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Today Is Ash Wednesday

Lenten Regulations

Today, Ash Wednesday, is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. Good Friday is the only other day of both fast and abstinence.

Other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

The fast is defined as one full meal a day, with two lighter meals. It is required of those 21 to 59 years of age.

The prohibition against meat on Fridays applies to those 14 years of age and older.

A Catholic should not lightly excuse himself from these practices.

Charities Board Forms Task Force On Human Sexuality

A special Task Force on Human Sexuality has been formed by the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities.

The aim of the task force is, "to promote the positive, Catholic view of human sexuality as opposed to the programs espoused by the secular community," according to Donald J. Dacey, a local businessman who is chairman of the task force and its executive committee.

Other members of the executive committee are Father Charles Mulligan, diocesan director of the Office of Social Ministry; Maurice Tierney, director of Catholic Charities; Gerard Guerinot, M.D., local physician; Ruth Lawrence, M.D., and Robert Lawrence, M.D., and Mrs. Barbara Dacey of Birthright. Mrs. Dacey is secretary of the group.

The task force is divided into three sub-committees:

The Crisis Intervention Committee "hopes to identify and evaluate the services available both to the pregnant teenager and those who may be involved with her problem. It will develop recommendations for improving services and, if need be, propose expanded or new and innovative approaches to the problem," Dacey said.

Tierney is chairman of the group which includes Mrs. Dacey, Sister Helen Edward Dodd of St. Mary's Hospital, Rev. Thomas Hanson of Catholic Family Center, William McLaren of St. Joseph's Villa, Sister Barbara Moore, Mrs. Therese Petracca of Natural Family Planning of Rochester, William Privett, Ms. Gail Robinson, Frank Staropoli of the Office of Family Life, Sister Kathleen Vaeth, and Miss Catherine

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FLHSA Sex Education Plan Watered Down after Hearing

By MARTIN TOOMBS

Canandaigua—Strong objections to the recommendation that a sex education curriculum from Planned Parenthood be promoted for use throughout the state were made at the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency (FLHSA) Board of Directors meeting Thursday.

Many of those objecting left disappointed, although the board did remove mention of the curriculum from the Health Systems Plan (HSP).

The HSP is a statement of long-range goals governing the FLHSA. Included in the document's draft was the statement, in a section on teenage pregnancy, that "The curriculum guide developed by Planned Parenthood of Rochester and Monroe County for a school program in human sexuality and family planning should be examined as a possible model and promoted throughout the state."

Fourteen persons spoke in



Professor Richard Baer scored the use of values clarification in schools at the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency Board of Directors meeting.

Bishop Cunningham Dies at Age 78

Bishop David F. Cunningham, retired ordinary of the Diocese of Syracuse, died Feb. 22, 1979, at his home in Syracuse. He was 78 years old.

Cardinal Terence Cooke officiated at the Mass of Christian Burial Monday morning in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Bishop Cunningham was secretary to the three prelates



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opposition to that recommendation, and one in favor; 18 others ceded their time to opposition speakers.

Speakers questioned the reasons for using such a curriculum, and some stated that sex education will in-

crease, not decrease, teenage pregnancy. Some spoke for removal of the Planned Parenthood plan suggestion; others sought removal of the entire section from the HSP.

Sixteen persons ceded their time to Richard Baer, of the Natural Resources faculty at Cornell University, who addressed the use of values clarification in the Planned Parenthood curriculum.

Baer, who noted that his doctorate is in the philosophy of religion from Harvard, called use of values clarification "a matter of civil liberties, and a matter of constitutional right."

Values clarification "purports to be value-neutral," he said, but teaches a specific values system. It promotes hedonism, he said, and "we have no right to use a method that implicitly inculcates this position."

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Seminary Honors Bishop Hogan

The Center for Continuing Education at St. Bernard's Seminary has been renamed The Bishop Joseph L. Hogan Center for Continuing Education, it has been announced by the Board of Trustees.

The board acted to honor Bishop Hogan's 25 years of association with diocesan seminaries as a

"All values are matters of preference and taste," he said, adding that a particular system should not be forced on students.

Mary Kay Robinson of Elmira presented copies of petitions she said were signed by more than 2,000 persons in opposition to the recommendation.

Jeanne Sweeney of Rochester called for the entire section to be tabled as being the result of "bias and inadequate study."

Gail Lejedal of Elmira stated that the recommendation "never should have been in the HSP-AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) anyway."

Richard Johnson of Pine City questioned "why this

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student, professor, rector and bishop. It also wished to recognize the bishop's concern to provide ongoing educational opportunities for all involved in Church ministries.

A special celebration to mark this event will take place in early April, according to the seminary.