949, attended St. Bonaventure University and the Albany Law School. He is the national President of the St. Bonaventure University Alumni Association and serves on the St. Bonaventure Board of Trustees as secretary.

Riedman is President of the family owned Riedman Agency which maintains 12 offices in three states. He is active in the National Association of Surety Bond Producers, the Associated General Contractors of America; the New York State Association of Insurance Agents. He has also served as the Director of the

Builders Exchange of Rochester. In January, 1977 he was appointed by President Ford to the President's Commission on Personnel Interchange.

## Guild Picnic Planned

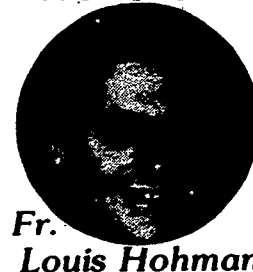
The Catholic Mission Guild will hold their annual picnic at the home of Mrs. Seleski, 56 Colony Lane on Wednesday, July 13.

Those wishing more information may call 621-7166.

## Blue Army

A holy hour sponsored by the The Blue Army and The Blue Army Cadets to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the third apparition of Our Lady of Fatima will be held at Holy Rosary Church, 7:30 p.m. on July 13. It will be followed by a filmstrip on the scapular.

### THE OPEN WINDOW



Fr. Louis Hohman

Why did the Pope appoint a commission to study birth control a few years back and when he found four fifths of the laity and clergy voting in favor of it he decided not to change his mind. What explanation did he give, if any?

It is true that the Pope did follow the minority position in his subsequent statements concerning birth control and the reason given did not directly relate to the arguments pro or con but rather to the fact that it had been a continuous tradition in the Church to oppose contraception (not the control of births) and it would be devastating to have the Church reverse its position on such a fundamental subject. One can, of course, submit that this would not be the first time that the Church had reversed position on an important subject when new

information and new insights were provided, but the Pope made the decision and that's the way it is. He really doesn't need to give an explanation.

Why did the Church wait until 1870 to decide that the Pope was infallible in matters of faith and morals?

The Church did not decide in 1870 that the Pope was infallible in matters of faith and morals. That belief had been of long standing in the Church, but it had not been defined. To define is to ascribe limits. What precisely those limits were concerning the Pope had never been stated exactly and Vatican Council I in 1870 took the occasion to state them. The definition reads like this: Whenever the Pope speaks to the universal Church ex cathedra (that is, officially as head of the Church) on a matter of faith or morals that statement is infallible. Those are the limits of his power, and as a matter of fact the Pope has only used this power once and that was in the declaration of the doctrine of the Assumption on Nov. 1, 1950. The matter has been brought up for discussion again by theologians, although, it seems to me, it is quite academic as long as it is used so infrequently.