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Practice Poverty9

Cardinal Eduardo Pironio has written a letter to the diocesan Sisters of St. Joseph meeting this year in Chapter. In his letter, the cardinal urges the sisters to practice genuine poverty, among other virtues.

Looking for Work14

The 1,000-member state Federation of the Blind has achieved some success on the state level, lobbying the legislature and state agencies, Sterling France, federation president, noted. But the federation remains concerned with the 70 per cent unemployment rate among employable blind persons. That rate is high, France said, because employers has misconceptions about blindness.

Unit Added14

St. Joseph's Hospital now offers the latest in heart monitoring equipment in its Intensive Care Unit and Coronary Care Unit. In addition, the new equipment, recently installed, allows monitoring of six patients in the facility through telemetry. Those patients are able to move freely about. The nine-hour memory of the computerized system makes it an exceptionally valuable diagnostic tool, hospital officials explain.

Renewal Anniversary5

Father Robert Kennedy, diocesan director of liturgy, in a special feature commemorating the 15th anniversary of Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, notes that even to this day the task of renewing the liturgy remains.

Kings and Jesters14

A court jester came to entertain the children of St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen, during a special Epiphany liturgy. The children were entranced by the clown, and he left them with a message the program's organizers hope will make an impression. Following the Mass, the congregation participated in a Twelfth Night Christmas tree bonfire, and a dish-to-pass supper.

Church Leadership9

Project Leadership, the annual weekend at Becket Hall for young men considering the priesthood as a vocational objective, has been slated for the first weekend in February, according to Father Thomas Statt, rector of the institution.

Bread Box Opens13

The third annual Operation Bread Box fund drive, sponsored by the diocesan International Justice and Peace Commission, has begun. This year's program will feature four workshops aimed at helping parish contact persons conduct the event, which raises money for three impoverished areas across the globe, more effectively.

Three Rs10

In recent years parents, employers and community leaders have begun to question the public school educational process. With surveys and observations disclosing that functional illiteracy in youth, is on the increase the cry is back to the basics. In 1973, the New York State Board of Regents took steps to reinforce basic academics by instituting the minimum competency examinations.

Sisters

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council, told the committee that she hoped there would be no restructuring of the present pastoral office when the next bishop is installed.

Among the qualities she hopes for in the new bishop are that he be a spiritual man, a listener, pastorally oriented, visible and approachable, especially by his brother priests.

Sister Jamesine Riley, superior general of the diocesan Sisters of St. Joseph, told the committee she looked for a bishop who engaged in dialogue,

one whose "vision extended beyond the diocese," one who would provide "renewal with education," and one who would encourage the role of women in parish life.

Sister Betty Rogers spoke on behalf of the Religious of the Cenacle. She told the committee that she hopes the next bishop will "promote the laity in leadership roles," and at the same time educate them in the proper exercise of that leadership.

Sister Mary Jean Smith, president of the DSC, stated simply that she looked for a bishop who is "rooted in Jesus Christ."

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a preparatory document issued more than a year ago by the conference planners.

The scope of that document is "extremely large," she observed. Once the document was translated into Portuguese from Spanish (the people of Brazil speak Portuguese), it was divided into sections. Each diocese, she said, then studied five of those sections.

In Jatai, it fell to Sister Katherine to survey the attitudes "of our own, both church-goers and non-church-goers, so when it came time for a diocesan meeting we came in with diocesan people."

What happened in those meetings, she said, was a realization that "the preparatory document was speaking more of the elite and the powerful," to the exclusion of the people of whom Medellin spoke.

The Brazilian bishops then took that sentiment and "worked out a supplementary document for Brazil," she said.

She listed the concerns of the Brazilian paper as "The people, the poor, integrated liberation, and basic Christian communities."

Integrated liberation, she explained is an evangelical approach in which the Church reaches "the whole person" with the Gospel of Christ.

Sister Katherine made it no secret that she hopes the

Brazilian paper will carry a good deal of weight in the Puebla meeting. "But I feel it needs a lot of prayer," she said.

But, whether or not the principles of Medellin are refashioned at Puebla, she said, "I don't think there is any way to retrace the process which began at Medellin."

Sister Katherine is in Rochester for the next several months. She is serving as a delegate to the Sisters of St. Joseph Chapter.

In Brazil, her home base is the city of Sao Simao

Rector Confirms Report

Father Frank Lioi, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, confirmed this week reports that Father Francesco Turvasi has been fired from the faculty. "All I can say," Father Lioi said, "is that Father's relationship with the seminary has been terminated."

Father Lioi also confirmed that two other men, Father H. Joseph Van Torre and Father John Healey, have resigned from the faculty.

The three priests constitute the entire full-time staff of the systematic theology department of the school.

Father Turvasi is in a hospital in Rome, Italy, and could not be reached for comment.

Kick-Off

The Special Gifts phase of the Capital Campaign for St. John Fisher College will be kicked off at a dinner at Oak Hill Country Club tomorrow night, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. The college hopes to gain \$400,000 in this phase toward the \$6.1 million goal of the entire campaign.

Life in Spirit

Father Paul Ryan will be the chief celebrant of a Mass sponsored by St. Andrew's Life in the Spirit Prayer Group at St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Hearings Process Gets Wide Support

Father James Marvin, chairman of the Selection of Bishops Committee is "very pleased with the process, with the way we organized the process and with the results of the questionnaire."

The pastor of St. Ambrose Church also said that "the hearings affirm the responses to the questionnaire. No one is bringing up any new material except for one or two for which there is no real popular feeling."

Father Marvin also sees surfacing at the hearings "a tremendous support for the way Bishop Hogan has run the diocese for the past nine years, tremendous support for the progress in the implementation of the Vatican II programs."

Media, Others Implicated in Jones Disaster

St. Louis — The January issue of The Mindszenty Report charges that "politicians, the media and see-no-evil social activists" were partially responsible for People's Temple cult leader Rev. Jim Jones' activities which led to mass killings and suicide in Jonestown, Guyana.

John Boland, who prepared the report, says that Rev. Jones "never tried to hide the fact that he was drawn to communism" from age 18 when he professed Communist China's Mao to be his hero. Jones was able to pursue a lifetime career as a minister who didn't believe in God, Boland says, because "it is unfashionable these days to question the motives of individuals, such as Jones, who use social justice issues to conceal their Communist objectives."

Seminary Gift

The Harold J. Coleman Foundation of Rochester has granted St. Bernard's Seminary \$1,000 for general support, according to the seminary.

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conception to natural death. Our Number 1 priority is still abortion but we want to make it known that we value all life."

The parade, Mrs. Amato said, is "visible acknowledgement of our commitment."

She also stressed the non-sectarian nature of the organization evident in the ecumenical service. Father Salem, Faddoul, pastor of St. Nicholas Greek Melkite parish, will deliver the main talk at Old St. Mary's. Also taking part will be Rev. Hubert Morris of Bethel Full Gospel Church, and Rev. James Vanderlaan of Webster Christian Reformed Church.

Aliens Must Report Addresses

Non-citizens in the United States are required to report their addresses to the government each January. Cards for this purpose are available at post offices and offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The service, an agency of the Department of Justice, notes that every year many aliens fail to report, out of "misunderstanding or ignorance of the law," and urges citizens to bring the requirement to the attention of any aliens they may know.

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