

# Today's Courier May 31, 1978

## Give Thanks . . . . . 4

A mark of the Christian, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan notes this week in Pastoral Perspective, is that he lives a life of thankfulness, a characteristic that transcends mere politeness and becomes a way of life and viewing life.

## In Flower . . . . . 4

Pope Paul this week speaks of Pentecost and the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian. He states that the life of the Christian who is in God's grace is like "a garden in flower."

## 'Me Decade' . . . . . 16

We are living in the "Me Decade," Dr. James Hitchcock believes. Dr. Hitchcock developed his reasons for believing that a prime characteristic of our times is its selfishness and its promotion of the individual at the last in the Magisterium Lectures for the season.

## Women in Church . . . . . 1

A recently completed diocesan survey shows that women are active in parish activities, but men hold the positions which are most visible and most powerful. Stereotyping of jobs also was discovered in the survey, which was authorized by the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

## Stevens Dispute . . . . . 6

Father Patrick Sullivan fielded the questions of a surprised group of union members from the Waverly area about the labor dispute with the J.P. Stevens textile company. The workers were amazed to find that attempts to correct alleged abuses of employees and their rights had gone on since 1963 without success.

## Night Out . . . . . 6

Refreshments and a candle lit room provided an unusual atmosphere, but a successful one for a religious education program at Immaculate Conception in Ithaca. Parishioners were treated to an enjoyable Saturday evening out, and a talk by Joseph Kelly on the changes in the Church.

## Staff Shift . . . . . 1

The Office of Pastoral Ministry announced this week the completion of a staff reorganization. Father Douglas Hoffman, director of Pastoral Ministry, explained that reorganization was made to more clearly define the role of each staffer and to work toward the goal of total involvement by all of its members in the Church.

# Women

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accurately to and for the women of the diocese of Rochester."

The committee also commented that "it is also interesting to note that, although the questionnaire was clearly addressed to the president of the parish council, and presumably every parish has one, it was answered by several other people." In 20 percent of the cases, the pastor completed the survey, the report notes.

In one case, it was reported, the original questionnaire was returned by the pastor with a derogatory note questioning the im-

portance of surveying what women were doing in parishes. In the next day's mail came a photocopy of the questionnaire "from the same parish, filled out in careful detail by the parish secretary."

Graphs from the survey will be on file at the Pastoral Center. The report will be distributed shortly.

Committee members preparing the report were DPC members Cecelie Bodnar, Carl Holtz and Father Joseph Jankowiak; other members were John and Jeanne Gehret, Thomas and Diane Blum, Alex Bodnar and Sister Gratia L'Esperance.

# Conference

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published by Paulist Press and used extensively in this and other dioceses.

Workshops will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Father Thomas Morrow of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Resource Community in New York will present a workshop on the Church's ministry to the young, single adult. Father Morrow is the author of a number of books used by Marriage Encounter groups. Other workshops include: Storytelling: A Family Art, Prayer in Our Homes, How Do I Speak to My Child

About God?, Living With the Dying Person, Developing Better Relationships In Your Family, Cooperation Between Parents and Teachers in Religious Education, Faith and Moral Development in our Families, Conscience Formation, Practical Ideas on Promoting Spiritual Growth in the Family, and Helping the Pre-Schooler to Know God's Love. The Liturgy of the Hours will formally close the conference at 5:30 p.m.

The registration fee for the Conference is \$5, and registration may be secured by calling (716) 328-3210.

# Pastoral Ministry

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assist in Communications/Resources and DPC staff services.

Father Hoffman explained that with the reorganization he will be able to "concentrate more" on his duties as liaison between the diocesan division heads and diocesan consultative bodies, parish councils and regions.

Sister Mary Ann Binsack said that of the four coordinators' duties, hers will change the least. Her responsibilities as executive secretary to the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) include keeping DPC executive committee, council and members "up-to-date on diocesan activities", assisting with the planning and execution of DPC programs, and providing information on the DPC to other diocesan organizations.

Linda Decillis, who will coordinate both the Regional

Development and Communication/Resources sectors, said that communication among regional leadership "is a highly important aspect of regionalism." It is her "primary goal" to effect that communication.

As coordinator for Regional Development her duties include "developing a working concept of regionalism that regional leadership and members understand," education programs on regionalism, providing training opportunities and technical assistance.

Sister Jean Rodman will be responsible for parish council development. She will assist parish councils throughout the diocese in such things as certifying council constitutions, orientation programs for new parish council members, leadership instruction for council chairmen, and will offer training workshops on request.



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