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Rural Groups Aided By Sister

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Quite a bit happened last month down in Erlanger, Ky., and the diocese's own Sister Anne Urquhart was in the thick of it.

Sister Anne, regional staff person of the Office of Human Development and codirector of the Northern Tier Rural Life Ministry, helped to organize the third annual national consultation of diocesan rural life directors in Erlanger, Oct. 16-19.

More than 110 people from across the country attended the event under the egis of the

National Catholic Rural Life Conference (NCRLC).

And interestingly enough, she said, "about one third of them are women."

"The goal of the consultation," she said in an interview last week, " was to help rural life directors and others in rural ministry, to gain an awareness of what their role is in the Church as it relates to questions of social justice and advocacy; and to examine their ministries as they fit into diocesan structures."

It interested her, she said,

TV Mass

The Sunday Mass for shutins, to be broadcast by Channel 10 on Nov. 26, the Feast of Christ the King, will be offered by Father Ronald Stacy of St. Stanislaus Parish. Musical selections will be traditional Polish hymns from the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at Jasna Gora in Poland.



THE HOLY FATHER'S MISSION AID TO THE ORIENTAL CHURCH

You'll be happier this Thanksgiving if you give something of yourself to someone who has nobody.

Giving belongs in Thanksgiving.

SOMEONE WHO HAS Take fifteen minutes to visit someone in the

NOBODY hospital.

Have someone who eats alone join your family for turkey and all the trimmings.

Better yet, feed someone who needs food.

There are millions of people in the world who have hollow eyes and swollen stomachs because they have no food.

We don't see them because they are overseas.

We know they're there, however.

Can we ignore them, let them starve?

Your \$20 by itself will feed a family of warvictims for a month.

\$200 will feed ten families.

\$975 will give a two-acre model farm to a parish in southern India, so that the priest can raise his own food and teach his people better cropthat that number of people "plugged into the NCRLC as a support group for their ministry," She pointed to the number as evidence that the organization's "programs and aids are recognized as coming from a credible organization."

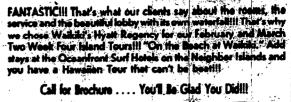
The planners of the consultation attempted to integrate Scripture, Tradition on social justice, advocacy and group interaction, she said, "and the program achieved that goal"

The participants, she said, "had a lot of positive reactions" to the programs. Most were pleased with the presen-

tations, and especially the opportunity to share in the interaction sessions,"

"The spirit of community that developed," she observed, "especially in the Liturgy and at mealtime and during the group interaction, helped that community bond grow."

"It was a heavy program," she concluded. "We worked right from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; but it was worthwhile, it accomplished what we wanted it to. Everyone went away with some practical suggestions he or she can apply in his or her own area of rural ministry."



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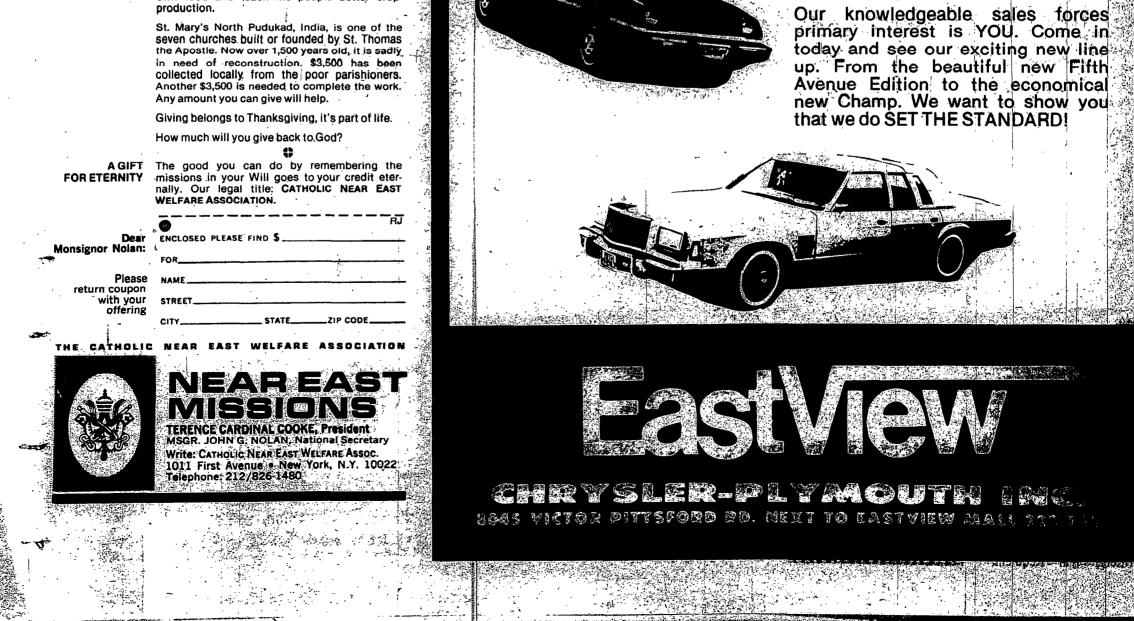
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