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Major Leaguer

Retired major league baseball pitcher Don Newcombe, poses with some of the youths he spoke to at the Baden Street Settlement last week as a representative of the National Council on Alcoholism. Newcombe advised the youths that in order to prepare for a career in baseball, they must "get a good education first and take care of your body." He also stated that many of today's "superstars" have the problem of alcoholism.



Anniversary

Five members of the Sisters of St. Joseph celebrated their 50th anniversary with a jubilee Mass and reception last Saturday. Standing before the Motherhouse are (from left) Sisters Mary Elizabeth Albert, Mary Andrew Palange, Dorothy Agnes Tyrrell, Catherine Sullivan and Mary Patricia Costello.

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Executive Committee to determine issues that should be brought before the DPC.

Discussion of the two topics, led by Frank Riesenberger, Pastoral Organization Committee chairman, raised concerns that the proposals were an attempt to force regions to be active. Thomas Cass, Yates-Ontario-Wayne delegate, especially noted that he felt such growth in regional activities needed to come from the parishes and regions themselves to be effective, and not from a diocesan mandate.

The proposal concerning the regions calls for adherence to the regional constitutions and describes the duties of the regional coordinator, noting that "he functions with, and in service to, the regional assembly. However, he is oriented, educated and called to accountability by the Office of Pastoral Ministry."

The proposal also calls for institutions to be encouraged rather than required to participate in regional assemblies.

The proposal was approved, 19 to 12, with one abstention.

The DPC also approved the proposal concerning hospital chaplains, which it discussed at the March meeting.

The need for a specific coverage formula, and the possibility hospital work would remove priests from parish work were two issues raised concerning the proposed formula. Sister Judith Heberle, general superior of the Sisters of Mercy, noted that sisters would be becoming hospital chaplains; and the extra personnel the proposal would require would not all be priests. The proposal was approved in a unanimous voice vote.

The DPC also approved, 23 to 4, with one abstention, a proposed policy calling on parishes without schools to support their parishioners who are attending Catholic schools, and calling for the negotiation to be parish-to-parish. The implications of the Teaching Mission Committee proposal to parish finances, and the possible financial burden to a parish which has decided it can't afford a school was discussed.

The DPC also heard reports of activities resulting from past action.

Father John Mulligan reported on the work of the Selection of Bishops Committee, noting that he hoped in a year a document describing the needs of the diocese will be completed. He noted that a questionnaire and

hearings will be used in the process. He added that while the "committee does not claim to reflect the diversity in the diocese, it is working to insure that the report does."

Cecelie Bodnar reported on the recently-completed survey on women in ministerial roles in the diocese. She noted that the parishes responding represented a good cross-section of the diocese. The committee concluded that while women are involved in parish activities, "overwhelmingly men are involved in ministries that are highly visible," and women in less visible positions, she said.

The report caused discussion on the exclusion of

women from the permanent diaconate. Father Joseph Jankowiak noted that under current Church law the diaconate is not open to women although many persons are seeking an end to the prohibition. He added that the possibility exists for women to receive diaconate training in anticipation of a change in the Church's discipline.

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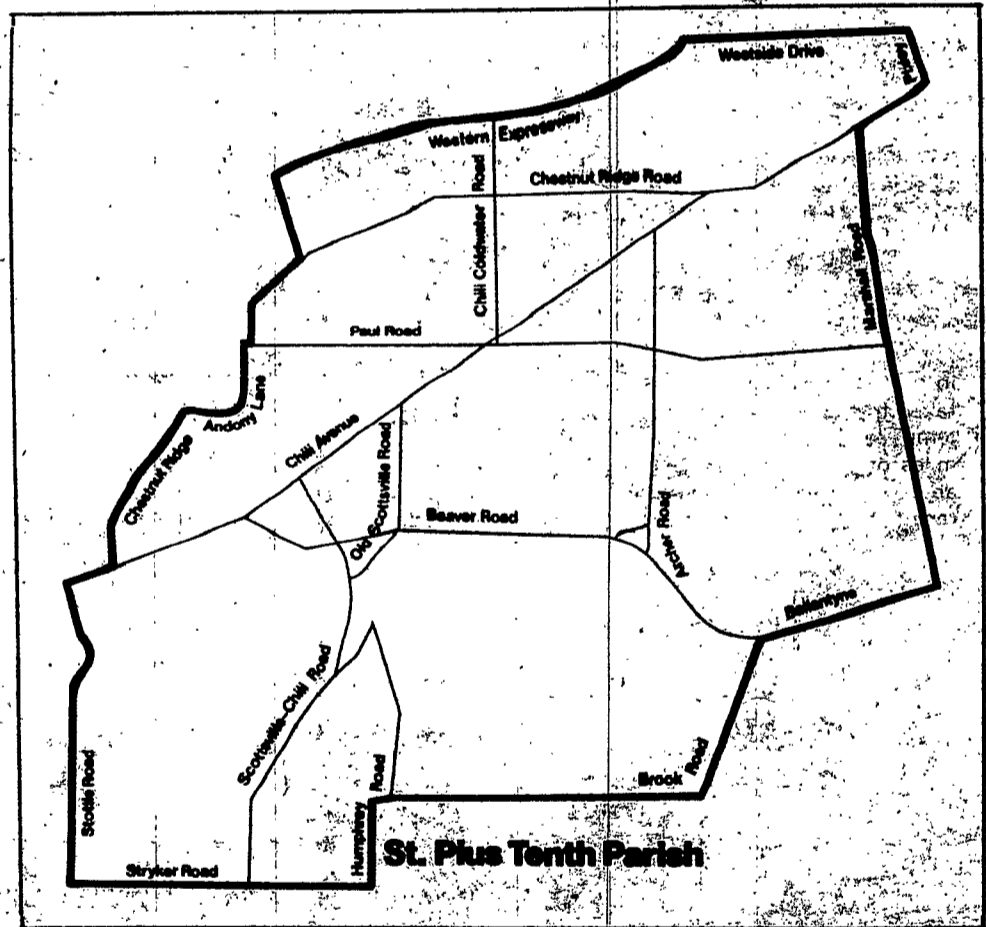
By Ed Sulewski

Grief is a process of readjusting our lives to a normal day-by-day pattern without the one whom death has called. It is a process of forming new relationships and new life styles. This is not easy, but we are fortunate in having developed customs which can help us to begin this deep emotional healing process. We go through a period of mourning. We ask our friends to share in our sorrow. We meet with them at the open casket where the fact of death can no longer be denied. We turn to our clergy and church for support and comfort and go through the rituals that have been carefully outlined. This is not an easy time, but then what crisis is?

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