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Hand in Hand, a joint venture of Monroe County Cooperative Extension and WEDGE, is working with residents in the Brown Square, Edgerton and Dutchtown areas of northwest quadrant of the city, helping them with home repairs. Hand in Hand's program has no income requirements and offers free labor assistance until the home repair job is completed. Further information is available through 325-3781.

Father Paul Shanley:

'Gays' Not Angry Enough

By JOHN DASH

It is Father Paul Shanley's contention that "the crimes of the Church and society against homosexuals cry out to heaven for vengeance"

Father Shanley, who, since 1970, has been the Archdiocese of Boston's minister to sexual minorities, recently spoke in Rochester, first to a clergy conference and later to a public assembly, on both his ministry and on the role of the homosexual in the Church.

At the latter meeting, sponsored by Dignity/Integrity, an ecumenical group of Roman Catholics and Episcopalians concerned with the place of homosexuals in the Church, Father Shanley noted that among the clergy "hundreds and hundreds won't work with 'gays' because of their fear for their reputation"

Because of this, he said, "homosexuals can't avoid being their own ministers"

Regarding this situation, he stated that "Gay people

Catholic Parents Quiz Candidates

The local chapter of the State Federation of Catholic School Parents has mailed a questionnaire to each City Council and School Board candidate standing for election Nov. 8. Questions focus on the fiscal relationship between the two bodies and the matter of providing transportation for non-public school students. Results will be made known to all city residents who have children in Catholic schools according to the new president of the parents' organization, Mrs. Gma Ouwelen.

Members who serve as liaisons to the schools will meet at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 18 in

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are not angry enough. They don't realize that they have come to live with a structure that is both degrading and immoral"

"There's no morality to an orientation," he said, "but rather to what you do with it"

He said that for homosexuals to "use their orientation to exploit people" is an example of an immoral act

But, he further stated that, "crimes of injustice against 'gays' far outweigh the sins of 'gays' themselves."

Father Shanley, who describes himself as a "pastor" although not formally assigned to a single church, noted in a later interview that his ministry "just sort of grew" from a ministry to run-aways and abandoned children during the late 1960s. He is the founder of Exodus, a ministerial program to such children

He also noted that his ministry to homosexuals is but a part of his duties as

St. Ambrose School, Empire at Culver, to discuss a fund drive planned for the week of Oct. 24. Catholic school parents will be asked to contribute \$1 per family. All of the school parents' clubs are invited to the Oct. 18 meeting.

Officers of Catholic School Parents include Robert A. Haehl, vice president, Mrs. Pat Thomas, secretary, and Richard Smeeringer, treasurer.

minister to sexual minorities "There are at least 30 sexual minorities," he said.

"No one chooses to be a homosexual," he said. "Since there's no choice — no will — there is no sin."

"What you do with your homosexuality, however, can be criminal and sinful," he cautioned.

He challenged what he called an "Irish Catholic sexual mentality," which, he said, "has made it virtually impossible for homosexuals to take an active role in the Church."

He said that the two options offered by many today in the Church, "either be cured or be celibate are no options at all"

"Homosexuality is not a sickness," he said, "and celibacy is a chosen charism, and to make that a requirement first of all doesn't work and second is unjust."

Father Shanley acknowledged that his presence in Rochester was "playing second fiddle to John McNeill." Father McNeill had originally been slated to deliver both the clergy conference and the public lecture. Two weeks prior to his speaking date, however, Father McNeill was informed by his superiors of a Vatican directive to silence on the subject of homosexuality. Father McNeill, in turn, has cancelled speaking engagements on the subject.

"John's obedience and silence are a powerful testimony," Father Shanley said.

Black Ministries Slates 'Forum 77', Oct. 16

The Office of Black Ministries (OBM) will sponsor "Forum 77" a program designed to "strengthen the internal membership and structures of OBM," on Sunday, Oct. 16.

Hurst, attorney, Judge Reuben Davis and Constance Mitchell, program director of Rochester Jobs, Inc.

Forum 77 will begin at 12 noon with registration at 11:30 a.m. The program will end with a Eucharistic Liturgy and a buffet supper.

Keynote speaker will be Bishop Joseph A. Francis, Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Newark, N.J. According to an OBM release Bishop Francis' address "will focus upon various aspects of the Church within the experience of the Black Community today"

After Bishop Francis' address panel discussions will be led by area leaders of the Black Community. Featured will be William Johnson, Executive Director, Urban League of Rochester, Ronald Good, City Councilman, Lloyd

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