

Back 'Ed' Plan, Priests Asked

By CARMEN VIGLUCCI

The diocesan Priests Council, playing catch-up after its December meeting was canceled by the weather, at its January meeting last week sent several proposals to committee, including a "call" for bolstering the Continuing Education Program. The council then scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The special meeting was called to hear a report by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan on four major programs for the future. A Natural Family Planning presentation, erased from yesterday's agenda, also will be on the Jan. 17 schedule.

Last week's meeting was streamlined to give committees the opportunity to work on an increasing work load the same day.

The two main items were a proposal by Joseph Kelly, director of the Continuing Education Program at St. Bernard's Seminary, that the council lend its clout to urging priests to further their training and a series of salary structure proposals from the council's Finance Committee, headed by Father Kevin Murphy.

Kelly asked the council to voice the following three steps:

1. "We call upon the priests of the diocese to arrange their priorities in such a way that they can

take advantage of at least ONE opportunity in continuing education EACH YEAR. Priests ordained before 1969 are asked to make every effort to earn, on a retroactive basis, the basic professional degree (Master of Divinity)."

2. "We call upon the people of the parishes of the diocese to encourage their professional leaders to undertake additional educational experiences by providing them with the necessary TIME for these opportunities and with the FINANCIAL BACKING in the amount of at least \$100 each year for each staff member."

3. "We call upon the Priests Personnel Board to work out procedures whereby assignments will be made in light of the continuing education undertaken by the applicants."

The proposal was referred to the Teaching Mission Committee.

The most controversial item among the Finance Committee's proposals concerned Mass stipends. Three separate plans were submitted and each priest senator will take them back to the blocks they represent for a vote. The council will then vote on them at its next regular meeting in February.

The stipend plans to be voted on are: 1. that the present setup be continued, e.g. the priest who celebrates a stipend Mass

receive the stipend; 2. each priest will decide if he wishes to receive Mass stipends directly or through his salary; 3. if a priest chooses to be compensated through his salary, the Mass stipends, once offered, would go into the parish treasury. If a pastor, he would receive \$125 a month more in salary; if an associate, he would receive \$150 a month more in salary.

After the council meeting, Father Murphy said he personally is in favor of changing the present setup but that he felt the priests probably would vote in favor of the status quo.

Other financial items concerned car allowances, a follow-through on last October's first step of salary

adjustment and possible plans for changing the salary schedule for deacons.

In other business, the council also:

— Received a summary of staff department reports from James Noonan, Bishop Hogan's administrative assistant.

— Heard and referred to committee a proposal by Father Bruce Ammering, chaplain at Monroe County Home and Community Hospital, that priests plan a special tribute to Bishop Hogan;

— And heard a report on the most recent Diocesan Sisters Council meeting from Sister Dorothy Ellen Muldoon.

Regional Highlights

Northeast Region

Special tribute was paid to Gregory Byrne, editor of NERVE the Northeast Region's newsletter, recently by Father Foster P. Rogers, regional coordinator.

In his monthly column for the newsletter Father Rogers warmly thanked Byrne, who has served as NE Regional Assembly president in addition to his duties with NERVE, for the "time and effort Greg has put into the region."

"Greg is indeed a pioneer as he kept his vision on what a region could be and never let anything hinder him in striving toward that vision. His dedication and achievement are an inspiration to everyone who knows him.

Father Rogers also thanked Irma D'Argento who is stepping down as regional secretary and staff member of NERVE, due to ill health.

The Family Life Committee of the Church of the Resurrection continues its "Focus on Family" series tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. This

NAZARETH ELECTED

Nazareth College has been elected an associate member of the prestigious National Association of Schools of Music. Sister Marion Moctor, vice president for academic affairs, has announced.

Nazareth is one of 14 new schools gaining membership in the association which comprises approximately 475 universities, colleges, conservatories and community colleges throughout the United States.

month's topic will be "Family in Today's Society." The sessions are held at the Parish Center, 63 Mason Rd., Fairport. Admission is one dollar. Next month's presentation, "We Were Never Their Age — The Why of the Communication Gap" is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 7.

This year's Standing Committee chairpersons are Sister Mary Louise Hefernan, S.S.J., for Liturgy, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Ritchlin, Human Development, and Sister Joseph Gilmary, S.S.J., Education.

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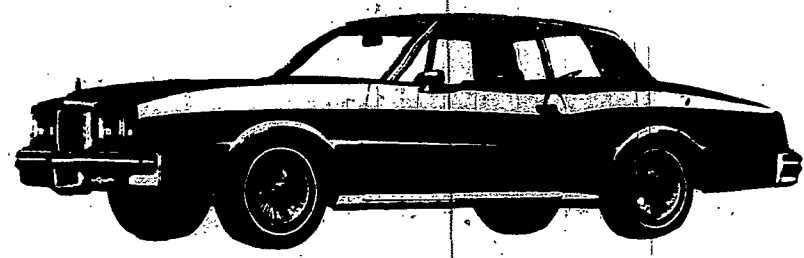
- American Cancer Society** — Free eight week smoking withdrawal clinic, Jan. 16, 12-1 p.m., Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Ave., pre-registration requested, call 461-3800
- Ice Fishing Derby** — Bonaparte Retreat Marina and Campsite, Harrisville, N. Y., east of Watertown on Route 3, Jan. 28-Feb. 26. All registration and entries to be made at marina
- Colgate Divinity School** — Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration, Jan. 16; special services in auditorium, 10 a.m.
- Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra** — Concert featuring pianist Fou Ts'ong, Eastman Theater, Jan. 12, 8 p.m.; Jan. 14, 8:30 p.m.
- Ballet Hispanico of New York** — Nazareth Arts Center, Friday, Jan. 27, 8:30 p.m.
- Cancellation** — The Jan. 14-15 performances of the Multigravitation Aerodance Group at the Mime workshop
- Scripture Series** — Father Sebastian Falcone, Acts of the Apostles, 7:30-9 p.m., Jan. 16, 21, 30 at St. John the Evangelist, 549 Humboldt St.
- Holy Apostles** — Mothers Club meeting, school hall, Jan. 18, 8 p.m.
- Holy Spirit, Penfield** — Charismatic Mass celebrated by Father Frederick Bush, pastor, 8 p.m. tomorrow, all welcome
- Learning Disabilities Association** — Ruth Haber, clinical psychologist, on testing and interpretation of results, tonight, 8-10, Penfield High School
- Friends, Inc.** — Cabin party for singles 18 to 35, Sunday noon, Jan. 15, Wadham Lodge, Powder Mill Park, \$2.50
- Seniors' Matinee** — Algiers, 1919 drama, 1:30 p.m. tomorrow, Dryden Theatre, Eastman House, refreshments, discussion
- Classic Film Series** — My Favorite Brunette, 2 and 8 p.m. tomorrow, Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum
- Cinema and Speakers** — In the Beginning, Lord Kenneth Clark's film on Egypt and Nile Valley, talk by Don Licht of Buffalo Museum of Science, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, Rochester Museum
- Strasburgh Planetarium** — The Invisible Universe, new show on radio astronomy, daily at 8 p.m., plus weekend matinees, through March 26; How to See a Flying Saucer, daily at 7:30 p.m. For pre-schoolers, Jan. 11, Wonderful Rocket, 9:50 a.m., Magic Sky, 1 p.m. Box office 244-6060, ext. 56
- Films Sandwiched-in** — Continuing free program at Rundell Library, 115 South Ave., Tuesdays at 12:12 p.m., sponsored by Friends of the Rochester Public Library
- Art a la Carte** — Weekly program at Memorial Art Gallery, Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Tomorrow A Touch of Magic, illustrated talk by Jacquie Adams on Maxfield Parrish
- Lunchtime Theatre** — At GeYa, 168 S. Clinton, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 12:15 p.m. Through Jan. 19, Sweet Bitters, theatrical presentation of black poetry and jazz, featuring Nancy DuPre, poet, and The Existing Reality, jazz ensemble.
- Piano Recital** — Fredrica Prior-Phillips, Wednesday noon, Jan. 18, Rush Rhees Library, University of Rochester

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