



Father Charles Mulligan, director of the Office of Social Ministry, delivers keynote speech.

OHD Funds Awarded

By MARTIN TOOMBS

Elmira—Representatives from the groups benefiting from the Campaign for Human Development joined campaign board members for dinner and the presentation of grant checks at St. Casimir's July 8.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan presented the checks, totaling \$25,740, to representatives of the 14 diocesan groups awarded funds by regional task forces.

Keynote speaker for the evening was Father Charles Mulligan, diocesan Director of Social Ministry.

Bishop Hogan welcomed the representatives, and expressed his support for their work and for the work of the Campaign for Human

Development. He also assured those in attendance that the recent vote by the nation's bishops to extend the Campaign for one year is not a sign of lack of support for the program, but an expression of the bishops' commitment to examine all national collections.

Eleven of the 14 groups benefiting from this year's local grants were represented at the dinner. The representatives received the checks and explained their groups' activities.

Three criminal justice coalitions received grants. The Monroe County Coalition for Criminal Justice will use their funds for an information and education project; the Wayne County Jail Program will offer educational

opportunities to inmates, and the Chemung County Coalition for Criminal Justice will increase its counseling of prisoners during and after incarceration in the county jail.

Other grants went to the Hornell Area Concern for Youth, working with troubled teenagers; the Spanish Association of the Finger Lakes in Geneva, and the Genesis Activity Day Program for handicapped adults in Perkinsville.

Also receiving funding were the Parenting Skills Project and Friends in Service Here in Auburn, the Jefferson Center in Rochester, Citizens for Municipal Power in Ithaca, and the Ithaca-based Community Peace Program.

Additional grants went to

the Cayuga County Homesite Corporation and the Literacy Volunteers in Auburn and the Dewitts Marching Band, based in Elmira's Dewittsburgh Housing Development

Father Mulligan began his talk by noting the "very moving" effect caused by hearing of the various groups' activities.

Groups funded by the campaign represent grass roots attempts to solve large problems. Father Mulligan pointed out. As an example, he noted that it has been estimated that a tenth grade education is necessary to complete the forms required of a person living in the United States. But many of the Puerto Ricans living in the Rochester area have only a third grade education, and that's in another language.

Another situation, Father Mulligan pointed out, is that 16,000 persons pass through the county jails in the diocese each year, and little is ever done for them. No changes are being made in the prison system, even though "everybody in the system will tell you it doesn't work," he said. And when groups attempt to work with prisoners, they find many barriers to their work, and they had "better not make mistakes." The whole problem is "huge," he noted, and it is just one problem.

To solve such difficult problems, imagination is needed, he explained, and imagination isn't going to come without work. This is at a time when community



Jonathan Cotterill, Citizens for Municipal Power, Ithaca, addresses the assembly as Bishop Hogan looks on.

organizing is becoming more difficult, and when financial restraints are a problem, he noted. Community Chests are moving towards cooperation with federal programs rather than community efforts, he stated, and aren't assisting creative social programs.

The Campaign for Human Development is then a source for funds to assist the "intelligent, experienced, caring people" who operate community programs such

as those represented at the dinner, Father Mulligan said.

Social problems will never come to an end, Father Mulligan pointed out, but those involved in social issues will have to continue the fight. He also noted that the Church should never withdraw from making the effort to bridge the gaps in society, so that society "can be one, with God, and one with each other."

Business Manager Aids Parish Ministry

By MARTIN TOOMBS
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Ithaca—A business employing 35 people, with an annual budget exceeding \$350,000 should have someone who devotes their time to the operation of that business. And during this time of increasing demands on parish priests, parish business duties shouldn't be allowed to occupy too much of the pastor's time.

That decision, made three years ago by the Immaculate Conception Parish Council, resulted in the hiring of a full time business manager.

"I look on my job as something that relieves the priests of all the administrative duties," Anthony Leach, the business manager since that time stated. Without a business manager, "we'd basically lose a priest to administration," he explained.

Immaculate Conception is a large parish, with three priests, a pastoral assistant and a school with 250 pupils, the parish covers 220 square miles, and has 2,000 families "It's a business," Leach pointed out, "and it's got to be run as such."

While involved in the business operations of the parish, Leach notes that his position actually is an aid to the parish's ministry, by freeing the parish's priests from administrative duties.

Leach's responsibilities cover the range of parish activities, ordering supplies, completing paperwork for the school cafeteria, monitoring the maintenance of parish buildings, keeping cemetery records, and preparing cost analyses and

budgets for the parish council to consider. He also supervises parish employees, except those in the school and the parish priests.

The most important advantage of having a business manager, Leach said, is that he is able to seek good prices for items the parish needs. He noted that several parish picnics were held during June, and that he ordered all the necessary supplies at once, and got a good price. Items leftover, he noted, will be saved for the parish festival in September. Daily monitoring of funds, to keep as much as possible in interest-bearing accounts, also is a saving for the parish, he noted, and something that would be difficult without daily control of parish finances.

He makes recommendations concerning parish operations to the finance committee, Leach noted, and he added that he has a good relationship with the group. He isn't always regarded as a "good guy," he commented, as he is always talking about money and financial realities, but he said, it is important for costs of parish programs to be understood.

Reflecting on his three

ALCOHOLISM SEMINAR

Elmira—Esat Cirpili, MD, psychiatrist, Steuben-Schuyler Unit Chief at the Elmira Psychiatric Center, will be the guest speaker at an alcoholism seminar Thursday, July 21 at 12:15 p.m. in the Doctors Meeting Room of St. Joseph's Hospital. His topic will be "Reluctance of Physicians Diagnosing Alcoholism."

years as business manager, Leach noted that "I think it's worked very well," and that the planning and cost monitoring have allowed the parish to reduce its debts.

A parish business manager isn't the solution in every parish, Leach commented. Some probably can't afford a full time position, he pointed out, and other systems for administration may work well. Especially in smaller parishes, he noted, a part time manager or an active finance committee could perform the same functions.

SOUTHERN TIER AUBURN-GENEVA

St. Bona Fund Drive Successful

St. Bonaventure, N.Y. St. Bonaventure University received nearly \$1 million in financial support during the 1976-77 academic year according to figures released by the Very Rev. Mathias F. Doyle, OFM, University president

Pledges and contributions from individual donors, government grants and foundation support totaled \$917,779.78.

The Annual Funds Drive, in which the alumni compose the largest portion, recorded nearly \$360,000 in gifts. Other gifts included parents, friends, bequests and business gifts



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

To Florence Young Cuddy (widow of brother George), Auburn.

Sorry to miss you Tuesday while you were in Corning with niece Mary and family.

Had lunch at Holy Family with Msgr. Sullivan and Fr. Bill Gaynor, who celebrated the noonday Mass. (Today is our classmate's 12th anniversary, Father Jack Tressy, RIP.)

Before lunch I phoned brother Joe. "Are you free to go to Syracuse to see our sister Florence?" "What time?" "About 3 p.m." "Fine. But you better phone first to see if she's in. The family has engaged a young woman to care for her, and she is out a lot." We had a good visit, but it would break your heart to see our "baby sister" now so helpless and confused. Thank God she is well cared for.

Celebrated Mass at the local nursing home here in Webster. Mary Meagher Murphy is a resident there. Recently she fell and broke her hip, which causes some recession. Her daughter Maura comes to see her every day. Father Ralph Neagle stopped in to see Mary, and she was thrilled. He was home from his semi-retirement from the VA chaplaincy at Asheville, NC for their Auburn High School class reunion

What a cross sickness is, not only for the sick but for

those who love them. When Bishop Sheen assigned me to St. James Hospital in Hornell in 1962, he asked me to encourage the sick to offer their pains and frustrations as a prayer in union with Our Lord's passion, in reparation for the sins of the world.

Father Joe Keating of LaCrosse, Wis. diocese is chaplain at Canandaigua VA Hospital. He was going on leave to Ireland, and asked me to fill in Fridays and Saturdays during his absence. This gives some assistance to his confrere, a San Francisco Vincentian, Father Ed Sullivan. He was a missionary in Taiwan for many years. Last Friday I reported in for the first weekend. I had filled in before so was familiar with the routine. It includes calling on each new Catholic patient the day after he comes to the hospital—a kind of religious Welcome Wagon call; daily Mass, anointings, which are frequent, confessions and general availability

The VA has 1,000 patients. It seems to be administered superbly. While I don't know many of the upper echelon, I see their work and admire it. The nurses, aides and sundry workers have a genuine concern for the patients, making a kind of "family spirit." However tragic many patients are, their relatives should have some consolation in knowing of their care.

Since my assignment is right through from 9 a.m. Friday to Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and I am on call for night emergencies, I stay at Fr. K's quarters, only five minutes away. A tiny widow, Ann Harper, is the housekeeper, and most solicitous Friday night she put on a supper for Fr. Sullivan and me which were it frequent would give us the waddles.

You remember Steve and Harriet Riley. You were on the Ireland tour with them, and their daughter, Sister Stephanie, principal of St. Stanislaus School, and her godmother, Mrs. Hevern. Steve was retired from the police force after 42 years' service. He died unexpectedly Wednesday. I rarely go to wakes or funerals, but did get to Steve's. It was moving. A cadre of young policemen were pall bearers. A lot of Sisters were there, visible in their religious habits. I wonder if the Sisters realize what their communities have lost through their fading into secular anonymity. The worn rosary in Steve's hands recalled the number of times I had observed him quietly saying those beads while Fr. and I prepared for Mass.

The Riley children composed a tender memorial salute, which included, "His God was real to him. He said his rosary daily, and worshipped with his wife for many years at St. Ann's... He had great compassion for others in need, especially for the men at St. Joseph's Hospitality hours; and he really rejoiced with other people." Which recalls a favorite quotation from St. Paul: "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" (Rom. xii)

One of your own great graces is your capacity to be happy at the good of others. May your children and your children's children have that same blessed grace

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