

DPC Approves 1979-80 Diocesan Budget

By Martin Toombs

Waterloo — The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) unanimously recommended approval of the diocesan budget for the coming year at its meeting Saturday in St. Mary's School following more than two hours of explanation and discussion.

The budget, as prepared by the Ministerial Review Committee (MRC), calls for expenditures of \$2,262,320 in the fiscal year beginning July 1, compared to the budget for the current year of \$2,236,253.

The budget anticipates an increase in parish assessment income of \$63,000, to \$1,493,000. The remainder of the budget is funded through a variety of sources.

The budget was explained by Richard Wardell of Big Flats, MRC chairman; he and Father Peter Bayer, the Pastoral Center's liaison to the committee, and other committee members responded to questions.

Discussion was varied, as members asked many questions concerning the budget and how it was developed.

Father John Mulligan and Diane Blum were among those questioning the impact the prioritized diocesan needs had on the budget.

Bishop-elect to DPC: My Prayers

Waterloo — Bishop-elect Matthew Clark sent a message to the Diocesan Pastoral Council through Bishop Dennis W. Hickey for Saturday's meeting. Speaking with him by telephone, Father Clark asked him to "please tell them how I anticipate working with them," Bishop Hickey said.

Bishop Hickey stated that

Father Clark said he would be "depending greatly on you" to bring together the various perspectives in the diocese.

He also said that during his retreat last week, he would pray for the DPC members, and asked them to pray for him during this time before his installation as bishop.

Although religious vocations had been made the fourth priority, of 185 total programs listed, only four dealt with vocations. Wardell responded that the diocesan needs are goals being worked toward, and have not been fully achieved.

Disposition of income developed by the various departments was an issue raised, as departments are reported in the budget in different ways. Ronald Keller, Northeast delegate, expressed the view that departments should not be allowed to spend all revenue they raise without those

expenditures being reviewed.

After extensive rewording of the resolution that had been proposed, the council voted unanimously to recommend the budget as "an improving balance of the available resources being applied towards our 1979 prioritized diocesan needs."

The MRC also presented two resolutions concerning the budget preparation process next year.

The first called for the DPC to remove the function of compiling the diocesan priorities from the MRC.

Among the views expressed was that by Sister Josepha Kennedy, DPC and MRC member, that the annual prioritizing is too much work for a "predictable result." She suggested re-drawing the list less often, perhaps every five years.

After further discussion, a motion was approved calling for a committee to determine a way to deal with the list of needs, with the committee reporting to the next DPC meeting, which could be in September.

The second proposal called for discussion of the resolution approved a year ago which states: "Any contributory income generated by a diocesan department or unit for the purpose of a budgeted line item is to be credited as part of the budget allocation for that department or unit."

The MRC asked for a meeting with the bishop and the division directors to study the implications of the resolution and formulate a solution.

Father Mulligan amended the resolution to call for the results of the discussion to be brought back to the DPC. Both the amendment and the resolution were approved.

The DPC also heard plans for Bishop-elect Clark's installation, and they were asked by Father Douglas

Hoffman to participate and to encourage participation in their regions.

And Brother Brian Walsh, DPC president for the past year, closed the meeting by thanking the members, as he had when first elected last June, for the "high quality

people" that were elected to the executive committee.

He commented that the events of the past year were a personal affirmation for him that was probably important to his having just been named principal of Bishop Kearney High School.

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'Babylonian Exile' Ends for Area Jesuit

"I feel like I'm back from a 10-year Babylonian Exile," Rochester Jesuit Father John Podsiadlo said last week as he prepared to take up a post with the diocesan Office of the Spanish Apostolate.

For the past decade the former teacher at McQuaid Jesuit High School has been working in New York City and in Latin America.

Father Podsiadlo will begin his ministry with the Spanish Apostolate on July 1.

Telerama Chairman Named

Raymond G. Mulvehill of Penfield has been named general chairman of the March of Dimes first annual Telerama on Channel 13 from 11:30 p.m., June 23, to 6 p.m., June 24.

Mulvehill is a Xerox Community Action manager. He also is associated with the Rochester Institute of Technology College of Continuing Education where he has taught systems and data processing for 12 years. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Penfield Country Club and is on the board of the Center for Community Issues Research.

He said the Telerama will be entirely local with area talent and MCs, plus a national personality, not yet selected.

After working a stint in El Salvador with the Radio School for Literacy Education, Father Podsiadlo was assigned to Ascension Parish in New York City where his ministry was primarily with Hispanic groups.

He then spent some time in the Dominican Republic, following an advanced course in Spanish at Catholic University. In the Dominican Republic, he worked at the Institute for Latin American Conscience, "and in the mountains, in villages where a great many of my (New York City) parishioners came from."

He was next assigned to New York's Nativity Parish, a post he has held until now. Nativity, he said, operates both a Mission Center and regular parish activities.

The center ministers mostly to Hispanic youth, and provides literacy education. The center also is a focus for housing advocacy and tenant organizing, and for immigration issues such as undocumented aliens.

In his pastoral duties, Father Podsiadlo engaged in outreach to the Hispanic parishioners, "which included a great deal of home-visiting," he said.

He added that the parish also pursues a course of "integral evangelization," in which, he said, "service of justice is a part of evangelization — a work of



FATHER PODSIADLO

enabling people to take care of their own lives."

Father Podsiadlo "will be wearing three hats here," he said.

For the Spanish Apostolate, "I will be serving the various Hispanic communities throughout the diocese in terms of lay leadership."

He also will develop an "integral liturgical preparation program for the liturgical year in the Hispanic communities," which he listed as Dominican, Mexican and Cuban as well as Puerto Rican.

In addition he expects to conduct a survey of religious attitudes in the Hispanic communities in the diocese.

Other diocesan ministries Father Podsiadlo will pursue will be service at Monroe County Jail, and pastoral work at St. Francis of Assisi.

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