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tabled until information could be gathered from Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, diocesan education division director, and from the Chemung County General Education Board.

Thomas Rosica moved Father Hoffman's suggestion which was then passed.

The longest discussion of the day was on evangelization, which the DPC has designated a priority for the year.

The DPC viewed a film interview with Paulist Father Alvin Illig, a noted expert on evangelization, and discussed issues relative to evangelization in small groups.

The DPC Evangelization Task Force also offered five resolutions which were approved unanimously. The resolutions call for: par-

ticipation in national evangelization efforts; for continued DPC study; for involvement in the task force by the Priests and Sisters Councils; for the task force to meet with the regional coordinators and for the task force to prepare a continuing program for the DPC.

In other action, Father Charles Bennett explained the effort by Rochester city parishes concerning Pure Waters charges and his proposal for a volunteer network to watch tax legislation in each county.

He noted that Father William Flynn, diocesan chancellor, to whom the group would report, "likes the concept."

The DPC voted unanimously to recommend his proposal to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

The proposal from the DPC youth representatives, requesting the establishment of a diocesan youth federation, and one from the committee responding to a survey on women's participation in parishes, which supported a diocesan office for women's concerns, were both tabled.

The DPC approved a request made by Joseph Kelly, diocesan continuing education director, that a letter be sent to parish council presidents, supporting continuing education.

The DPC members also did a rank order of diocesan priorities to be considered by the Ministerial Review Committee when it prepares diocesan budgets. Sister Mary Ann Binsack, RSM, DPC executive secretary, reported that order as: Family, Un-churched, Education, Liturgy, Youth, Rural Ministry, Diocesan Organization, Ecumenism.

other textile products for household use.

Reporting on a recent meeting of the Priests Councils of New York, Father Louis-Hohman said that that body endorsed a resolution calling for each council across the state to join the boycott. That resolution was turned over to the council's committee on social justice for further action. The Stevens company has been accused of unfair labor practices.

priests" in the diocese. He also praised the address of Brother Brian Walsh, CFC, the head of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, to the recent joint gathering of the consultative bodies.

It is expected that in a future meeting the priests will consider whether to endorse a boycott against the products of the J. P. Stevens Co. The company manufactures sheets and

Assessments Explained

Canandaigua— Responding to questions that had been raised at earlier Diocesan Pastoral Council meetings, Thomas Weber, diocesan finance director, appeared at Saturday's meeting to explain assessment procedures.

He said that the current formula for determining each parish's contribution to the support of the diocese had been in use since 1973, and was left unchanged by a 1977 study committee. Parish assessments provide \$1,442,000, for 73.2 percent of the diocesan budget, he reported.

The rate is 6.2 percent of the parish's total income, after deductions, Weber continued. Some of the deductions he mentioned were for the Courier-Journal, Bingo income, allowance for debt and a \$35 allowance for each student in Catholic school. The diocese also applies a 1.5 percent assessment rate to surplus funds held by parishes, he added.

Weber noted that a few inner-city parishes had been given special consideration in their assessments.

Several DPC members spoke of the technical nature of the report, telling Weber that they did not have enough information to understand it. He agreed to supply a written explanation.

Let's Discuss Tuition, Group Asks Carter

By State Catholic Committee

among Catholic parents," Davitt said.

Albany — A group of Catholic school officials are seeking a meeting with President Jimmy Carter to discuss tuition tax credits, said J. Alan Davitt, schools spokesman.

Seeking the conference is the Chief Administrators of Catholic Education, a national organization of diocesan educational leaders.

The group is asking "the President whether he intends to abide by his pledge of 1976 or whether he intends to lose all credibility and belief

"It is extremely important that a strong effort be made to reach some accords on this issue," Davitt said. "We cannot abandon our parents and their children in their pursuit of justice in education." The group warned that it would be "politically foolish" for the President and staff to continue to oppose tuition tax credits.

The group sent a telegram to President Carter urging a conference with them, similar to the one he had with public school groups.



Spina Bifida

Monica Whalen and Jennifer Neufeglise are two of the more than 125 that attended the Halloween party last month at Camp Hacamo sponsored by the Greater Rochester Spina Bifida Association. Highlights of the festivities were magic tricks by David Zimmerman, a visit by Big Bird, and the presentation of a check for \$1,013 from the St. Joseph's Youth Group to the association.

Priests

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Father William Aman who wanted to know if the report dealt with the question of whether St. Bernard's would continue as a diocesan institution.

In Bishop Hogan's public remarks to the council, he praised the current program of the "ministry of priests to

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