



Parish Drive Nets \$557,304

Horseheads—The parishioners of St. Mary Our Mother Church found another way to spell "Yes," according to Father Bartholomew O'Brien, pastor; the parish family spelled the word in numbers: 5-5-7.

In announcing the preliminary fund drive figures for the construction of the parish's new church, Father O'Brien reviewed the steps taken to date. He said various committees had been asked to look into the feasibility and desirability of building a church structure. Each committee concluded that the project should be undertaken.

The final test would be for all parishioners to share in the decision, he said, and back up their answer with a pledge or contribution.

"You said yes," Father O'Brien continued, "you spelled that 'yes' in numbers: 5-5-7."

Father O'Brien was referring to the pledge and contribution total at that time of \$557,304, \$200,000 more than the pledge drive goal. He said that 1,026 parishioners had made pledges at that point and that 230 still had to be contacted.

"The strength of the 'yes' is reflected in your average

gift of \$543.17," he said, "you are making a sacrifice to build this church."

The fund drive, which began Oct. 2, had a minimum goal of \$350,000. In the planning stages the worker enlistment goal was 382; 563 parishioners actually joined the effort, meeting, praying and going out to contact other parishioners. By mid-week, the minimum goal had been exceeded.

The co-chairpersons for the drive were John Gough, Eileen Gilbert and James Kildea, Sr. Norman McGowan, of State-Wide Counseling Service, was the consultant to the parish effort.

Groundbreaking for the church is planned for May, 1978, with completion slated for August 1979. The anticipated cost of the building is \$750,000. Architects for the project are Teitsch and Kent of Cazenovia.

The parishioners presently worship in a chapel seating about 280 and a gymnasium set up with folding chairs to hold another 450-500. The parish has been without a separate church structure since 1965 when it moved to its present location.



On Mend

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen chats with reporters upon leaving New York City's Lenox Hill Hospital where he had been recuperating from open heart surgery on July 15. In commenting on his hospitalization, Archbishop Sheen said he never really thought of dying. "I knew that if I should leave this earth, I would be with Christ," he said. "If I remained, Christ would be here too." Other story on Page 5. (RNS).

The Shroud of Turin

The More Research the More It Appears Authentic

BY TAMMY TANAKA
Religious News Service

New York — Is the Shroud of Turin a hoax, or is it actually the linen cloth in which Jesus Christ was buried, leaving his imprint on the cloth?

How did the image get there? Could it be a "photographic record" of Jesus at the time of His resurrection? Was the body in fact Jesus?

These are among the questions being discussed by shroud scholars, researchers, and others, and discussed also in a new book on the shroud by Robert K. Wilcox, former religion editor of the Miami News.

Interest in the Shroud of Turin has been increasing in anticipation of the May 1978 world congress on the shroud in Turin, Italy, during which the shroud will be shown publicly for only the fourth time this century. The shroud has been preserved at St. John's Cathedral in Turin, Italy, since 1578.

An assistant at the Holy Shroud Guild, the official U.S. organization for the shroud, said interest in the relic has increased. **Continued on Page 2**



Shroud of Turin

A cardboard relief has been fashioned from three dimensional properties found within the famed Shroud of Turin by Air Force scientists. (RNS)

Pioneer in Food Services Hailed

By JOHN DASH

One of these days, David Hehir will be hanging another plaque on the already crowded walls of his tiny office at M. Egan Co.

The plaque will state that Hehir is 1977 Community Leader of the Year, so designated by the American Biographical Institute of Raleigh, N.C.

Hehir, a parishioner at St. Louis in Pittsford, is president of M. Egan, food wholesalers.

And he's concerned about the way the poor, the elderly, the imprisoned, the institutionalized, and families spend money on nourishment.

In fact, it's because of his pioneering work with prison food services, upgrading them while at the same time lowering the costs to taxpayers, that Hehir is being given the community leader award.

A friend of his, Brother Herman E. Zaccarelli, internationally known nutritional expert for the elderly, describes it more theologically. Hehir, he says, is being recognized for "his leadership in the community towards the development of human life."

Hehir himself is modest about the award, quickly changing the subject to the unsung work of one diocesan priest whose life is dedicated to "derelicts, alcoholics, drug addicts."

He warms, however, to the topic of his company's development in Rochester, "from a little grocery store on Rosewood Terrace," to the sprawling warehouses on Exchange St.

And he grows especially animated when he describes the M. Egan Co.'s Cash and Carry warehouse outlet at 930 Exchange

John Osowski, the man at the register there, noted last week that Courier-Journal advertising of the outlet drew four people from Auburn a couple of weeks ago.

Hehir points out that the service rendered by the outlet not only includes the sale of small amounts of food at wholesale prices, but also helps in planning meals least expensively.

Hehir sees the outlet as an ideal solution to the problem of rising food costs for convents, rectories, large families, and cooperative food-buying programs.

He also noted that the outlet can be especially useful to persons holding fund-raising dinners. Hehir's staff, he said, can help plan meals costing as little as a dollar a serving — meals

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Members of the Architectural and Building committees at St. Mary Our Mother parish in Horseheads look over model of new church. From left, Betty Lou Crowley; Father Bartholomew O'Brien, pastor; James Hilton, Architectural Committee chairman; John Kremer, co-chairman, building committee; Father John Firpo; Robert Ivers, co-chairman, building committee.



Photo by Terrance J. Brennan
Hehir and Mary Jane Anderson, a food service consultant from Stamford, Conn., check over the stock in Cash and Carry.