

Chaplaincy Team Covers Southern Tier Area

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Elmira—A new chaplaincy team is taking responsibility for the three state Corrections Department facilities in the Southern Tier.

The three-member team will cover the Elmira Reception Center, the Elmira Correctional Facility, and Camp Monterey in Schuyler County.

The team will operate under the direction of Father Daniel Tormey, chaplain at the Reception Center for the past two years. Joining him are Sister Josepha Toomey, SSI, and Michael Stanley, a layman.

Previously the two Elmira facilities had separate priest-chaplains, and Camp Monterey was served by the priests of St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen, Fathers Andrew Kalafsky and David Mura, on a part-time basis.

When Father James Collins, chaplain for 19 years at the Correctional Facility, left prison work to become pastor of St. John the Baptist, Elmira, in June, discussions began concerning the future of the chaplaincy at the facility.

The negotiations were primarily between the state Corrections Department and the state Bishops Committee, explained Father Charles Mulligan, who as diocesan Director of Social Ministry is responsible for prison chaplains in the diocese. The personnel for the team are now in place, he reported, although some other features have yet to be agreed upon.

Father Tormey explained that prison chaplains are not appointed by bishops, but by the Corrections Department, upon recommendations by the state Bishops Committee, which receives recommendations from the local ordinary. Prison chaplains are paid by the state.

Father Mulligan pointed out that the team concept "is an experiment in the state," and will be "evaluated each year" by the Corrections Department and the state Bishops Committee.

An advantage of the team concept, Father Tormey pointed out, is that often inmates move among the three facilities where the team

is working. The Reception Center evaluates sentenced felons between the ages of 16 and 21, he noted, and the average stay there is eight weeks. They then are relocated, sometimes moving into "population," as the Correctional Facility is called, and sometimes to Camp Monterey.

The new arrangement will allow the team to "act as a parish," Father Tormey said, working with the initial problems of incarceration, the time spent serving the sentence, and preparation for release. Throughout, he noted, "we will be seeing them as a ministerial team."

Father Tormey noted that Stanley is a graduate of St. Bernard's Seminary, and spent the last several years as Religious Education Coordinator at St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca. Father Tormey noted that his specialty is religious education, and that he has had a good beginning in working with the inmates.

Of Stanley, Father Tormey commented that "he's got talents that I haven't got, and we complement each other."

Sister Josepha was most recently at the Office of Human Development, and has served at Immaculate Conception, Rochester, and at her order's mission in Selma, Alabama, he noted. Her work will consist of religious formation and spiritual counseling, he said, and she "hopefully will deal with a

family visiting program" and contacts outside the prison, with former inmates and families.

Sister Josepha's presence, he said, "will bring a new, strong dimension" to efforts to aid families.

Considerations in proposing the team included the shortage of priests, Father Tormey noted. He also estimated that in his work in the Reception Center, about 20 percent of his time was spent fulfilling a sacramental role that only a priest could serve.

With that in mind, he noted, the addition of two persons to the chaplaincy would increase ministerial efforts without requiring a cut in sacramental services.

Father Tormey noted that the reduction in the number of ordained personnel is seen as a step backwards by some.

One who questions the new arrangement is John Wilmot, superintendent of the two Elmira facilities, who expressed his disappointment in the new chaplaincy system. While noting that he is Catholic, Wilmot stated that he felt having two priests was "more satisfactory." Concerning the possibility of improved services when an inmate moves between the two facilities he manages, he noted that the state is gradually merging the two units, and that the combined chaplaincy would have been achieved then.

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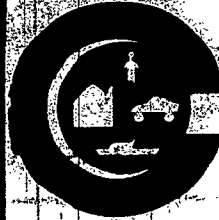
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The society, established here 49 years ago, is open to both men and women. Local centers are Blessed Sacrament, Holy Name, Sacred Heart, St. Andrew's and St. Helen's.