



Father Peter Bayer, diocesan director of planning, right, stands with William J. Brown, diocesan controller of data processing, and Mrs. Joan Zaia, coordinator of pastoral planning services, along side the Qantel 1400 Computer and three terminals.

## Parishes Can Count On New Planning Services

A new addition, with a head for figures and instant recall of countless facts, has joined the Office of Pastoral Planning with an eye to expanding and bolstering its services to parishes.

The Qantel 1400 Computer, with three terminals for data input, has been installed at the planning office at the Pastoral Center on Buffalo Road.

The major thrust of the computer services has been in aiding parishes in their census programs. Since its installation in August, Holy Family, Holy Apostles, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony's and St. Andrew's have utilized its capabilities in assembling census information into usable and concise data for planning.

Two other parishes, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport and St. Mary's in Corning, are working with the

planning office to set up censuses in early spring.

"The computerized assistance is tailored to the individual parish's needs and wants," Father Peter T. Bayer, director of pastoral planning, explained. "And we are able to perform these services at a fraction of what the costs would be elsewhere."

While helping the individual parish with its census is the main thrust at present, the computer has other potential for parishes, such as mailing lists, records and history.

As of now, the system is handling diocesan accounting systems and payroll that formerly were sent to outside data processing services. It also was used in the stewardship program at St. Salome's, for projection analysis and population histories for the General Education Department, and mailing labels and personnel statistics.

All the information compiled for parish census programs, stewardship or financial systems is stored on magnetic tape so that it can be updated periodically and be accessible if the parish requires more reports. All information is considered proprietary and confidential and will not be released to any source, except at the direct request of the parish to which it belongs.

When a parish expresses an interest in computer assistance to the office of planning, Father Bayer's department makes a presentation to the parish council. Then the council votes on whether it wants to use the program.

The Office of Pastoral Planning has assumed the financial responsibility for the computer system. According to Father Bayer, it fully expects to generate sufficient income from its services so that it will not be a liability to the diocese.

## DeSales High Salutes Chairman

Geneva— Joë D'Amico, who was chairman for the first 30 months of the fund drive that has kept DeSales High School operating, has been named "alumnus of the month" and will be

guest of honor at a dinner in January.

D'Amico led the Save Our School Committee from its inception in January, 1975, until last September. In celebration of his success, the First Annual 'SOS Past Presidents' Dinner has been arranged for Jan. 21 at Club 86.

### CHEST CHAIRMAN

LaRoy B. Thompson, senior vice president and treasurer of the University of Rochester, has been named chairman of the United Community Chest's endowment committee. Other new committee members include Thomas H. Hawks, trustee and honorary chairman of the board, Rochester Savings Bank, and Sydney R. Rubin, senior partner in the law firm of Harris, Beach, Wilcox, Rubin and Levey. William L. Sutton, M.D., an assistant vice president and assistant director of corporate relations of the Eastman Kodak Co., was named an ex-officio member of the committee. He also is treasurer of the Chest.

The DeSales trustees decided that the school would have to close after the 1974-75 school year. "Jack Bero and myself got together and presented a plan to the board," D'Amico said. "The toughest decision was the one made by the board to reopen the school."

The SOS Committee raised \$100,000, though not in the 30 days originally allowed by the trustees.

"I think there was a stigma of being the un-

derdog that was a motivating factor," D'Amico said. "We got support from alumni, the community and service groups as far away as Syracuse and Rochester."

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## R to L Group Re-elects Polito

William P. Polito, a Rochester attorney, was re-elected to a second term as state delegate to the National Right to Life Committee.

Polito had recently been elected as vice chairman of the National Right to Life Committee and a member of its Executive Committee. Mildred Jefferson, president of the national committee, also named him chairman of the States Organization of national right to life to work in all 50 states and the District of Columbia in organizing state right to life groups. Polito, a partner in the firm of Polito & Anderson, has been active in the right to life movement since 1973.

Officers elected to the state board are Warren Sweeney, chairman; Mary Wright, first vice chairman; Rev. William B. Smith, second vice chairman; Barbara Frederick, secretary; Gertrude Keogh, treasurer.

Helen Greene, the outgoing chairwoman, was given a standing ovation by the board at the election meeting Nov. 11 for her outstanding term of office.

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