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### DPC Meets .....

The Diocesan Pastoral Council met last Saturday for one of the longest sessions in its history. The subject at hand was the diocesan budget, the review of which is the province of its own Ministerial Review Committee. Among actions the DPC took was to join with Diocesan Sisters Council in protesting the recent advertising for Widmer's Wine Cellars, Inc.

### Lonely Sport . . . . . . 16

Rob Horak, BK senior and member of the school's golfing team notes that golf is a lonely sport. No matter — he's exuberant over BK's recent victory over the McQuaid Knights. Horak fired a 36 against McQuaid and the win assured BK a share in the league crown. Both teams wound up with 6-1 record and are gearing for the qualifying matches before the sectionals. According to Horak, 1977 Rochester District Junior Champion, his school has a good shot at the up-coming sectionals.

### Black Prelate .....

Bishop Pietro J. Butelezi, a black prelate, has been named by Pope Paul VI to head the Diocese of Bloemfontein, an area in South Africa. The diocese has been described as very supportive of apartheid.

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Don Newcombe, retired major league baseball pitcher, spoke to some 100 youths at the Baden Street Settlement last week. Newcombe is a representative for the National Council on Alcoholism which sponsored his visit.

### Adoration Rites Set

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a monthly afternoon of devotions held at Blessed Sacrament Church, continues to have as its theme priestly fidelity to the teachings of the Holy Father and the Magisterium. The rites are celebrated every first Thursday of the month.

The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at noon on Thursday, June 1. Rosary is recited at 12:15, and the afternoon concludes with a 5 p.m. benediction followed by a 5:15 p.m. Mass.



### **Dedication Set**

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the principal concelebrant of a Mass of Dedication for the new Resurrection Garden Mausoleum at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Monday, May 29 at 10 a.m. Other celebrants will include Rochester area pastors and members of the cemetery's board of trustees. The general public has been invited to the dedication rites.

## **A Trade for Lives**

Rome (RNS) — A littleknown Roman Catholic order founded in the Middle Ages to offer the lives of its members in exchange for captured prisioners sees its original purpose restored in the current terrorism sweeping western Europe.

"I had briefly considered offering myself to the Red Brigade terrorists in exchange for the life of Aldo Moro," said Father Domenico Acquaro, ODM, superior general of the Order of Our Lady of Mercy, known as the Mercedarian Fathers. "Then I realized it would have been useless. My personal value is so little

But healthy, robust men were once gladly accepted as exchange for weak and sick prisioners captured as slaves by Saracen pirates along the Mediterranean coast. For this reason St. Peter Nolasco founded the Mercedarian order in Spain in 1218. He himself was a hostage some 20 times and is personally credited with saving more than 200 Christians' slaves taken by the Moors.

Hundreds of such exchanges figure in the annals of the order. Many of its members died in captivity.

#### 100 Attend St. John's Banquet

More than 100 parishioners and their guests attended last week's banquet hosted by the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Johnthe Evangelist Parish, "Those are our martyrs, now forgotten by all —even by members of the Church," Father Acquaro said in an interview in the headquarters on Via di Torre Gaia in the heart of not far from the spot the bullet-ridden body of Mr. Moro was found.

"With what is happening now, throughout western Europe," the priest added, "I have the impression we shall soon be called upon again to resume our ancient practice and tradition. We have already petitioned the Holy Father in that sense."

The Mercedarian order today has some 1,000 members worldwide. Their modern apostolate includes mission work and ministry in prisons.

(There are 14 Mercedarian priests working in parishes and teaching school in the U.S. Their local headquarters is located in LeRoy, N.Y.)

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Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for 1977.78 school year for the Diocese of Rochester Elementary Schools for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein, has been completed and the report is available at the office of the individual school for inspection by all interested persons.

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Father J. Bryan Hehir, executive secretary of the Office of International Justice and Peace for the USCC, has urged the House Armed Services-Committee to "slow down" the world-wide armaments race.

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The people of St. Many our Mother Parish in Horseheads are accepting a "special vocation" to build a new church to serve Church people for the future, Father Bartholomew O'Brien, pastor, said at groundbreaking ceremonies last week.

### Helping Hand . . . . . . 1

A source of low-cost clothing and other aid to low-income families is now available in Elmira under the sponsorship of the Chemung-Schuyler Region Human Development Committee. Greece. Featured speaker for the event was Father Frank Lioi a former associate pastor, of St. Bernard's Seminary.