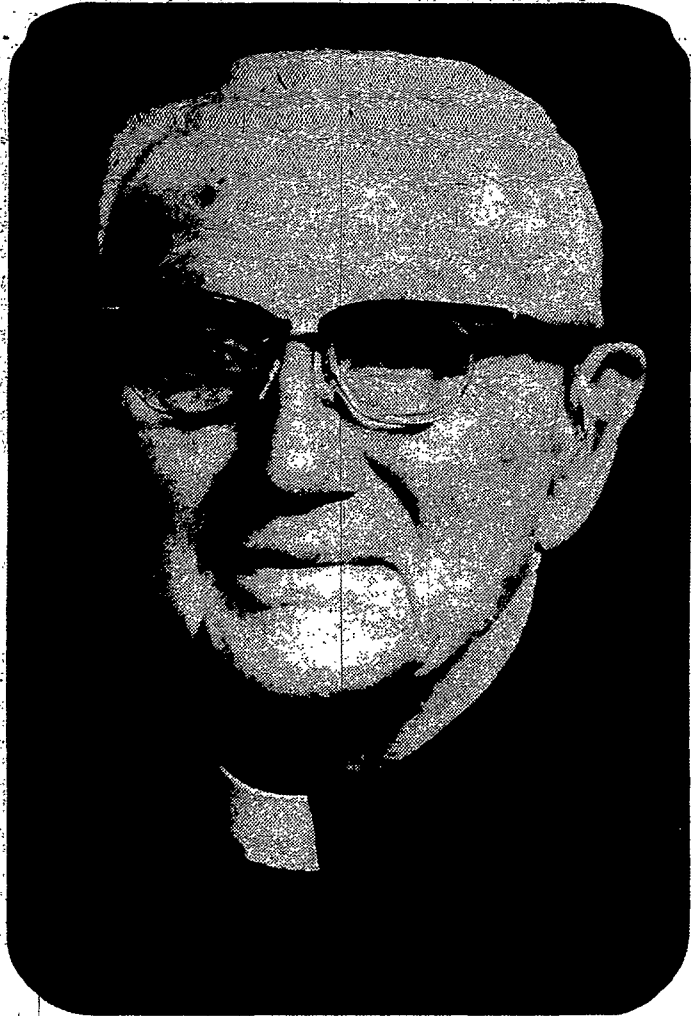


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MSGR. ECKL

Msgr. Eckl Departs In His 100th Year

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Msgr. George W. Eckl, who guided St. Andrew's Parish through its first half century, died July 2, 1977, in his 100th year and the 77th year of his priesthood.

He was buried from St. Andrew's July 6. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan celebrated the Mass in a packed church with several other priests, and Father Bernard F. Dollen, pastor, gave the homily. Bishop John E. McCafferty was principal celebrant of the Mass of Christ the High Priest on the previous evening.

Msgr. Eckl died at St. Ann's Home, where he had spent the last few years in relatively good health. The rectory he built in 1916 at 923 Portland Ave. had continued to be his home for some time after his retirement in 1965.

He was born Sept. 26, 1877, in the Holy Family neighborhood, a son of John and Julia Eckl. The second of 13 children, he outlived all the others. Three nieces and four nephews survive.

He prepared for the priesthood in the diocesan seminaries and was or-

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Diocesan CHD Grants Awarded

BY MARTIN TOOMBS

Elmira—More than \$30,000 from the Campaign for Human Development (CHD) was distributed last Friday evening at a dinner at St. Casimir's School. Programs funded include jail projects, literacy programs, housing, counseling and other community-based efforts throughout the diocese.

The November, 1976, diocesan CHD collection raised \$117,200. A check went to the national office representing 75 per cent of the collection, after 12 per cent was reserved for administrative expenses. The remaining 25 per cent, \$25,740, has been allocated by regional CHD task forces to groups and projects requesting less than \$10,000. A special "Wild Card" fund of \$6,600, consisting of bank interest and unspent administrative allocations, also was distributed as a diocesan award.

The funds are used to support self-help community groups whose membership is largely low income, with limited access to other funding. At least half of those benefiting from the group's activities must fall below the poverty level. The group should be striving for self-sufficiency, and its practices must not conflict with the Church's teachings.

In the Rochester diocese, regional task forces, consisting of persons possessing knowledge of the local community and of Campaign goals, stimulate proposals and evaluate them for funding. It is the local task force that makes funding recommendations to the diocesan CHD office and the national Campaign office in Washington.

Representatives from the groups benefiting from the

Campaign received the checks for their groups at the dinner.

The Monroe Task Force awarded \$5,198 to Jefferson Center Alternatives, Inc., a group promoting a skill-barter exchange system and organizing produce-buying clubs in its community.

The Rochester Satellite of the Rapid Communications Network of the Coalition for Criminal Justice received \$6,000 from the Monroe Task Force. Part of a statewide program formed to influence legislative, administrative and executive policy on critical criminal issues, the Rochester Satellite serves education and information functions.

The Yates-Ontario-Wayne Task Force granted \$2,460 to the Wayne County Jail Program to equip a media center for inmates and volunteers. The media center is an attempt to increase the skills of the inmates academically, vocationally and socially.

The Steuben Task Force allocated \$850 to Hornell Area Concern for Youth. The group assists Hornell youth struggling with social and emotional problems that may be associated with drug or alcohol abuse or pre-delinquent behavior. The effort is made to help them help themselves to solve the problems that confront them.

The Genesis Activity Day Program received \$1,126 from the Steuben Task Force. This program provides special services to handicapped adults. Community volunteers and handicapped individuals are brought together in a creative, motivating social setting where people helping people is an important value.

In the Chemung-Schuyler Region, \$855 was awarded to the Coalition for Criminal Justice. The \$6,600 "Wild Card" fund also went to the coalition, increasing their total grant to \$7,455. The project will extend services and resources, primarily through volunteers, to inmates at the Chemung County Jail, both during and following their incarceration.

The Dewitts Marching Unit was given \$875 by the Chemung-Schuyler Task Force. The marching unit was organized by parents and others in Elmira's Dewittsburgh Housing Development to give underprivileged youth an opportunity to participate in an activity which enhances their social and physical growth.

The Tompkins-Tioga Task Force allocated \$1,000 of its money to Citizens for Municipal Power in Ithaca. This group encourages citizen support for a feasibility study in Ithaca to examine whether a publically-owned utility might offer cheaper rates and better efficiency for consumers than the present privately-owned utility. They noted that final approval of any change would come through a voter referendum.

The Community Peace Program, funded with \$700 of Tompkins-Tioga money, seeks to make creative peace a conscious and the possible goal in our society by working with children, teachers and parents. The

program's thrust is toward building a strong, responsible community.

The Cayuga County Homesite Development Corporation was given \$1,000 by the Cayuga-Seneca Task Force to assist them in providing short-term loans for security deposits for low-income families.

Literacy Volunteers received \$400 from the Cayuga-Seneca Task Force to cover the cost of books and materials used to teach and train volunteers. This program helps illiterate people of all ages and circumstances to read and write.

The Cayuga-Seneca Task Force awarded \$400 to FISH (Friends in Service Here) to cover insurance, telephone and mailing costs. FISH provides volunteer drivers to transport people to medical facilities.

The Spanish Association of the Finger Lakes received \$100 from the Cayuga-Seneca Task Force to enable them to support and maintain their present Spanish Center. The association seeks to develop the social and economic status of Spanish-Americans.

Cayuga-Seneca also awarded \$500 to the Parenting Skills Project of Cayuga Counseling Services. This project has been set up to demonstrate the need for and the effectiveness of parent training programs involving young, single mothers.

Number 10,000 And Still Counting

BY JOAN M. SMITH

Tonight at 7, Msgr. Joseph Cirrincione will go on the air with the 10,000th broadcast of his Family Rosary for Peace.

The broadcasts have been continuous, seven days a week for more than 27 years—a phenomenon unforeseen by Msgr. Cirrincione and Frank Wolfe when they launched the program as a one-time Lenten feature in 1950. The program originates at St. Francis of Assisi, where the director was pastor until his retirement this year.

Enthusiasm for the program was so great that it became a permanent fixture at WSAY and not as a public service program, but as the priest insisted, a paid radio time slot. He realized public service spots could be dropped and that is what happened to most of the

rosary programs which at that time were being broadcast across the nation. He also opted for a half hour program rather than a 15 minute one so there would be time for meditation and discussion. His foresight led to an innovative touch introduced five years ago; a news segment which he explained, "Keeps people abreast of religious news and gives the program balance."

Today, the Family Rosary for Peace which is broadcast over Auburn and Corning stations as well as TV cable systems and even at times in Buffalo, reaches into all corners of the diocese. Expenses run high, as much as \$50,000 indicated Wolfe and are subsidized by donations from the listening audience. According to Wolfe these donations come in all sums from the "widow's mite" to

bequests of several hundred dollars. "Over the years," he chuckled, "we've managed to keep one step ahead of the sheriff."

Wolfe was the first person Msgr. Cirrincione went to with his rosary program idea and their success is history. In reminiscing about the nearly three decades of the program's operation, Wolfe fondly recalled his privilege of driving the late Bishop James Kearney to the broadcasting center at the former rectory of St. Francis of Assisi Church where he would recite the rosary which he did on every feast day of the Blessed Mother.

Msgr. Cirrincione explained that only through the financial donations and constant flow of letters do they know of the support of the program but that it has been steady and has increased which he emphasized, "as significant

especially in the face of the decline in the devotion to the rosary.

What is the secret of the program's success?

"It has been possible," he said, "because the Lord has wanted it and has blessed it. It has divine assistance."

Both gentlemen agreed that the incredible fact is that throughout the years there have always been people who have gathered every night to participate in the broadcasts which in the priest's opinion is the Lord's will. "In His eyes," he declared, "it serves an important service."

And tonight, it will be the Lord's business as usual with perhaps a mention of the happy occasion but as Msgr. Cirrincione, happily acknowledged, "We've reached an important milestone, and now we keep going."



The power of prayer is attested to by Frank Wolfe and Monsignore Cirrincione, two happy people on this special anniversary of the Family Rosary for Peace Program.