

Fr. Kinsky Optimistic About Catholic Schools

By Joan M. Smith

Father Richard Kinsky, CSB, will assume his duties as superintendent of the Rochester Diocesan schools on July 16. Presently, he is down in Albuquerque, New Mexico at St. Pius X High School where he has been principal since 1975.

In discussing with the Courier-Journal his tasks as superintendent, Father indicated his primary challenge would be to maintain the life and vitality which he sees as the strong tradition of the Rochester Catholic schools. He also sees his job as keeping up the morale of teachers and parents — helping them to keep the faith in the Catholic educational system. He believes the system has weathered the storm of the last decade and that even with the shortage of religious personnel, schools are maintaining the Catholic essence.

Regarding his ministerial duties, Father hasn't worked in the Rochester area since teaching at Aquinas in 1960 but he has kept informed about his hometown.



FR. RICHARD KINSKY
Superintendent of Schools

"I see Rochester as a city of neighborhoods each with a distinctive personality," he explained adding, "and I see the Catholic schools contributing to their survival."

Father leaves a small Catholic school system in Albuquerque for the much larger one here in Rochester. St. Pius X is the only high school in Albuquerque (and one of only three throughout the state) with 10 grammar

schools feeding into it. Though his last four years have been primarily in administration, with stints at teaching Business Math and Theology, Father is no stranger to the classroom. Besides teaching at Aquinas Institute he has taught at Andean High School in Gary, Indiana where he also served as vice principal and principal, Central Catholic in Detroit and at Pius X in Albuquerque from 1971-75.

He received his BA from St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, his MA in History from Indiana University and an Education Specialist Certificate from the University of New Mexico.

As to his favorite spare time activities Father enthusiastically said, "I'm a jogger," and expressed his delight in the fact that Bishop-elect Matthew H. Clark is also one.



FATHER LAVERY

Fr. Lavery Honored May 13

Father Charles Lavery, president of St. John Fisher College received an honorary doctor of laws degree at commencement exercises of the University of Rochester, in the Eastman Theatre on May 13.

Father Lavery, a Basilian priest, has been president of Fisher since 1958. Among his many community activities are included service as chairman of the Rochester Clean City Committee, as a member of the Inter-Faith Committee for Israel, and the advisory board for the Junior League of Rochester, as a director of the local Educational Television Association, the Rochester-Monroe County Athletes Hall of Fame, and the United Community Chest.

NFP Lists Schedules

Two Natural Family Planning information sessions have been scheduled with Joe and Terri Petracca instructors.

The first will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Thursday, May 24 at St. John the Evangelist School, Humboldt Street, Room 104.

The second is scheduled from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Monday, June 4, at the Kearney Education Building, St. Mary's Hospital.

Information classes are open to the public at no charge and no registration is required.

Two NFP classes also have been scheduled. Earl and Judy Khab will be instructors for the first from 7:30 to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, at St. James School. Dick and Mary Beth O'Hara will be instructors for the other from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., Friday, June 15, St. Augustine's School Hall.

Registration for each class is limited to six engaged or married couples wishing instruction to use NFP. A fee covers all supplies. Pre-registration is required by calling the NFP office at 464-8705.

Pope Names Chamberlain

Vatican-City (RNS) -- Pope John Paul II has appointed Italian Cardinal Paolo Bertoli, 71, a veteran diplomat, as chamberlain of the Holy Roman Church.

On the death of a pope, the chamberlain becomes head of the Sacred College of Cardinals and presides over the Church until a new pope is elected.

Cardinal Bertoli succeeds Cardinal Jean Villot who died on March 9.

Deaths

Mother Magdalene, 82; Former Mercy Superior

Mother Mary Magdalene Schenck, a Sister of Mercy for 62 years, died May 5, 1979, at the age of 82. She had served two six-year terms as superior general of the Rochester congregation and had taught in its high schools and in parish schools for more than 30 years.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 7 in the Motherhouse Chapel.

Mother Magdalene, a native of Rochester, was graduated from Nazareth Academy in 1916 and joined the Mercy Sisters a year later. She taught at Mt. Carmel, St. Mary's and St. John the Evangelist in Rochester; Holy Family in Auburn and St. John's in Clyde, before joining the faculty at Our Lady of Mercy High School. Later, she served at St. Patrick's, Elmira, and at Notre Dame High School and Cardinal Mooney High School. Meanwhile, she had held various administrative posts. Her terms as superior general ran from 1940 to 1946 and

1955 to 1961. While she was teaching at Mercy, she earned a bachelor's degree in Latin and philosophy at Canisius College and a masters in Latin at St. Bonaventure University.

Sister Mary Judith Heberle, major superior, observed of Mother Magdalene that when she was superior general "we knew that she expected the best from each one of us. She never betrayed a confidence, she shied from the limelight . . . She was open to the new, yet always respectful of the old. She was gentle, soft-spoken, a deep thinker . . . We will remember her always as a gracious lady filled with wisdom, a woman of faith and prayer . . ."

Mother Magdalene retired to the Omega Community of senior sisters at the Motherhouse in 1972. Her relatives are a brother-in-law, Nicholas Konz of Naples, and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Ruth Davis; Priest's Mother

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Ruth Davis April 27 at Holy Rosary Church. Mrs. Davis, a communicant of Holy Rosary since 1920, died April 24, 1979. She was the widow of Frank Davis and lived in Lakeview Park.

Mrs. Davis's grandson, Daniel Mahns, and his wife, Charlene, gave the readings. Grandchildren Kevin, Timothy, Sheila and Patricia presented the gifts.

Mrs. Davis was a member of the parish Rosary Society, the Catholic Womens Club, Nazareth College Guild and Third Order of Mt. Carmel.

Survivors, besides Father Francis, are another son, John; daughters Ruth Mary, Barbara and Janet Davis, and Virginia Mahns; son-in-law Richard Mahns; three sisters, Mary McKenna and Hildegard and Gertrude Donovan; five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter, Larisa Mahns.

Father Francis Davis, her son, concelebrated the Mass with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and Father Raymond Heisel. Other concelebrants were Fathers James Callan, Paul Cuddy, Cassian Kirk, Robert McNamara, Jerome Schifferli, Norman Tanck, John Whalen and Thomas Wheeland, with Fathers Joseph Brennan and William Prott also in the sanctuary.

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