

Bishops Council to Seat Diocesan

By MARTIN TOOMBS

A Rochester man has been elected to a council that advises the nation's bishops.

John Crowe, a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Rochester, was one of two diocesan delegates to a regional meeting to elect representatives to the United States Catholic Conference (USCC) Advisory Council, and he was elected to a three year term on the council.

Betty Anderson, a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Parish,

Rochester, was the other diocesan delegate.

Crowe will serve as one of 60 delegates on the council drawn from throughout the country.

The Advisory Council meets twice yearly for three days, before the nation's bishops meet in October and May, to study issues that will be before the bishops, and offer their recommendations.

Crowe, a graduate of Eden High School and the University of Notre Dame with History and Juris Doctor degrees, is a member

of the law firm Martin, Dutcher, Mousaw, Vigdor and Reeves of Rochester. He has been a member of St. John the Evangelist's parish council formation committee and of the council. He also has served on the Monroe County Bar Association's Committee on Aging and Disabled, has been a volunteer attorney for the Center for Youth Services, and chairman of the City of Rochester Board of Ethics.

Mrs. Anderson is a graduate of the Rochester Board of Education Beauty School and Oswego State University. She is a vocational technical teacher with the Rochester school system and a state examiner for cosmetology.

She also is a member of the Ministerial Review Committee of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, vice president of the Black Ministeries Board, and vice chairperson of the Immaculate Conception parish council.

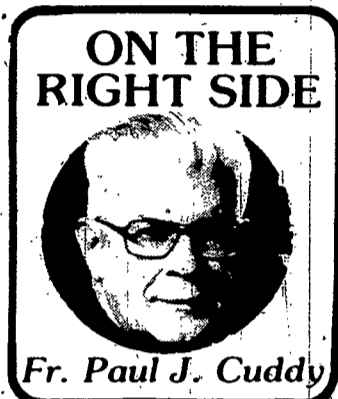
In addition to the 12 laymen and 12 laywomen representing the regions, the Advisory Council includes

regional representatives from priests, bishops and religious, and 18 at-large members.

The Advisory Council bylaws describe it as an "instrument of understanding and unity in assisting the bishops in the United States in their apostolic service to Christ's Church."

The council's specific duties include reviewing the reports and activities of the secretariats of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) as requested by the NCCB Administrative Committee, and advising the NCCB Administrative Committee and the USCC Administrative Board on issues presented to the council or raised by council members. The council reports to the Administrative Committee and Administrative Board at the spring and fall meetings of the two bodies.

The Advisory Council meets in closed sessions; statements to the press on the deliberations are allowed only by permission of the USCC General Secretary.



ON THE RIGHT SIDE

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

The day after Christmas I phoned Fr. Kress at Rush. "Tomorrow is Father Matt Siudara's funeral. Can you join me at St. Stanislaus and after Mass we can have lunch, and then go to see some of those parishes we've never seen?" "Yes. See you tomorrow."

I wanted to go to Fr. Siudara's funeral for three reasons: 1) he is a priest; 2) he was a loyal reader of OTRSide column, and extended courage; 3) I have a special affection for the Polish people, partly for their deep Catholic faith; partly from my esteem for Fr. Adamski, who was my good associate at Clyde for five years.

St. Stanislaus is an immense, beautiful church. The Christmas decorations and fir trees reflected both Bethlehem and Poland. Fr. Siudara lay in serene dignity. His aged mother and family were so sorrowful. Pastor Alex Stec was quietly moving in the background. The church was filled. The music was quality. This parish has given many priests to the diocese, and the most recently ordained, Fr. Kawiak, had given a moving sermon the night before. Next to be ordained, Father Dole of Holy Ghost, soon to have a gall bladder operation, served as deacon. Father Eugene McFarland, a classmate, gave the morning sermon, using the text from John 13: "I have given you an example, so that you will do what I have done." In nine minutes he wove a verbal tapestry of Fr. Siudara's life of quiet, modest, priestly service. At the end Bishop Hogan gave a warm reminiscence of their days at St. Andrews' Seminary.

After the funeral Fr. Kress and I went to the parish hall where parishioners had spread a hearty lunch. The first to come were a bus load of parishioners from Newark Valley and Katonk. They had made the 130-mile trek, with Fr. Eugene Weis, in affection for the priest who had served them for 17 years, with quiet fidelity.

After lunch, Fr. K and I started the tour of unknown parishes. First to Our Lady of Mercy in Irondequoit. Priests jokingly refer to the rectory as the

"the rectory in the swamp," because there is a little brook running through the center room which is a kind of hot house. Abp. Sheen with some whimsy referred to it as "the Garden of Eden." Fr. Heindl had just come for a conference with co-pastor Fr. Amann - Fr. Latus was out - but he gave us a quick showing of the rectory. The church next door was intended to become eventually a gymnasium, but it is nicely adapted as a church, even as St. Cecilia's.

Next, to St. Lawrence. This combines traditional and modern architecture to make a devotional House of God. The rectory is new, practical and homey. The cook gave us coffee and cookies as Fr. John Murphy presided as host. Fr. Vasile was out.

On to St. Jude's, where the inventive Fr. John Steger had converted a barn into a chapel-like parish church. A new rectory is also his brainchild. It is immense, combining the priests' living quarters in one section, and the rest: catechetical and meeting rooms, and offices enough for a military regiment, all well-equipped. Parishioners furnished skills and labor as well as cash, and astonishingly the building is out of debt.

It was 5 p.m., damp and dark, when we got to St. Christopher's with the falling cross atop the multi-purpose building. The plant leaves me cold, especially thinking of the psalmist: "I have loved the beauty of Thy House, O God, and the place where Thy glory dwellest." Fortunately the parishioners persevere in piety and goodness despite this blatantly pragmatic structure, thanks to God's grace and holy leadership.

We had intended to go to Fr. Roy Haggerty's wake Mass at 8 p.m. at Livonia, but the day had been long, and the distance would be a total of another 60 miles. The night was bitter cold. So we stopped at an Italian restaurant in Chili for a tossed salad, lasagna with a glass of Lambrusco wine, and coffee. Fr. K returned to Rush; I to Webster and finished the daily prayers of the breviary at 9 p.m. Our gifted Eastman organist, Mr. Tom Crawford, had given me a recording of Bach's "Magnificat" for Christmas saying: "You keep asking 'What is there about Bach that genuine musicians are so ecstatic about him?' If you listen several times to this, you will find the answer." I put the "Magnificat" on the fine stereo which the people of Clyde and Savannah gave me when I left there in 1967, relaxed, pondering over the day, and giving thanks to Our Sovereign Lord and Our Lady.

Father Falcone Giving Series on Scriptures

Father Sebastian Falcone of St. Bernard's Seminary will present a Scripture Series on the Acts of the Apostles entitled "In the Afterglow of the Resurrection: The Acts." Sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of St.

John the Evangelist Parish, Humboldt Street, the series will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Mondays, Jan. 16, 23, and 30.

The weekly topics will be "How They Brought the Good News: Who, What, When? Where and How" (Jan. 16); "Crossroads: Old Pilgrims and New Vistas" (Jan. 23); and "Paul of Tarsus: Journeyman for Christ" (Jan. 30).

Father Falcone has done graduate work in English, Semitic Languages and Biblical Theology and has taught courses in each of these areas. He has contributed to learned publications and encyclopedias, directed the seminary curriculum project of the Academic Deans of the East Coast Conference, and initiated a Laity Spirituality Week in 1964.

In addition to being academic dean and professor of New Testament Studies at St. Bernard's Seminary, he has directed and taught in many Adult Education programs, in both Catholic and ecumenical settings.

All are welcome.

Agency Granted Full Designation

The Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency has won full designation from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to serve as the official agency in the nine-county area surrounding Rochester for health planning, review of proposed health services and facilities, and health resource development.

The FLHSA becomes only the ninth of more than 200 health systems agencies in the country to be granted full designation.

Full designation is given to agencies that have met all the criteria of the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974. "It is recognition that we can do the job," said Anthony J. Mott, executive director of the FLHSA.

Roman Feast

The Holy Apostles Mother's Club is sponsoring a Roman Holiday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m. at the school hall. Dinner will be prepared by the House of Costanza's and music to dance by will be provided by the Town Squires from 9-1 a.m.

Tickets are \$16.50 per couple and for reservations call Grace Labste, chairman, 464-0737 or Ceal Muous at 458-1573.

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Jazz Concert

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