

Budget Priorities Scrutinized by DPC

By MARTIN TOOMBS

The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) discussed diocesan priorities proposed by the Ministerial Review Committee (MRC) at its meeting Saturday at Becket Hall, and, in its own ranking, proposed changes.

The priorities will be used by the MRC for analysis of the upcoming diocesan budget. The committee will take the DPC's comments and ranking into consideration.

Much of the DPC's discussion, which was more than one hour long, concerned liturgy and the first priority, education.

Father John Mulligan noted that liturgy is "where we really gather our parish community together," and that liturgy should be ranked higher than the sixth position given by the MRC.

Beth Stefano of Tompkins-Tioga agreed, noting that some people sitting in the pews are unchurched, as they are "not being reached by the liturgy."

Sister Josepha Kennedy, an MRC member, said that the committee ranked liturgy sixth because it felt that liturgy is "already somewhat well taken care of."

During discussion of the "Education" priority, MRC members pointed out that they discussed calling the category "Growth in Leadership," or having categories for education and for leadership.

A few members, including Father Charles Latus, Our Lady of Mercy co-pastor, questioned the need to make education the first priority, noting the extensive efforts already expended on education. Father Latus said that the continued emphasis on education is "making it very difficult to see and address other concerns."

In its own ranking of the categories, the DPC moved liturgy up to the third position. The DPC's ranking was Education, the Unchurched, Liturgy, Neighborhood Ministry, Sacredness of Life, Small

Communities and Structure in Service of Ministry.

Discussing it for the third time, the DPC committees offered opinions on the proposal from St. Michael's, Rochester, to limit bingo games.

Sister Mary Jean Smith reported that the Teaching Mission Committee recommended that action to limit games be taken on the regional rather than diocesan level. The Worship and Life Committee, Gail Raymond noted, suggested that parishes find other methods of fund raising, to reduce dependence on bingo games. The issue will remain with the DPC Executive Committee.

Betty Anderson and John Crowe, diocesan candidates to the Region II meeting to elect delegates to the USCC Advisory Council, reported to the DPC. Crowe, who was elected to the council, noted that it was not "a national pastoral council," but that it has been influential. He reported that the Campaign for Human Development and approval

Hilda Stebbins, DPC member from Chemung-Schuyler, has been organizing the DPC Retreat for this year, which will be Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday Feb. 18, at the Cenacle Retreat House on East Avenue in Rochester.

Mrs. Stebbins was scheduled to explain the preparations to the DPC at Saturday's meeting, but she was taken ill. Not to be prevented from having her time to prepare the members she recorded a cassette tape describing the retreat to be played at the meeting.

She stressed the need for members to be properly prepared for the retreat, and asked them to pray for its success. She requested that they bring their Bibles with them, but leave behind other diversions, and be prepared to fully participate for the entire retreat.

The team offering the retreat will be Ted Auble, Mary Jo Brach, Joe Kelly and Sister Barbara Moore, who is acting as convener for the team.

of Communion in the hand were issues which began in the council.

Crowe said that he considers his election "as an honor and a challenge," and that he is "looking forward to this experience."

Mrs. Anderson reported on the meeting, and that 18 at-large council memberships are yet to be filled. Following the presentations, Father Mulligan offered a

resolution calling for Bishop Hogan to see if he can get Mrs. Anderson appointed an at-large member. The resolution was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Two items placed on the agenda by the Teaching Mission Committee, a proposed diocesan tuition policy and a philosophical statement on religious education, were taken back to committee.

The recommendations on tuition included provisions for a minimum tuition of \$200 per family and for parishes to provide assistance to parishioners attending school in another parish. Sister Mary Jean, committee chairperson, explained that the \$200 figure was not a definite one.

Dr. Andrew Molloy, Chemung-Schuyler, questioned the fact that consolidations were not mentioned in the proposed policy. Father Latus noted that income tax implications, currently being discussed by the federal government, need to be considered. Other members questioned items in the proposal, and Sister Mary Jean said that the committee would study the issue further.

The proposed philosophical statement on religious education was criticized for its characterization of public education, and also will be studied further by the committee.

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OHD Changes Listed

Personnel changes in the Office of Human Development were announced by the Pastoral Office last week.

Father George Wiant, Northern Tier director of Rural Human Development, has been granted a study leave to pursue a basic unit in Clinical Pastoral Education in Texas.

Father William Spilly of the central office of OHD will replace Father Wiant.

Father Spilly will reside at St. Anne's in Palmyra and work in Wayne, Ontario, Yates, Cayuga and Seneca Counties.

Father Wiant will be reassigned on his return from Harris County Hospital in Houston, Tex., in June.

New Commission

Diocese Focuses on Aging

By MICHAEL GRODEN

A new diocesan department was formally established this past month as a result of a report given by the Rochester delegation to last year's New York State bishops' meeting in Rockville Centre.

The diocesan Commission on Aging, an ecumenical organization designed to support churches (and community agencies) of all denominations in their pastoral ministry with the aging, will deal with

problems common to all senior citizens.

Sister Kathleen Kohl, SSJ, temporary chairperson of the new commission, explained how the program evolved. She said that in December, 1976 Bishop Hogan asked Sister Judith Reger, SSJ, then with the Office of Human Development's ministry to the elderly, to form an ad hoc committee that would study and prepare a report on problems of senior citizens in the diocese. The report was presented at the

Rockville Centre convention.

The eight-member committee conducted a survey of 141 parishes asking what they were doing for their elderly and what each hoped to see in the future. Forty-three parishes (nearly one-third) responded.

Sister Kathleen said that as a result of the study the commission realized that the diocesan elderly needed help on a permanent basis.

In June, 1977 a formal



Contact Group Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, center, completes plans for a push to encourage young men to consider the diocesan priesthood as a vocation. With him are members of his newly created "contact group," which will meet with those interested in such a vocation. From the left, Father Thomas Valenti, Father John Firpo, Father William Lum and Father Donald Schwab. Father Robert Gaudio of Auburn also is a member of the group.

7 to Join Priesthood In Diocese

Seven men will be ordained into the priesthood this Spring for the Diocese of Rochester. They now are serving as deacons in various parishes. They are:

Rev. Mr. John DeSocio, deacon at Assumption Church in Fairport. To be ordained there on Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. He is from St. Anthony's Parish in Elmira and is the son of Peter and Caroline DeSocio.

Rev. Mr. Robert J. Schrader, deacon at Holy Family Church, Rochester. He will be ordained there on Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. He is from Blessed Sacrament Parish and is the son of Norman and Marilyn Schrader.

Rev. Mr. Christopher E.

Linsler, deacon at St. Andrew's Church, Rochester. He will be ordained there on Friday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. He is from St. Catherine's Parish in Addison and is the son of Edward and Helen Linsler.

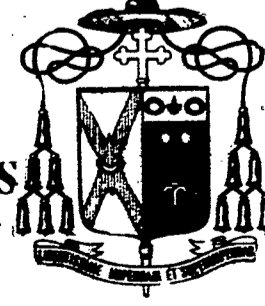
Rev. Mr. James D. Peters, deacon at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Irondequoit. He will be ordained there on Friday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. He is from Holy Ghost Parish, Coldwater (Gates). He is the son of Raymond and Evelyn Peters of Greece.

Rev. Mr. John F. Gagnier, deacon at St. Mary's of the Lake Church in Ontario. He will be ordained there on Friday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. He is from St. Andrew's Parish in Rochester and is the son of William and Virginia Gagnier. His natural mother was the late Kathleen Gagnier.

Rev. Mr. Leo J. Reinhardt, deacon at St. Columba's Church in Caladonia. He will be ordained there on Friday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. He is from St. Boniface Parish in Rochester and is the son of John and Bernice Reinhardt.

Rev. Mr. Robert C. Doell, deacon at Holy Ghost Church in Coldwater (Gates). He will be ordained there on Saturday, May 27, at 11 a.m. He is from St. Stanislaus Parish and is the son of Donald and Florence Doell.

Diocesan Appointments



Father George Wiant, from the Regional Office of Human Development to Houston, Tex. for Clinical Pastoral Education.

Father William Spilly, from the Central Office of Human Development to the regional office.

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