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## CONSULTATIVE BODIES

### DPC: Schools

By MARTIN TOOMBS

Canandaigua — A proposal to create a diocesan school board was the most controversial topic at the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) meeting here last Saturday.

Several DPC members made emotional pleas for increased support for Catholic schools, to insure their continued existence, citing especially those schools operated by Rochester city parishes as facing pressing problems.

The proposal, from Anthony Rosati, Northwest Region delegate, asked that

"A committee be formed with the charge of establishing a strong, central diocesan school board."

In his proposal, Rosati stated that "A unified school system can command a better position in quest of financial stability, political action, quality of education, and better meet the needs of all whom we propose to serve."

In introducing it, Rosati cited a decline of one per cent each year in the number of Catholic schools nationwide. He called on DPC members to approve his proposal to show unified support for diocesan schools.

Noting problems which he said are caused by presently divided opinions on the future of Catholic schools, Arnold Keller, Northeast delegate, explained that he had been involved in the Council of Inner City Parishes (CIOCP) which, at one time, operated some Rochester city Catholic schools. He said he hoped any new school board would have the resources to succeed.

Further discussion dealt with the wording of the resolution.

Father Douglas Hoffman suggested that the motion be

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## Sisters: Evangelization

By JOHN DASH

In a presentation which Sister Mary Jean Smith stated she considers "one of the best things we've ever done," Father Gerald Appelby last week outlined for the Diocesan Sisters Council his view of "Evangelization: Challenge and Response."

Sister Mary Jean is president of the council. Father Appelby is both chief of diocesan campus chaplains and the diocesan director of special ministries.

It is expected that Father Appelby's topic will

come more and more to the fore in diocesan priorities in the near future. Already his presentation has been slated for each of the diocesan consultative bodies.

He defined evangelization last week "the overt, out-loud, obvious, public, proclamation of the Good News of the person of Christ individually and communally so that it affects all ministries of the Church."

He said that he believes "in the need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ," and that that

relationship is "rarely, if ever possible outside of communitarian life." He further said that the "Roman Catholic Church is the fullest expression of the Apostolic Church."

The reason evangelization is today drawing a greater attention in the Church is that it has "become obvious that we weren't doing (evangelization) very well."

Father Appelby opined that certain attitudes held by the fathers of the Second Vatican Council may be held to account for

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## Priests: Seminary

The Priests' Council went into executive session last week at the request of Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, to discuss the financial situation of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Prior to the council's move, Bishop Hogan anticipated a question from the floor on why he had established a date in December to take up a collection for the seminary without consulting the council first.

He said that he made the decision to give permission for the collection "to raise consciousness on both the value and plight of the

school, "as publicity," and "because that was the recommendation of the King report."

The King Report, so-called because it was drawn up by a committee under the chairmanship of Joseph King, prominent Rochester executive, was to be presented to the priests in the executive session. It had already been presented to the seminary's board of trustees. The contents of the report have not been made known to the public.

At last month's council session, however, Auxiliary Bishop Dennis

W. Hickey, speaking for Bishop Hogan who at that time was recovering from pneumonia, said that the seminary was suffering financial problems, and that funds had been taken from the school's endowment to cover expenses.

It was anticipated that at least two questions were to be raised in the executive session, one from Msgr. John Maney whose constituents wanted to know if there was "any thought to making the collection an annual affair," and the other from

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### Spiderman?

Photo by Susan McKinney

Spiderman? No, just Greg Herman showing off his gymnastic ability on the "jungle gym" at the school of the Holy Childhood.

## Pope Reappoints 3 More

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope John Paul II has reappointed three more leading cardinals to their Vatican government posts and has set Jan. 27 for the opening of the third Latin American Bishops Conference (CELAM) at Puebla, Mexico.

CELAM had been postponed because of the deaths of Popes Paul VI and John Paul I.

Italian Cardinal Sergio Pignolodi, 68, was confirmed as president of the Secretariat for Non-Christians; Italian Cardinal Opilio Rossi as president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity; and African Cardinal Bernardin Gantin as president of the Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace and as president of Cor Unum, the coordinating relief and

development agency of the Church.

The Pope also confirmed as delegates to the CELAM conference Italian Cardinal Sebastiano Baggio and Cardinal Aloisio Lorscheider, archbishop of Fortaleza, Brazil, and CELAM president, and Archbishop Ernesto Corripio Ahumada of Mexico City.

## Fr. Weckesser Appointed

Father James Weckesser, MM, the Rochester-born Maryknoll missionary, who was recently appointed regional superior for his society in Chile, has been elected assistant general and a member of the general council of the world-wide group.

The election took place during Maryknoll's seventh General Chapter.

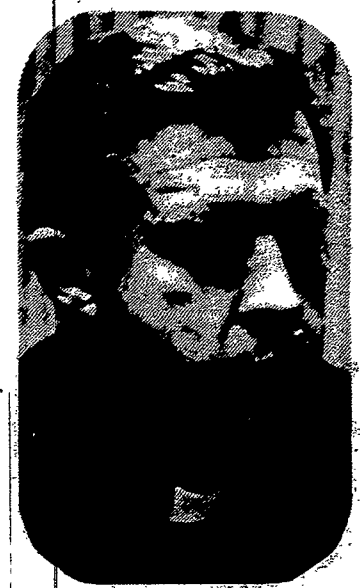
Father Weckesser will serve a term of six years as assistant general. His election occurred shortly after Father James P. Noonan, MM, was elected

superior general of the 67-year-old missionary society.

Also serving, with Father Weckesser, as assistant generals, are Fathers John Cioppa, and Eugene Toland.

Father Weckesser's society numbers more than 900 priests, Brothers and laymen in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Father Weckesser was ordained in 1955 and has spent the last 23 years in Chile. His mother, Mrs. Margaret Mary Weckesser lives in Brighton.



FATHER WECKESSER