

Problems of Spanish-Speaking Related at DPC Meeting

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Canandaigua—The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) heard a report from the diocese's Spanish council, the Consejo, and discussed several other topics at its meeting Saturday.

Carlos Vargas, Consejo vice president, told the council that 90 percent of the Spanish speaking are baptized Catholics, but that often they drop out of Church activity after coming to the United States. He explained that many feel that they don't fit in in American churches, and so stop attending Mass and participating in other parish activities.

"Our cultural needs are not being met" in most American Catholic churches, Vargas said, emphasizing that Hispanics "need to be part of the parish" and want to be involved in parish activities.

Vargas, speaking after a slide presentation on

Hispanics, also noted that the Consejo is working on a constitution for itself, and soon will be asking other diocesan and parish groups to review it.

Father James Schwartz, chaplain at Rochester General Hospital, described the fair coverage proposal of health care chaplains. The proposal sets a formula to determine what type of chaplaincy a facility receives, full time, part time, or parish.

Father John Mulligan noted that he would like to see sections relating to quality of service in the report. Father Schwartz replied that the diocesan association of chaplains is "very much interested in quality of care" performed by the chaplains, but that the current report didn't try to accomplish everything.

Other questions concerning the proposed formula for coverage were asked, with Father Schwartz explaining the proposed point system. Questions

remained when time for discussion ran out, and members were invited to address questions to Father Schwartz by mail.

The proposed diocesan tuition policy was again taken back to committee, after discussion raising problems with the proposal. Members questioned the meaning or effect of a policy asking each parish to determine a minimum tuition. Sister Mary Jean Smith, chairperson of the Teaching Mission Committee, noted that the issue's complexity was causing difficulty in writing a diocesan policy.

Joanne Zawacki and Thomas Rosica, DPC youth representatives, reported on their attempts to talk with members of their constituency. Rosica detailed problems they had with meetings planned in Rochester, Geneva and Corning. The Geneva meeting was canceled and the Rochester and Corning meetings drew only 25

teenagers, after what Rosica described as a serious communication problem. Ms. Zawacki noted that the persons who did attend the meetings were helpful, and many concerns were raised, primarily youth's interest in being involved in parish activities. She noted that the feeling was that while youth are "the Church of tomorrow," they want to be part of the Church today.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan told the DPC that he would be in Rome April 20, to give his quinquennial report to the Pope. He noted that the 5-year report will be an 80-page summary of what is being accomplished in the diocese.

He also noted that he has taken action regarding the bingo proposal, which was discussed on three occasions by the DPC. He said that he is writing personally to the pastors of the parishes that plan bingo games during the triduum of Holy Week, and ask them to postpone the games.



Neighborhood Visit

Florist Carlton Starks is surrounded by the kids from next door in his North Clinton greenhouse. They are from the St. Joseph Early Childhood Program, which shares a building with his shop. At the rear is Sister Doreen Wozniak, who established the program nine years ago as a ministry of the St. Joseph congregation. Sisters Kathleen McCusker and Pat Flynn also accompanied the group. At right, Fitzroy Vines studies the plant the florist gave him.



Sisters Get Salary Raise

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan last week approved a \$200 increment in the salary paid the sisters of the diocese. Sisters will now be paid \$4100 a year.

With the announcement of the increment, the bishop pointed to a statement of the values and philosophy behind the salary hike.

That statement reads, in part:

TV Mass

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the celebrant of the Mass broadcast on Easter Sunday morning over Channel 10. The televised Mass begins at 8 a.m.

Also, later that morning, Channel 8 will broadcast live from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Easter Sunday Mass celebrated by Cardinal William Baum in Washington, D.C. That program will be televised at 11 a.m.

"As Sisters, commitment to God combines life in Community and service to the People of God. Community life and apostolic service both work together, each to strengthen the quality of the other. Central to understanding of community is the belief, in the principle of pluralism which provides all with great diversity in prayer, life styles, apostolic works, and local government. Sisters are encouraged to live in the kind of situation which will best foster their growth as women of prayer and service in the contemporary Church. Each Sister must receive the support she needs within the local community so that she can grow in prayer and in effective response to the needs of God's people.

"Convents need to be seen not merely as places where Sisters reside, but much more as communities to foster and deepen the prayer life of a Sister and to give strength to her religious commitment. Sharing within

community is a primary aspect of Sisters lives and involves sharing who we are and what we have.

"Thus, homes are meant to be places of welcome, both to those they serve and also to Sisters who wish to join the community. Choices regarding the apostolate and the place of residence are to be made by the individual Sister in consultation with her congregation and local

In anticipation of the observance of the 10th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., on April 14, the Courier-Journal presents this week the first in a series of two essays on the civil rights movement and its future. The Rev. Jesse Jackson this week outlines the economic plight of blacks and other minorities and challenges black leadership to push for "silver rights" rather than "civil rights." Mr. Jackson's essay appears on Page 9



Walking For Life

Area right-lifers will be joining in a protest march at the state Capitol in Albany. See pages 16, 17.

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