



Aquinas Fund Workers

With their motto "Add another five" the men working on the Aquinas Alumni Appeal Drive are in the process of contacting 12,000 Aquinas alumni in reaching a \$75,000 goal. Seated are: Wendel Kleehammer, chairman (class of '40), and Donald Foley, assistant chairman ('38). Standing are: John Coleman ('39), Ray Maginn ('40), Bob DiNicola ('70) and Edward Navarro ('69).

Circus Also Home To Catholic Priest

Sitting in the bleachers, watching the performers of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus next week may well be one of the most unusual members of the troupe, a priest.

He is Father David Hennessy, AA, associate pastor of Guardian Angel of the Sea Church in New York City, and, by appointment from Cardinal Terence Cooke, chaplain to the circus, due in Rochester next Wednesday, April 12.

"The circus makes unusual demands on a chaplain, and I must improvise and take full advantage of fleeting opportunities to exercise my ministry," he says. "But what is most important for me now is getting to know the people and their getting to know, and trust, me."

seen hundreds of performances, but insists, "I never get tired of the shows and my presence seems to encourage the performers and workers."

"My dream is now to travel constantly with my friends of The Greatest Show on Earth."

Father O'Neill To Speak

"It has taken several years of contacts and visits to the Greatest Show on Earth to be accepted by the close-knit circus family," he observes.

"I've always admired circus people for their perseverance and sense of duty, even in the face of adversity. They are aware of their responsibilities in the show and are able to put aside their problems so the show won't suffer."

Father Robert O'Neill, director of the diocesan tribunal, will explain the marriage annulment process Sunday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt St. Parish Center. The St. John's Divorced, Separated or Widowed Catholics Group invites all divorced or remarried Catholics to join them for the program, and hear the annulment process explained by the director of the diocese's tribunal.

Since starting his circus ministry, Father David has

Mercy Sisters Set Weekend Program

Two guest speakers will instruct the Rochester Sisters of Mercy at their Congregational Weekend, this Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9.

Sister Barbara Thomas, superior general of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Ky., will direct a daylong workshop on Church law Saturday at Cardinal Mooney High School. The Rochester sisters are studying the law as it applies to their constitutions, currently under revision. Sister Barbara is a

member of the Canon Law Society of America.

On Sunday, Sister Kieran Lynn, RSM, will speak at the Motherhouse on Spirituality and Prayer. She is director of the Spiritual Life Center for the Providence diocese.

CONCERT CHORALE

The Concert Choral, directed by Sister Virginia Hogan, SSJ, will present its 13th annual spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Nazareth Arts Center.

because they are quite vague on the subject. You would have been startled and amused by the reaction of the congregation. As I called out a rhetorical question, "What is the first thing a pastor expects from a parishioner?" and paused for the thought to sink in, as Fulton Sheen does so effectively, I was flabbergasted to behold, clearly and distinctly on every face, a great big dollar sign! It struck me so funny I laughed aloud in the pulpit, and said, "No. Not money, though that is a necessary item. The first thing a pastor expects is that you be registered in the parish." It was their turn to chuckle. At Mendon, over 100 people bought the Whealon book. So 100 spiritual fruit trees are planted there.

Mendon has four Sunday Masses in the little church and a fifth at the Msgr. Schnacky Hall. If you haven't seen this new building, it's worth a visit. Ample, well planned, with catechetical rooms downstairs and a fine hall and kitchen upstairs. Jesuit Father Frankhauser has the 10 a.m. Mass at the hall. The liturgy and instruction are especially for the children, who come for CCD on Sundays. This Mass has between 400 and 500 souls. All kinds of helpers float in and out of the rectory with great informality. The congregation was small for decades, but now it is expanded. One parishioner said, "Mendon used to have a lot of feeling between Catholics and non-Catholics. Even the dogs used to fight with one another. But ever since ecumenism there is a cordial feeling among the different churches. Even the dogs are friendlier to one another." That ecumenism should so happily modify canine behavior must please Pope John, and Father Guy, who loved dogs so.

Father Schnacky is recovering, but it will take time before he can do full work. A friend in Ovid sent me an Easter note saying that Father Bill Lammers is back home from Strong Memorial Hospital, and will begin work soon. The Capuchin Fathers of Interlaken have been serving the parish during his sickness.

Well, thank you and Father Schwab and Clara and Rena and Mary Louise for the hospitality. Tell Mary Ludden that we have finally gone to Hawaii, but will be back April 9. I hope to see you soon after the return.

ON THE RIGHT SIDE



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

To Father MacNamara, Hornell:

Again let me thank you for your recent hospitality. There are few places where I feel more at home than at St. Ann's, Hornell. At the end of your 7 a.m. Mass I stopped into the church to greet old friends. Met Mary Ludden. With clipped interest she asked, "When did you get back?" "Back? Back from where?" "Didn't you go to Hawaii?" "Oh. That isn't until March 29, the Wednesday after Easter." We are 21 from the diocese poised for the Courier Tour—Rochester to Chicago, Chicago direct to Honolulu. A lady from Webster sent me a check for \$50 "to be given to the leper work in Molokai." I don't know what's left of the leprosarium, but hope to visit it. Did you see that recent TV one-man play, Damien, put on by PBS? It was one of their best presentations, and followed closely that book by John Farrow, Damien the Leper. I just bought three copies again, to share with others.

Thank you for the invitation to fill in some week. The older I become, the more holes I seem to be filling. It tickles my fancy to be called "the bung to plug a hole." Did you know that God willing, I shall be a happy 70 years old come September? Just did three weekends at Mendon for Msgr. Al Schnacky, who is convalescing from a heart attack. What a beautiful parish, with such good, active people. The little country church seats only about 200 persons and is nice and intimate for Mass and homily.

As you well know, I am obsessed by the conviction that our people need instruction, direction and inspiration in the Faith. Up to date, I find Abp. Whealon's Living the Catholic Faith Today the best book for Grass Roots Catholics, and have sold—and given away—nearly three thousand copies. Here is a funny incident: one Sunday I used the chapter on Ideas on Parish Life for the homily. It is very interesting to the people

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