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Sharing NFP14

Some folks who work with Natural Family Planning in the diocese have made a discovery about NFP that motivates them in their volunteer work. That discovery is that NFP, besides being an ethically unobjectionable means of regulating family size, is also a key to a couple's discovery of themselves and each other, say Lon and Carol Snook.

Two Priests20

The pastor emeritus and the pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Scottsville evidently are much beloved by their parishioners. At a dual celebration of the priests' anniversaries of ordination, the parishioners surprised the men by dedicating the parish center to one, and the library collection to the other.

Spiritual Focus16

Despite the incidence of rowdiness on the part of a few this year, the young people who were at the St. Anthony's Day celebrations in Charlotte were a credit to their age-group, the pastor of Holy Cross Church said last week. Father John P. O'Malley also noted that the organizers of the event are planning to return the festivities to their original, spiritual focus for next year.

'Mr. Aquinas'13

William F. McCarthy, affectionately known as "Mr. Aquinas Institute," will retire from his duties at the school on June 30. His major task during his 30 years of service was teaching English, but he also served as public relations director and lector for Masses offered for shut-ins. This year's graduating class paid tribute to him for his dedicated efforts which were a significant part of the Aquinas spirit.

Genocide Charged3

Church leaders in Guatemala have accused government leaders and large landowners with "genocidal violence," in the reported murder of some 20,000 impoverished Indians. The Guatemalan leaders deny all the charges and have accused the Church of joining with "subversives."

Fight Continues3

The June 6 ruling which legalized abortion on demand in Italy continues to draw criticism from Catholic doctors and nurses. The association of Catholic Doctors has threatened to "expel any member who directly or indirectly follows the pro-abortion line."

A Farewell12

What's it like being a RapAround coordinator? Well, according to those who are graduating this year — though it's been a responsibility, it's also been fun, a privilege and, above all, it's been an opportunity to become acquainted with the entire community of the respective schools. In saying good-bye to the eight graduating coordinators, RapAround offers, in this issue, mini-biographies of these hard working students who have been the mainstay of RapAround's success.

DPC Convenes1

Bishop Hogan called on Diocesan Pastoral Council members to assume leadership roles in the diocese in his keynote address at the council's convocation last weekend. The DPC also elected officers and discussed procedures it will be using during the year.

Family Violence1

Not really knowing the size of the problem, the social workers for the Salvation Army in Elmira are going ahead cautiously with a project to aid adult victims of family violence. But they are aware of the problem's seriousness, and are developing a proposal to increase their limited service in an attempt to meet the potential needs of battered spouses.

New Pastor Named For Annunciation

Father William Graf, chaplain and director of campus ministry at Nazareth College, will become pastor of Annunciation Church on Sept. 1, the Pastoral Office announced last week.

Msgr. Albert L. Simonetti, whose health is poor, thus will be able to resign, the announcement explained. Msgr. Simonetti has led the Norton Street parish for the past 25 years.

Father Graf's career to date has been chiefly on college campuses in the diocese, as chaplain, counselor and teacher, with intervals of parish work. He has served also on the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary.

The Pastoral Office announcement included a list of associate pastors who will move into new parish assignments on June 28.

Msgr. Simonetti, 68, was given the domestic prelate's title by Pope John XXIII, in 1961. He served as a diocesan consultant in Bishop Kearney's time. He has presided over two major construction projects — the rebuilding of St. Anthony's, Elmira, after a 1947 fire, and the modern church and school at Annunciation. He is a Rochesterian, from Holy Rosary Parish, attended Aquinas Institute and the diocesan seminaries and completed his education for the priesthood in Italy. He was ordained at St. John Lateran in Rome April 11, 1936.

Father Graf was ordained with the St. Bernard's class of 1960 and thereafter did graduate work at several universities. He holds a number of advanced degrees, including the Doctor of

Ministry given by the Colgate-Rochester theological complex, and he is a member of many professional organizations, including the American Historical Association, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the Canon Law Society of America and the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

He was an associate professor of homiletics and pastoral theology at St. Bernard's from 1972 until his appointment to Nazareth a year ago. Earlier, he had been at Ithaca College for six years, first as chaplain, then as a staff member, doing part-time teaching and coordinating the counseling services. He also has served as assistant director of vocations and has had parish assignments at St. Thomas More, Holy Family and Immaculate Conception in Ithaca. Father Graf is from Nativity Parish, Brockport.

Final CFC Vows For Bro. Phelps

Kirk A. Phelps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Phelps of Fairhaven Road, will profess final vows as a Christian Brother Saturday, June 24, in the chapel of Essex Catholic High School, Newark, N.J.

Brother Phelps is a graduate of Bishop Kearney High School and Iona College in New Rochelle. He entered the congregation 10 years ago and has taught at Kearney and at Rice High School in New York City. Since 1975 he has been on the Essex faculty as a mathematics and science teacher. He is working for a master's degree in applied science at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.



MSGR. SIMONETTI



FATHER GRAF

Women and men of the Diocese of Rochester will gather together in prayer over the exclusion of women from the permanent diaconate.

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New Assignments

Father William Graf to pastor, Church of the Annunciation, effective Sept. 1; from chaplain, Nazareth College.

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Father Daniel V. Hogan to Assumption Church, Fairport; from St. Helen's, Gates.

Father John Karp to St. Casimir's, Elmira; from St. Stanislaus, Rochester.

Father Joseph Sasso to St. Boniface, Rochester; from St. Patrick's, Corning.

Father Paul Gibbons to St. Ann's, Hornell; from St. Casimir, Elmira.

Father Robert Kanka to St. Mary's, Auburn; from St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls.

Father David Simon to Holy Name of Jesus, Greece; from administrator, Holy Cross, Ovid.



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