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Fr. Lane Dies at 70

Father James C. Lane, who held three pastorates and served as an Army chaplain in the course of his 43 years as a priest, died Sept. 27, 1978. He had retired in June at the age of 70, in declining health.

The Mass of Christian Burial was offered last Saturday at St. Aloysius, Auburn, where Father Lane had lived since his retirement. He was pastor there 20 years ago.

Born in Auburn, June 8, 1908, he attended St. Mary's School and Auburn High School before entering St. Andrew's Seminary. On his graduation from St. Bernard's, he was ordained June 15, 1935, and assigned to St. Michael's, Newark. Throughout World War II, and into 1947, he was with the Army, much of the time with troops in combat. His diocesan assignments included pastorates at St. Agnes, Avon, and St. Ann's, Hornell.

For five years in the 70s, Father Lane lived at St. Stephen's, Geneva, during the pastorate of Father Richard Tormey.

"He was a priest's priest," Father Tormey said in the funeral homily. "In parish work... in his fidelity to his vocation..."

"He carried a cross," the homilist declared, referring to Father Lane's recurring afflictions, "and he came back time and again; never gave up."

"He was fabulous in his care of our senior citizens," Father Tormey



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told the Courier-Journal. "He worked also with Alcoholics Anonymous, would go out to help any time of day or night. He brought a lot of people back to sobriety — parishioners and others — and a lot back to church."

"He was a doorbell ringer," Father Tormey continued. "He kept notes on index cards, and never talked about it. Everybody liked him. He was a good companion, a great raconteur."

"And he was a train nut. He'd take a couple of days off, drive to the Syracuse railroad station and park his car. Then he'd ride the train to Albany, transfer to the Montreal run; from Montreal to Toronto, then retrace the route until he got back to his car, and so home. He did this often, and several of his vacations were train rides, Toronto to Vancouver and back."

The Mass of the High Priest was celebrated Friday night at St. Aloysius by Bishop John E. McCafferty. Bishop Dennis W. Hickey was principal celebrant of the Mass of Christian Burial.

Daniel O'Shea To Become Priest

Deacon Daniel O'Shea, who has served for the past two years as the head of the Catholic Worker community at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, will be ordained a priest for the diocese on Friday, Oct. 20 at 8 p.m. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the presiding prelate for the rites.

Deacon O'Shea is the son of Daniel and Anne O'Shea of Cranston, R.I.

The ordinand attended Boston State College. In 1971 he completed his studies at Our Lady of Providence Seminary and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. He also holds a Master of Divinity degree from St. Bernard's Seminary. In his second and fourth years at

St. Bernard's he served as class president. Deacon O'Shea is completing work as a doctoral candidate in Pastoral Counseling at Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

While at St. Bernard's, he taught at the Al Sigl Center and at the School of the Holy Childhood. In 1973 he worked at the Office of Human Development and coordinated the Farmworker Resource Center there. In his final year at St. Bernard's, Deacon O'Shea worked with the pastoral team at St. Bridget's Parish.

He completed his Clinical Pastoral

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6,000 Stewardship Volunteers To Visit Diocesan Homes

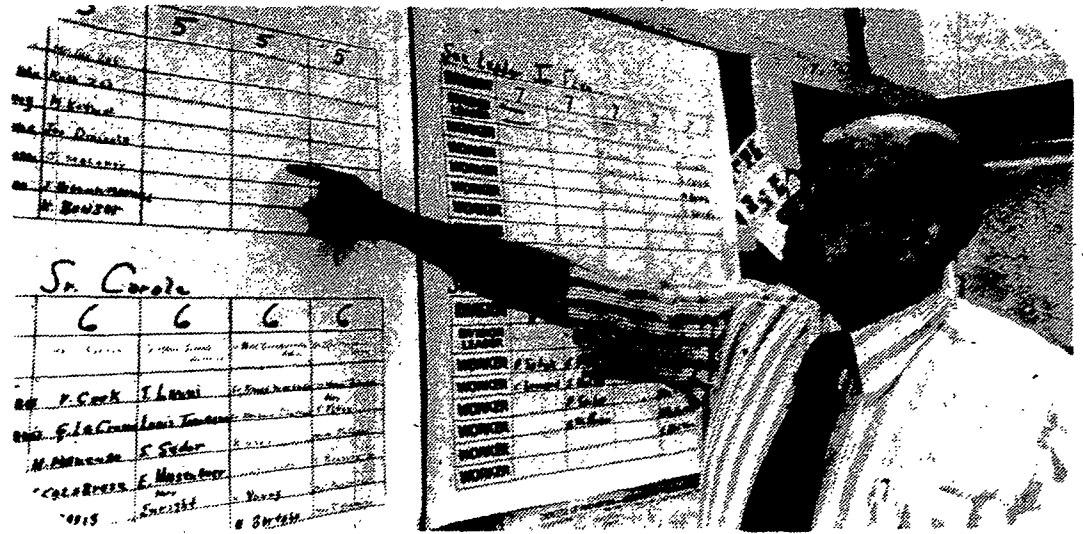
By MICHAEL GRODEN

The Christian Stewardship Program will begin its Program Implementation phase this Sunday. About 6,000 volunteers from some 40 parishes throughout the diocese will conduct individual parishioner visits designed to strengthen parish programs and increase parishioner participation in them.

The volunteers will help respondents fill out a Stewardship commitment card that lists that parish's needs as well as offering the individual a chance to indicate what he or she may need from the parish.

Father Conrad Sundholm, executive director of diocesan development, estimates that upwards of 100,000 people will be contacted, most of them on Oct. 8 or 15.

The parishes involved in this year's Stewardship program are: Christ the King, Guardian Angels, Church of the Resurrection, St. Andrew, St. George, St. James, St. Joseph (Rush), St. Louis, St. Margaret Mary, St. Salome, St. Thomas the Apostle, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Holy Cross, Holy Family, Holy Ghost, Holy Name of Jesus, Holy Rosary, St. Columba, St. John (Greece), Our Lady



Vito Rimore, chairman of Holy Rosary Parish's Stewardship Committee, checks over charts listing parishioners to be contacted by the volunteer stewards. See centerfold for a detailed breakdown of the commitment card.

of Mercy, all in Monroe County; St. Rose (Lima), Sacred Heart of Jesus (Perkinsville), St. Ann (Hornell), St. Joachim (Canisteo), St. Joseph (Wayland), St. Francis (Phelps), St. Patrick (Corning), St. Patrick (Mt. Morris), St. Anne (Palmyra), St. Dominic (Shortsville), St. Felix (Clifton Springs), St. Gregory (Marion), St. Mary's of the Lake (Ontario), St. Patrick (Seneca Falls), All Saints (Lansing), Holy Cross (Dryden-Freeville), St. Francis (Catonk), St. James (Waverly), St. John the Evangelist (Newark Valley), and St. Patrick (Owego).

Each parish volunteer

will help the person or persons in the family fill out the commitment card. The card has four consecutive steps. First the parishioner indicates his or her willingness to share Time, Talent and Treasure and acknowledges the need the parish has for their services. The second step deals with the needs of the family. The steward asks each family member how the parish can be of greater service to them. If, for example one of the family cannot get to church to receive the sacraments because of ill health they can indicate that they would like to receive at home.

The third step consists of a review of the needs of the parish and asks each

one visited if they can give some time or expertise in one or more of those areas. The fourth and final step deals with financial commitment to the church. Programs cannot be carried out properly unless they are funded. The financial commitment, although not legally binding gives the parish a better idea of how much support can be expected from parishioners and set up their programs accordingly.

The third phase of the Stewardship Program dealing with processing the data given in the surveys and sending the results to each parish will begin in November.

All through the Diocese . . .

St. Ann's, Hornell

Hornell—Aspects of the Stewardship program aren't new to St. Ann's Parish, Father Robert MacNamara, pastor, noted, as the parish for several years had a questionnaire it distributed to parishioners, and for the last five years used estimate cards as a method of determining financial support.

"What we are delighted with about Stewardship," Father MacNamara commented, is that it is a "complete parish effort," dealing with spiritual needs and contributions of time and talent, as well as financial contributions.

In discussing Stewardship with parishioners, they "have dwelt on the spirituality of it," he noted.

Parishioners have seen the slide show explaining the program, he noted, and worker training sessions will

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St. Joachim's, Canisteo

Canisteo—"Right on schedule," was the evaluation of Father Thomas Burr, pastor of St. Joachim's, of the parish's Stewardship effort.

Thirty-five workers have signed up to work on the visits Sunday, Oct. 8, he noted. The first training session Sept. 27 was successful, he reported, and the workers "seem to be very positive, quite excited about" what Stewardship can mean to their parish.

While preparing the parishioner list for the effort, Father Burr noted, they discovered about 100 more families than they believed to be residents of the three townships the parish covers. Workers will have 300 families to contact.

Father Burr noted that the parish council made the decision to participate in the program, adding that "we do feel that it will be a great boost to the parish" among

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St. Patrick's, Corning

Corning—Ninety parish workers will be visiting the 750 families of St. Patrick's Parish Sunday, Oct. 15, according to Father Billotte, associate pastor and a co-chairman of the parish's Stewardship drive.

A slide presentation before all Masses the weekend of Sept. 30-Oct. 1, began the presentation to the people, Father Billotte noted. Next weekend Father Andrew Teuschel, pastor, will speak on the program to all Masses, and then on the visitation day, Father Billotte will speak, he noted.

At this stage of preparation, "we feel really good about" the program, he said. He was "pleased at our first workers meeting," and commented that the workers "seem to be pleased and enthused about" Stewardship.

"The biggest thing we've been hitting" as part of the program "is Time and

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St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls

Seneca Falls—Volunteers from St. Patrick's Parish here met Sept. 27 in the school gym for orientation on the person to person Stewardship census they will conduct this Sunday.

Charles Shaffer, co-chairperson of the parish stewardship committee and Philip Ryan assistant, reviewed the coding on the cards to be sent to parishioners prior to the Oct. 8 canvas date. A letter from Father Michael Coaboy, pastor, and a brochure describing the program will accompany the cards to be completed by parishioners currently involved in or willing to contribute their talents to the parish.

Shaffer said the cards essentially communicate to parishioners what the parish sees as needs and provides an opportunity for them to offer their time and talents. While the treasure aspect is mentioned as a reminder that increased financial giving is

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