



Testimonial

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, center, was feted recently at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at a "Dinner of Appreciation," sponsored by the parish men's club. More than 130 parishioners attended. From left to right are: Msgr. Richard Burns, pastor; John Hodgetts, parish council president; Bishop Hogan; Deacon Thomas Celso; Michael Lancer, men's club president.



Carol Time

As at many parishes throughout the diocese, parishioners at St. Joseph's in Penfield joined for caroling at Christmas. Santa was on hand as were some 185 parishioners. Singers were led by Fathers James Moynihan, pastor, and Stephen Kraus and Sister Diane Branch, pastoral assistant.

Father Marx Raps HEW Publication

Collegeville, Minn. — Father Paul Marx OSB, executive director of the Human Life Center at St. John's University here, has sharply criticized a pro-abortion booklet published by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW). The booklet, "Abortion, the Bible and the Christian Physician," is written by Dr. Roger W. Rochat, a medical doctor who says that his position on abortion stems from his Christian faith.

According to Dr. Rochat, "Christian physicians, particularly medical missionaries, are in a unique position to help slow population growth by providing abortion, contraception and sterilization

services." His booklet also says that one of the advantages of legalized abortion is a decrease in the infant mortality rate.

In a letter to HEW secretary, Joseph Califano, Father Marx has written, "This booklet is full of lies, promotes abortion, and is a total misrepresentation of the Bible itself. I would like to know why HEW would use tax money to produce this kind of deception."

Father Marx disputed the booklet's claim that legalized abortion results in a lower infant mortality rate. According to the Benedictine priest, "Abortion is infant mortality."

Adoration

Two rites of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are slated this week. The first will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church from noon to 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4. The second will be held Friday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church following the 9 a.m. Mass, and will conclude at 5:30 p.m. In the latter, a rosary will be recited at 9:45 a.m.

Parish Events

The Rosary and Altar Society of St. Thomas the Apostle parish has scheduled a family communion breakfast for this Sunday, Jan. 7, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the school hall. Anne Allen and Barbara Krug have charge.

Rosarians at Holy Family will celebrate all their birthdays next Wednesday, Jan. 10. Ariene Hart, Lavina Weiland and Leona Farrell will be hostesses. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Pine Room, after church services at 7:30.

Deaths

W. J. Clark

William J. Clark of Irondequoit, former director of the Rochester office of the Federal Housing Administration, died Dec. 20, 1978 in Rochester General Hospital. He was 78 years old.

Mr. Clark began working for the FHA in 1947. After his retirement in 1970 he served as a part-time consultant. During World War II he directed local activities of the War Production Board. Long active in the Democratic party, he served on the county committee in the 1950s.

He was a member of the Holy Name Society at Christ the King Church, of the Nocturnal Adoration Society and of the 25-year club of Notre Dame Retreat House.

Survivors are his widow, Marcella, and three daughters: Patricia Dever, Maryann Rodenbeck and Kathleen Merle; 11 grandchildren and a brother, John.

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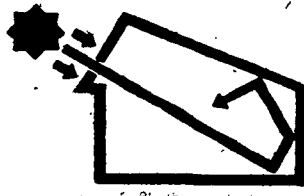
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