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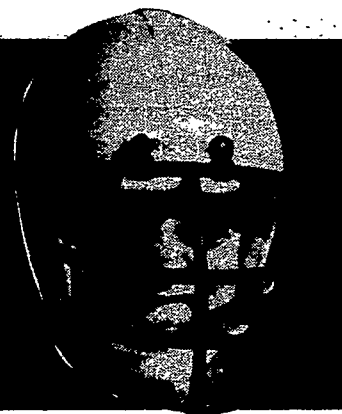
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Stewardship

This season of Stewardship for the diocese is being kicked off at meetings such as these throughout the area. Stewardship Sunday, slated for Oct. 17 will find volunteers well-trained and able for their duties. At right, Bishop Matthew H. Clark rises to speak at such a training meeting. At the table with the bishop are John Foley, Stewardship consultant; Father Conrad Sundholm, diocesan development director and James Georger, newly named Stewardship director. Recent meetings have been held in Elmira, below, and in Rochester, below right.



Ministerial Changes Announced

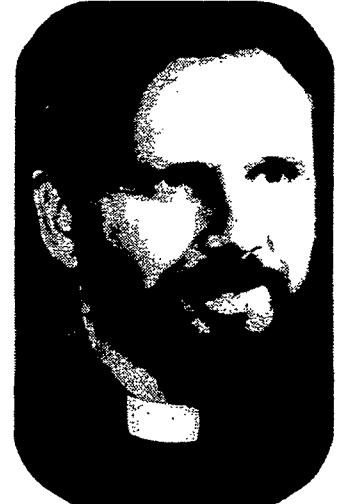
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Father William A. Barrett, chaplain at Newark Developmental Center since 1970, will become pastor of St. Monica's Church on Sept. 12.



FATHER BARRETT

Father William A. Trott, director of spiritual formation at St. Bernard's Seminary since 1968, will take up the pastorate of neighboring St. Augustine's on the same day.



FATHER TROTT

These assignments are among about 30 approved last week by Bishop Matthew H. Clark. The bishop named Father James Schwartz as first director of the developing Ministry to Priests. He assigned Father David Gramkee to the team handling the chaplaincy at Elmira Reception Center; Father Richard Murphy to the campus ministry team at Cornell University, and Father Paul J. Ryan to the chaplaincy at Newark.

Fourteen associate pastors have new parishes and five young men have received their first assignments. The new priests were ordained at various times during the Spring, when the diocese was without an Ordinary. Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, chief of the Priests Personnel Board, reporting the appointments, noted that the customary "June changes" had not occurred and the newly ordained had remained in their deacon internships instead of advancing to priest internships as assistant pastors. He said additional appointments would be announced next week.

St. Monica's and St. Augustine's, in westside Rochester, had been without pastors for some time. The men coming from special ministries to fill the gap have both had about 11 years of parish experience as associate priests.

Father Barrett, ordained June 5, 1959, worked at St. Mary's, Elmira; St. Joseph's, Wayland; St. Alphonsus,

Auburn, and, 1965-67, the parish to which he is returning — St. Monica's. During his chaplaincy at Newark, he took psychology and education courses to help him in his work, and in 1977 he received a Master of Divinity degree from St. Bernard's. He is a member of several professional organizations concerned with development disabilities.

Father Trott also has had advanced education, for spiritual formation work, and is affiliated with numerous professional groups. Before joining the seminary staff he was at St. Joseph's, Wayland; St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester, and St. Margaret Mary, Irondequoit. He was ordained June 8, 1957.

The Palestinian Question: Is Homeland for Refugees Possible And Would It Solve Problem?

By Laurence Mullin RNS Staff Writer

The volatile "Palestinian question," long regarded as central to any comprehensive Middle East Settlement, has once again become a focus of international concern and debate.

In late August, the United Nations Security Council introduced a draft resolution affirming that "the Palestinian people should be enabled to exercise its inalienable rights of self-determination, national independence and sovereignty in Palestine."

It was the most recent U. N. effort to come to grips with the persistent issue that has triggered four major Arab-Israeli wars and countless skirmishes over the past three decades: the fate of the approximately 3.5 million Palestinians who live under Israeli occupation in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip or who are scattered elsewhere in the Middle East and beyond.

Increasingly, a vague international consensus — shared in some degree by all the parties involved — has



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formed the idea that the problem can be solved by the creation of a Palestinian "homeland" or "entity."

Civil rights and church groups in the United States have called, in recent months, for some such solution to the problem.

But what "homeland" or "entity" would mean in practice remains a matter of sharp controversy.

Most Arab states basically favor an independent

sovereign state for Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as a home for both the 1.1 million Palestinians living there and for millions now in exile abroad.

The Israelis, appalled at the prospect of a hostile state on Israel's very border, are determined that, whatever happens, a "Palestinian entity" shall not be wholly independent — or able to threaten Israel's security.

To many Israelis, Palestinians — at least those who follow the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) — are violent, desperate people prone to vicious terrorism and determined to destroy the Jewish state that was carved out of Palestine in the aftermath of the World War II holocaust.

To their Arab brethren, however, the Palestinians are victims of an historic injustice that has ironic parallels to the Jewish diaspora of an earlier age — a talented hard-working folk, driven from a land that they have inhabited since neolithic times, and

forced to wander in permanent exile.

The introduction of the resolution on the Palestinians in the UN Security Council came against a background of growing fears by conservative Arab leaders of Palestinian radicalism, coupled with increasing resentment of western influence in the Middle East — and, probably most significant, the branding of Arab oil as a potential weapon against the West if the Palestinian question is not resolved.

American civil rights and church groups underscore the concept of "human rights" in their appeals for resolution of the Palestinian problem.

Earlier, in May, an ecumenical group of Christians issued a declaration challenging the belief (of some Christians and some Israelis) that the Bible grants Israel a religious right to the West Bank (Samaria and Judea), and supporting creation of a "sovereign" Palestinian state.

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