

Pastoral Assistants Reorganize

By JOHN DASH

Pastoral assistants, those sisters and others who are part of pastoral ministry teams in the diocese, have reorganized their five-year old group this summer in order to "initiate and develop a process of interaction between Pastoral Assistants and the existing diocesan structures," according to the chairperson of the executive committee of the group, Sister Mary-Brigid Quinn, RSM.

There are more than 30 sisters serving as pastoral assistants in the diocese, and that number is growing, said Sister Susan Altpeter, also of the executive committee, at a meeting last week.

In the reorganization process, the following sisters also were chosen to head the group: Sister Ruth Maier, SSJ, secretary; Sister Elaine Ryan, SSJ, treasurer; Sister Ann Maloy, RSM, continuing education; and Sister Agnes Catherine Battersby, SSJ, liaison to the Pastoral Assistants Committee.

In a letter sent to the bishops, the department heads and the religious communities, as well as to the pastoral assistants at large, Sister Mary-Brigid said of the reorganization, "It is our hope



Photo by Susan McKinney

During a break in the executive committee meeting of pastoral assistants, Sara Beth Everett, far right, entertains the sisters by blowing a bubble of gum. The sisters, left to right are Sisters Elaine Ryan, Ruth Maier, Anne Maloy, Brigid Quinn and Agnes Catherine Battersby. Hugging Liam Everett is Sister Sue Altpeter. Hidden behind Sara Beth's bubble is her friend Amy Agostinelli.

that through the establishment of these new roles of leadership that not only will you be kept informed but more aware of our continuing efforts to be of service to the Diocese and to one another."

Other pastoral assistants serving in the diocese are: Sisters Marie Albert Alderman, SSJ; Diane Branch, SSJ; Joanne Cullen, RSM; Mary Patrick Fleeton, SSJ; Carol Fox, RSM; Helen

Goschke, SSJ; Marjorie Henninger, SSJ; Mary Lou Heffernan, SSJ; Elizabeth Hughes, RSM; Mary Jo Langi, RSM; Frances Mary Rossi, SSJ; Barbara Moore, RSM; Doretta Rhodes, SSJ; Dorothy Quinn, SSJ; Catherine Ann Reger, SSJ; Noel Ringwood, RSM; Mary Jude Rockenbrock, RSM; Jonathan Schneider, SSJ; Mary Regis, RSM; Rita Marie Sullivan, RSM; Angela Suola, SSJ; Frances Sweeney,

SSJ; Marlene Vigna, RSM; Mary Elizabeth Wentworth, SSND; Mary Bryan Ford, RSM; Elaine Theresa Mulcahy, SSJ; Elizabeth Dobberty, SSJ.

St. Bernard's Reunion Will Fete Three Bishops

Three bishops, all alumni of St. Bernard's Seminary, will be feted at the 1978 biennial reunion for the school, slated this year for Oct. 2 and 3.

the Evangelist Church on Humboldt St., and Father John L. Roark (class of '56), copastor of St. Margaret's Church in Mattydale, N.Y.

The bishops are Bishop Frank J. Harrison (class of '33) of Syracuse, Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Costello (class of '54) also of Syracuse, and Auxiliary Bishop Peter A. Rosazza (class of '61) of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Father John Hempel, president of the Alumni Association, said the reunion "is not only another good opportunity for renewing friendships, but also for taking an on-the-spot look at St. Bernard's as it functions today in a world and a Church that is changed since most of us lived at the Rock."

The highlight of the reunion will be a pontifical concelebrated Eucharist for deceased alumni of St. Bernard's, especially Bishops James E. Kearney, Lawrence B. Casey, and Walter Foery. Bishop Harrison will be the principal concelebrant and Bishop Rosazza will preach the homily.

Father Frank Lioi, rector of St. Bernard's remarked "This is a special occasion. St. Bernard's will mark its 85th academic year and it is hoped that all our former faculty, students and present alumni will return."

Bishop Costello will preside at evening prayer on the opening night of the reunion.

Further information is available by calling the Alumni Office at (716) 254-1020.

Also scheduled is a special seminar on the topic "As One Who Serves." Auxiliary Bishop Timothy J. Harrington of the Diocese of Worcester will speak. Panelists will include: Sister Mary Sullivan, RSM, Dean of the College of General Studies at Rochester Institute of Technology; Father James E. Boyle (class of '66), copastor of St. John

Charismatics

The Glory of Yahweh Christian fellowship, a Catholic charismatic group, will meet on Monday, Sept. 11, with a liturgy celebrated by Father David Simon at Holy Name Church at 7:30 p.m.

Devotions

The monthly afternoon of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Thursday, Sept. 7, at Blessed Sacrament Church. The devotions begin at noon with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A rosary is said at 12:15 p.m. The afternoon concludes with Benediction at 5 p.m. and Mass at 5:15. The intention of the rites is priestly fidelity to the magisterium.

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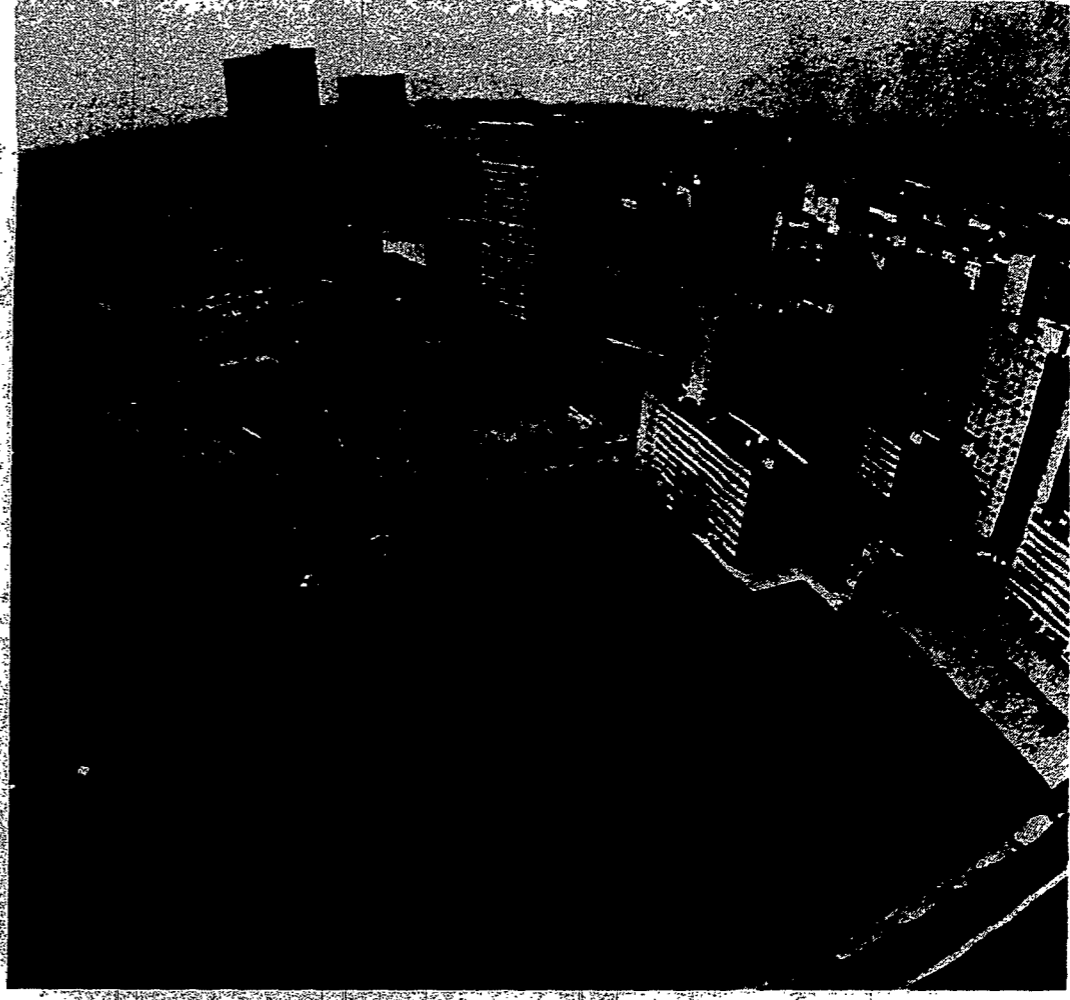
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