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Contact Person:  
Betty Myers, (716)454-5015 or 253-6387

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547 Humboldt St., Rochester  
2nd and 4th Sundays  
Rita Lewis, 482-1715

Seneca Retreat House  
693 East Ave., Rochester  
Mary Locher Contact 271-8755

## SOUTHWEST REGION

St. Monica's  
34 Monica St., Rochester  
1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m.  
Sheila Dixon, 964-8310

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Ithaca  
Meeting location rotates  
2nd and 4th Thursdays 8 p.m.  
Rose Sagan 257-3375

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## Juspax On Church Investments

Since by the year 2000 a few hundred companies will control about 54 percent of all the goods and services of the world, those few people will also have to accept a greater share of responsibility for the social well being of the world. The book "Global Reach" states: "By making ordinary business decisions, the managers of firms like GM, IBM, GE, and Exxon have more power than most sovereign governments to determine where people will live, what work they will do, what they will eat, drink and wear; what sorts of knowledge their children will inherit."

Very often decisions are made by these corporations based solely on the goal of maximizing their profits. We as Christians must challenge this practice and assert that there are criteria of justice that need to be taken into account (such as just wages, fair hiring

and firing policies, humane working conditions, a reasonable amount of job satisfaction, etc.). The Church has, in the past, supported and indeed benefited from the multinational enterprise in our country through her investments. Most religious orders, parishes, dioceses and seminaries in this country own and profit from investments. Some Church groups have reassessed their investment resources in the light of moral and ethical principles and have developed an investment philosophy.

Other groups merely continue to invest in order to protect and generate funding regardless of the consequences of that investment. This is a serious relinquishment of the responsibility Christians have to love and show concern for neighbor. Other groups have totally divested themselves of all stocks because they believe that any investment in the "system" is inherently evil and needs to be avoided.

Experts in the field of investment have stated that this latter alternative

(divestment of stocks) is the activity which is least likely to deter social injury. Probably the most effective way Church groups have found to influence multinational corporation management is to reform business practices through legitimate activities permitted to shareholders.

One case in point which occurred here in Rochester took place in 1967 and involved the Eastman Kodak Company. The company was involved in a labor dispute with civil rights groups concerning the company's employment of unskilled minority workers. Several churches owning shares of stock agreed to support a resolution to have more minority workers hired. The votes cast for this resolution were insignificant but Kodak finally did increase its employment of black workers.

The list goes on and on of Church related groups which have been at least partially successful in calling the multinational corporations to more

ethical positions.

In 1974 the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility was established to attempt to coordinate strategies and be a supportive service for those church related groups which intend to use their investments for the social betterment. Their address is 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027. Groups may join the Interfaith Center as a member (presently such groups as the Franciscan Friars, the Jesuit Office of Social Ministries, the Marianist Community, the Sisters of Charity, and the Diocese of Albany are members). An excellent resource which they publish is entitled "A Shareholder Manual - Written for Church Committees on Social Responsibilities and Investments" (\$4.50). Also available is a listing of Church proxy resolutions which will be filed in 1978 (\$2), and finally a small pamphlet entitled: "Catholic Church Investments for Corporate Social Responsibility" written by Rev. Mike Crosby (50c)



## MEMO

### Coming Next Week:

# The DPC Convocation

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will this weekend, for the fourth year, convene the Annual Convocation of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, the 54-member body through which he consults the priests, religious and laity of the diocese at large. The Courier-Journal will be there. And will present next week the sounds and the sights of the occasion.

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