



New Office

Sgt. D.A. Treat, Trooper Carl Quick, and Father James Doyle, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church, shake hands outside the newly opened State Police Satellite Office in Lima. The new office occupies space in the parish school building.

Juspax 'Our Solidarity With Chile'

In a previous article in this column, we wrote of the work of the Church in Chile. The Vicariate of Solidarity is the Church-sponsored organization that has provided, among other things food and aid to the increasing number of hungry and malnourished people throughout that country. In view of Chile's strong Catholic history, and until recently, its greatly valued and relatively unique democratic tradition, it is not unusual that we once again turn our attention to a people with whom we have so much in common.

The ruling military junta has attempted some cosmetic face lifting recently in a vain attempt

at quelling international outcry over its violation of human rights. It announced the dissolution of the infamous national intelligence agency — called DINA — which was directed by an ex-Nazi. But they didn't announce that the same work has been assumed under another less publicized name. It has stated there are no more political prisoners, a change achieved by re-labeling political prisoners as common criminals. It called for a plebiscite, but political parties were not allowed normal participation. A campaign of psychological terror was initiated in an effort to blackmail a wide cross-section of Chileans so that they would vote "yes" for the junta. So much for cosmetics. In the meantime, in December of this past year, the United States joined 97 other nations in the United Nations General Assembly to pass a resolution condemning

the military junta for its continued repression of human rights. After the junta came into power, it received the "advice" of a group of economists including Milton Friedman, from the University of Chicago on how to combat inflation. Their advice included the suggestion to decrease the amount of money spent on social programs. The human cost of this policy has been devastating. In connection with its health program, a study by the Vicariate of Solidarity showed that 61.5 percent of the children they examined suffered malnutrition in varying degrees. Seventy-eight percent of the total population live in conditions of extreme poverty since their earnings are insufficient to pay for what is known as the "family basket." Another study by the Vicariate concluded that the "family basket" lacked the necessary calories for subsistence.

But amidst the many forms of suffering and oppression, the Church's Vicariate of Solidarity is a source of inspiration and hope for people in Chile and around the world. In a pastoral letter written in March of last year, entitled "Our Life as a Nation" and in other statements and occasions since then, the Chilean Bishops have criticized and challenged the junta on human rights and the condition of a growing number of poor people. Cardinal Raul Silva Enriquez inadvertently described the motivation behind the work of the Vicariate and the entire Church when he responded to another question in an interview. He said "(To work for) Justice is to defend the dignity of man. For this there is a need to have a great capacity for love." We are called to express our deepest solidarity with the people and the Church of Chile.

Charismatics Give Aid To Rural Poor

The diocese has received a check for \$958 from the Eastern General Conference on the Charismatic Renewal whose annual meeting has taken place in Atlantic City for the past four years.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan says the money will be used to aid the work of the diocesan Rural Apostolate.

Joseph L. Breault, chairman of the Eastern General Conference, said that 341 people from the Rochester diocese, or 1 percent of the total, attended last October's meeting at which a collection for the poor totaled \$94,941.

"We believe that these funds are an expression on the part of those involved in the charismatic renewal that they desire to serve the poor and take seriously the implications of living the gospel, as well as a sign of being a part of the Church which the bishops preside over," Breault said.

Chest Drive Tops Goal

The United Community Chest of Greater Rochester exceeded its 1978 goal by raising \$16,842,579, \$2,767 higher than its objective.

"When we began this campaign April 7, we knew we were going to have our work cut out for us," said Martin F. Birmingham, general chairman. "We weren't wrong. This has been an exceptionally difficult campaign."

Birmingham implied that joblessness and inflation were contributory to the difficulties the drive encountered.

Little Action

Chicago (RNS) — At their meeting here last week, the U.S. bishops voted to send back to their Administrative Committee for further study a proposal to revise and consolidate some nine national collections into four.

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