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Concerns Stated9

The New York State Catholic Conference will be keeping an eye on legislative programs for the poor, the helpless, prisoners, the sick and children, it was announced last week. The conference this season is urging lawmakers to help such groups.

At Heart, the Faith16

The significance of Catholic education is that it expresses deep faith in God and willingness to insure the preservation of the faith at any cost, was the message delivered at a special Catholic Schools Week Mass in Auburn recently. Sister Walter Anne O'Malley of Blessed Trinity School acted as homilist for the Mass.

Gift Noted18

St. Bernard's Seminary last week acknowledged the receipt of a pledge for \$25,000 from Mrs. Joseph C. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson is the widow of the former head of the Xerox Corp.

They Pray8

Dioceses throughout the area are praying for their new bishop. The prayer they are using, both individually and in small groups, was composed by the diocesan liturgy chief, Father Robert Kennedy, and is based on an ancient prayer set down in the Third Century by Hippolytus.

Regents Scholars13

The New York State Education Department has announced the 1979 Regents scholarship winners. There are 273 winners and alternates representing the nine Catholic high schools in this diocese. Winners are eligible for scholarships for five years of study at an approved program in the state. The winners earned the awards by achieving the highest scores in the ACT and SAT tests taken in 1978.

Alcoholic Teens14

"It's all peer pressure on the young adults," says one student about the reasons alcoholism has become such a problem among teenagers. This is just one of the reasons discussed by McQuaid Jesuit High School students in this week's Equal Time.

Support SALT6

Father J. Bryan Hehir, executive secretary of the Office of International Justice and Peace, told an audience at Blessed Sacrament School that although the current SALT agreements are far from perfect, they should be supported because without them the world would be far worse off. Father Hehir talked about the current situations of the disarmament negotiations and explained the Church's stand on the subject.

Festival Choir15

The Diocesan Festival Choir has a Liturgical Group that will perform at Masses in three parishes during the next several weeks. The 28 singers will be at Our Lady of Good Counsel for the 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Feb. 24. The 80-voice choir directed by Sister Virginia Hogan is preparing a concert for April 29.

Shroud

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heading up the team of scientists from the U.S. and Canada who will perform that test.

Interviewed in his laboratory last week, Dr. Gove said that his test will determine the age of the shroud within 150 years.

The affable professor's involvement with the shroud came about a year and a half ago, he said. He explained that back in June of 1977 he delivered a paper on Carbon 14 dating to an international meeting of scientists.

Following that, he said, he was contacted by Father H. David Sox who heads the British Turin Shroud Society. It is Father Sox, Gove explained, who has provided the impetus to date the shroud, and who has steadily maneuvered through the ecclesiastical channels to obtain permission and materials for the test.

Also involved in the project, Dr. Gove said, are author Ian Wilson and England's well-known Anglican Bishop John A.T. Robinson.

Dr. Gove explained in an aside the circumstances of his first meeting with the Turin officials over the question of dating the shroud. "My reception was less than cordial," he said. He left that first meeting with less than admiration for one cleric, who, Dr. Gove said, "couldn't even discuss the question of carbon dating."

Since that meeting, however, it has been decided that the method may be used if two independent laboratories conduct the research, Dr. Gove said.

Those two labs are at the University of Rochester and at Brookhaven, Mass.

The team that Dr. Gove heads is made up of members from the University of Toronto, the University of Rochester, and a private laboratory, General Ionex Corp. In addition, the team will be aided by a scientist from the U.S. Geological Survey team.

Tonight, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m., in the university's Hubble Auditorium, Dr. Gove will give a public lecture on his researches and on his attempt to date the shroud.



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