

# Today's Courier Jan. 24, 1979

## CELAM to Begin . . . . .8

Pope John Paul II's trip to Puebla de Los Angeles has created a great deal of interest in the CELAM conference which begins next week. The pontiff has called South America a "continent of hope," and has "great expectations" for the outcome of the conference.

## Women's Lobby . . . . .8

An area woman has been invited to participate in "Women for Dialogue", a lobbying effort that will attempt to make the Latin American bishops aware of the plight of women in the Church. Ada Marie Isasi-Diaz, a member of the Women's Ordination Conference will join other women in Puebla, Mexico while the CELAM conference is under way.

## Recalling China . . . . .16

Brother Casimir Orleaski, OFM, has been a resident of Watkins Glen for 30 years, but has his own perspective on the recent recognition of mainland China by the United States. For the 15 years previous to the takeover of China by Mao Tse Tung, Brother Casimir worked in China at a variety of jobs. He also was involved in helping Chinese refugees from the Japanese occupation during World War II.

## 20th Anniversary . . . . .5

This week (Jan. 25) marks the 20th anniversary of the calling of Vatican II by Pope John XXIII. An RNS report recalls how the historic event came about and what Vatican II has meant to the Catholic Church.

## Final Session . . . . .9

The final session of the Fifth Provincial Chapter of the School Sisters of Notre Dame will be held next week at the sisters' provincial motherhouse in Wilton, Conn.

## Special Mission . . . . .16

Father James Enright describes his new position as chaplain of the Auburn Correctional facility as trying to build a sense of freedom behind prison walls. The freedom, he said, should be from within, a spiritual freedom.

## Ecumenism Noted . . . . .17

There is creative talent in the diocesan high schools and Our Lady of Mercy taps this resource for its literary magazine, the Mercedes. The entire student body is invited to contribute poetry, prose, plays and art with the responsibility of evaluating submissions for publication resting with Maureen Crough, editor, and staff members.

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Father Robert Kanka noted that progress has occurred in the ecumenical movement, and that work to unify Christians will serve to glorify God. He was speaking to the Elmira-area prayer service in observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, held at the Pennsylvania Avenue United Methodist Church in Pine City.

# Process

## From 1 Livingston- Steuben

Bath — A suggestion that the diocese's regions be re-aligned with regard to parish needs rather than county boundaries was one item raised at the Livingston-Steuben Selection of Bishops hearing. Father Robert Miller, a member of the hearing team there, reports.

The opinion that the regions outside Monroe County were too large to be manageable was given, he said.

Speakers also called for increased Church presence in public institutions such as hospitals and jails, he noted, with lay persons being involved in the apostolate to those institutions. It was pointed out that such facilities could provide excellent locations for reaching the unchurched, he recalled.

Father Walter Wainwright, regional coordinator, noted that 36 persons attended the hearing, and that the speakers also expressed the hope that the new bishop will have an awareness of the concerns and wishes of the entire diocese, and not just those of the metropolitan areas.

## Southeast

Some 30 dioceses attended the Southeast Region hearing of the Selection of Bishops Committee last Thursday night at Good Shepherd School in Henrietta.

The hearing team consisted of Father Robert Miller, Sister Mary Wintish, Glenn Kist and Dennis McGuire. Father Roy J. Kiggins was chairman for the hearing.

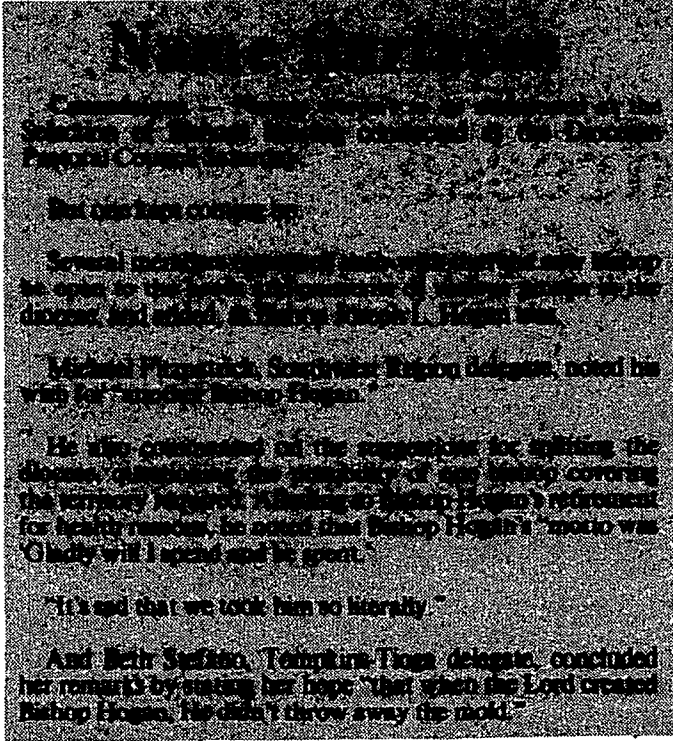
The hearing was then open to opinions from the crowd and the speakers expressed great concern for adult education, lay ministry, and the qualities the new bishop must have.

"We must give priority to administering the adult catechumenate," Sister Nancy DeRycke said.

Virginia Gradle, speaking for Religious Education Coordinators of the Southeast Region, added, "Religious education must be given a high priority in the diocese — adult-centered as well as child-centered."



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Speaking for St. Anne's Parish Council, Virginia Radell called for stronger lay leadership and stressed that "funds for St. Bernard's Seminary should be ranked much lower."

Father John Mulligan felt that it will be important for the new bishop to encourage new approaches to ministry, and said:

"Like Bishop Hogan, our new bishop should be present in nursing homes, jails, prisons, mental institutions . . . We all want a bishop very present to us, but he must also be a travelling prophet, teaching us that our vision of church and ministry is usually too narrow."

## Southwest

The people of the Southwest Region last week told the Selection of Bishops Committee that they want the next bishop to be an active promoter of questions of social justice and a firm supporter of religious education.

At a meeting attended by nearly 50 persons in St. Theodore's school hall, several of the 17 speakers also encouraged the committee to take note of lay leadership in the diocese.

In a ringing address, Betty Marion Anderson, president of the parish council at Immaculate Conception Church, described her parish as a unique example of the Church working together without regard to roles determined by sex, race, class, or even creed.

She urged the committee to recommend the next bishop pursue such a parochial style throughout the diocese.

Several speakers, both men and women, said they wanted the next bishop to pursue the question of the role of women in the church as Bishop Joseph L. Hogan has done.

## Correction

In last week's story on Operation Breadbox the dates for the workshops were incorrect. The proper dates are today, Jan. 24 at Sacred Heart Parish, Auburn and Thursday, Jan. 25 at St. Lawrence 1000 North Greece Rd., Rochester. Anyone wishing to attend these meetings or needing further information may call Charles King, Auburn 315-253-7035, or Lourdes Perez 716-663-4819.

According to Sister Marie Brown, a member of the committee, the speakers addressed themselves to problems in the diocesan regional structure. She said that while the region appears to want regionalism, there is a strong feeling that parishes should be grouped along lines other than geographic proximity.

The speakers, she said, voiced their hope for a bishop who would be visible in all areas of the diocese and one who is particularly aware of problems in rural areas.

Maintaining the diocesan commitment to religious education also was urged, Sister Marie said.

## Tompkins-Tioga

Ithaca — There seemed to be a general consensus at the Tompkins/Tioga regional hearing for the Selection of Bishops Committee last week that the diocese faces a major problem in the geographical arrangement of its regions. Sister Marie Brown, a member of the committee, reported recently.

She said that among the five formal speakers and the audience of about 20 at Immaculate Conception Church, there was voiced the fear that proposed decentralization of the Pastoral Office would simply create more bureaucracy, albeit on a more local level.

She said that the speakers noted they want a bishop who is visible in all regions, and that the regions themselves should be based on the "natural affinities" of parishes rather than on their geographic proximity.

It was also evident at the meeting that the speakers want the next bishop to be aware of problems of the presence of the Church in the urban setting.

James Barry of St. Augustine's Church included in his observations on this point that the next bishop should also be aware of the unique ministerial service which can be rendered by persons who voluntarily opt to live in the city alongside those who are forced to live there.

The hearing was chaired by Msgr. Gerard Krieg, regional coordinator.

## Y-O-W

Canandaigua — More than 20 people attended the Yates/Ontario/Wayne regional Selection of Bishops Committee hearing on Jan. 27. There were five formal speakers at the hearing.

## DPC

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new role of leadership in providing increased opportunities for lay ministry.

Brother Brian Walsh, DPC president, listed three needs for the new bishop to address: vocations, continuation of the consultative process, and the ministry of education. He stated that education should strive to develop "know why" as well as "know how."

A recurring topic was the suggestion made at earlier hearings that the Rochester diocese be divided into two or even three dioceses.

Marge Nurnberg, an appointed member from Elmira, began her remarks by commenting that not everyone in Elmira is in favor of splitting the diocese.

Rose Reichard, Seneca-Cayuga, reported comments at her region's hearing that the diocese might benefit from division.

Anthony Rosati, Northwest Region, pointed out the variances in the diocese, and suggested that possibly a bishop could better serve a smaller, more homogeneous diocese.

Father James Marvin, Selection of Bishop Committee chairman, asked if what parishioners really wanted was to feel part of some diocese. Comments were made supporting that view.

John Schmidt, an appointed member, suggested moving the Pastoral Center to Geneva, as the geographical center of the diocese.

## Priests Council

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de-emphasis on philosophy and systematic theology, on a ten year dropping of patrology (study of the writings of the Church Fathers) to have been revived only this year; and the conflict between the departments. We have the impression that some departments support the Magisterium of the Church, which is the expectation and wish of every member of bloc two; and other departments which are neo-modernistic, do not fulfill the requirements of the Catholic Church.