



Fiftieth

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Cushing celebrated their golden wedding anniversary today with a Mass of Thanksgiving offered by their son, Father Walter F. Cushing at St. Agnes' School chapel, where Father Cushing is chaplain. Present also were their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Scott, her husband and family which consisted of seven children and six grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Taynton, brother of Mrs. Cushing, and a few close relatives and friends. Father John P. O'Malley, pastor of Holy Cross Church, also concelebrated the Mass which was followed by a buffet and reception.

All in the Family

By Sarah Child

Preparing For Special Company

My husband's mother is coming to visit and I survey the house with a critical eye.



"I must get busy," I muse aloud, "I don't want your mother to find out what kind of a housekeeper I am."

"She knows what kind of housekeeper you are," says my husband not bothering to lift his head from the newspaper. I look at him and see a tiny grin playing around his mouth. I hope it is a grin, and not a sneer. But he is not one to sneer much so I do not take umbrage.

Of course she knows what kind of housekeeper I am. After 15 years of marriage to her youngest son, I have few housekeeping secrets from her or from anybody else.

I know, as do my friends, that I will never be anything more than semi-adequate in that category.

It grieves me from time to time. But, not too much. I wish sporadically there was someone to blame my lapses on.

But my mother was and is a fanatic for a clean, neat home so the heredity bit goes down the drain.

Our children are no worse than any other children in messing up a place and, the oldest, far from being a mess-upper has turned into a compulsive straightener - to compensate for her mother, I suppose.

Back to my mother-in-law, a kind and gentle woman who has never given anyone a moment's trouble in the 15 years I've known her.

If I cannot offer her a sparkling house, there is always food. But she does not eat. Rather she eats only to live, decidedly a phenomenon in this family at least. Simple menus are best.

Then, how to welcome her? This is a puzzle until I catch sight of the backyard and the purple and white clematis, the tiny pink dianthus, the protective green arc of the honeysuckle bushes and the hundreds of glorious daisies ready to bloom at any moment.

On the side of the house, the Johnny-Jump-Ups have never looked better adorned as they are in their purple velvet. If they gladden my heart and ease my soul then what effect will they have on someone who lives in a high rise city apartment?

I thank God at length for the beauty of this season which dwarfs my inefficiencies inside the house and I go about my pattering happily, the dustballs, for the moment, forgotten.

Priests Salaries Tied To Consumer Price Index

By JOHN DASH

Last week the diocesan Priests Council may have permanently put aside the thorniest problem it has dealt with over the years, and in the process may have accepted a standard for determining salaries of persons other than priests who are on the Church's payroll.

On the latter point, the priests accepted last week the Consumer Price Index as a standard in determining clerical salary increments.

The index, a federal government-researched and published percentage figure, is a "measure of the price of a fixed set of goods and services," and is the "best tool in use today," in figuring salary adjustments, according to wage expert Catherine Deagman of the Rochester Telephone Corp.

She and Thomas Riley, also of Rochester Telephone, presented to the council the value of using the Consumer Price Index in determining priests' wages.

While lamenting the time spent in council deliberations over the question, Father Paul Cuddy observed that such an index would be especially appropriate in calculating the wages of lay employees of the Church.

That sentiment was echoed several times in the council's deliberations and it was acknowledged that should the priests accept the index for themselves, "there would be a spill-over effect."

The index, according to Ms. Deagman, is a standard in contract negotiations with unions and also is a measure used in determining management salary increments. She said that "about half" the country's work force is paid with the index in mind.

The council with but one negative vote and one abstention accepted the index as a standard which should "reasonably and fairly" be taken into consideration when deliberations are made.

Irondequoit Parish Fetes Father Heisel

More than 300 of Father Raymond G. Heisel's parishioners at St. Margaret Mary gathered June 16 for a farewell dinner in St. Mary's Ukrainian Hall. Father Heisel's new assignment in Dansville, begins officially today.

Special Sunday liturgies and a parish reception June 18 were arranged by Father Kevin McKenna and Sister Helen Goschke, SSJ.

In the eight years of Father Heisel's pastorate, the parish council - one of the first in the diocese - was launched and the Eucharistic Sharing Program begun. "Hand-in-Hand," a program linking the Irondequoit parish with the city parish of Holy Redeemer, also was started. Women were introduced as lectors and lay people commissioned as distributors of the Eucharist.



Ms. DEAGMAN

regarding priests' salaries and car and professional allowances.

The council also recommended to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan that future work on priests' salaries be done by a special committee accountable to the director of personnel and to the council.

Should the bishop accept the recommendations, the question of clerical salaries would be a matter privy to the administrative circles of the diocese and would free the Priests Council to deliberate "matters of greater importance," according to president Father Louis Hohman.

In other council action, the priests have decided to interpret "narrowly" the meaning of the professional allowance budget item.

Professional allowances have been the subject of some discussion over the past few months; and, by its action last week, the council restricts the use of the professional allowance to "spiritual or educational expenses: retreats, workshops, conferences, continuing education programs, materials."

The priests also narrowly passed a recommendation to Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, director of personnel, that "as a personnel policy of

the diocese... parish and office budgets contain a line item up to \$250 for the continuing education of each full time professional minister: Pastoral Assistants, Priests, Deacons, Religious Education Coordinators/administrators, Youth Ministers, Liturgy Directors."

It is expected that this last item would also be pointed out to both the Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Diocesan Sisters Council.

Since new seating procedures for the council were accepted earlier this year, last week's meeting also was the first meeting of the new council season and officers of the new council were elected.

Re-elected for a second term as president was Father

Hohman. The new vice-president is Father Frederick Bush. Father Lewis Brown remains as council secretary.

Councillors, alternates and standbys elected to serve this season on the diocesan Priests Council include:

Northwest Region: Fathers Jeremiah Moyohan and Louis Vastle; Northeast region: Fathers John Walsh, William Leone and Thomas Mull; North region: Fathers John Hempel and Robert Smith; Southeast region: Fathers Thomas Erdle, Thomas Statt and Otto Vogt; Southwest region: Fathers Louis Hohman, Raymond Booth and Gerald Connor; Yates-Ontario-Wayne region: Msgr. John Mancy and Father Peter Deckman; Tompkins-Tioga region: Fathers Eugene Weis and Thomas Cleary; Chemung-Schuyler region: Fathers Neil Miller, David Mura and Kevin Murphy; Seneca-Cayuga region: Fathers Clarence Gardner, William Gordiner and Louis Sinianni; Livingston-Stauben region: Fathers Richard Torrey and Donald Schwab.

Religious communities, area 1: Fathers John Boland, St. Charles-Lavery, CSB, and Bernard Power; CSSR, area 2: Fathers Felix Mazur, OFM Conv., and Thomas Schmidt; CSSR, area 3: Fathers Patrick Seelman, TOR, and Timothy McGough, OCD.

Age blocs: Fathers Leonard Kelly, Paul Cuddy; Msgr. Richard Burns; Fathers T. Paul Murley, Frederick Bush, William Amann; Paul Froemmeser, David Callan, Lewis Brown and Thomas Valenti.



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A CRY FROM THE INNOCENTS
As always, it is the innocent—the refugees, the very old and the very young who suffer most. They need help—urgently—for medicines, for food, for shelter, for clothing and to rebuild their homes, their churches and their schools. Please give what you can—\$500, \$50, \$5—as soon as you can. Tomorrow may be too late for too many!

A woman from New York has sent us her collection of 50-cent pieces; another woman sent precisely \$188.43—the exact amount of her savings account. Some gifts from priests measured in the hundreds of dollars. Catholic organizations throughout the country are sending support.

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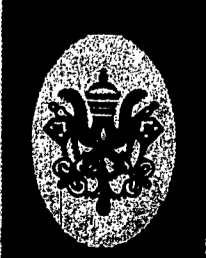
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