

Exiled Cuban Bishop Foresees His Return

By John Dash

While Cuban President Fidel Castro was in New York City, speaking to the United Nations and receiving representatives from the U.S. and other countries, Bishop Eduardo Boza Masvidal, an exiled Cuban who is now a prelate in Caracas, Venezuela, was in Rochester, visiting Cuban families, "animating them in the spiritual life and planning for the future."

Msgr. Boza, as he is called by members of the Spanish-speaking community, spoke at a luncheon, celebrated Mass, and attended a formal dinner in his honor. The event was arranged by the diocesan Spanish Apostolate Office and sponsored by the Cuban Lyceum, a federation of 250 Cuban families in the area.

Through his interpreter, Father Raul Comesanas, the bishop told reporters last Saturday that Rochester is but one stop on a nationwide tour of Cuban communities, a tour he called "pastoral and religious."

Msgr. Boza said that his

message throughout the tour was "to live the life of faith and conserve our cultural values and to respond to the Fatherland — and not forget it."

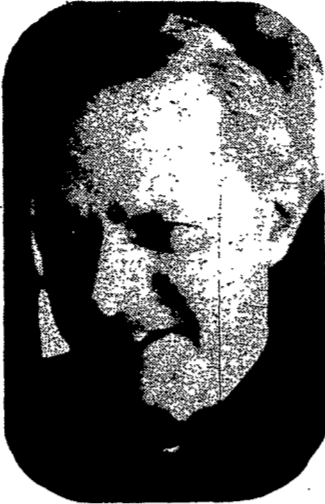
He always bears what he called "a message of hope." He said that the events of history are created by the people and that those events are not things just to be endured. "We make things happen," he asserted.

He encourages Cubans in exile to "work in a positive way for justice," he said.

Msgr. Boza declined, however, to predict a return of exiles to Cuba. "It is not a question of what time," he said "We all have hope. The regime cannot go on indefinitely."

Msgr. Boza is working on a report on the spiritual needs of Cubans in exile, a report which Pope John Paul II has asked him to prepare and present in Rome.

As the bishop tours this country, he is also gathering data for that report. In the United States alone there are



MSGR. BOZA

more than 1 million Cuban exiles.

As to the current political climate in Cuba, Msgr. Boza said, "As we know, it is one of oppression dominated by a foreign power."

He asserted that there were violations of human rights in Cuba and that the chief example would be the new Cuban constitution which lists the rights of the citizens, "but says that those rights must not oppose the Marxist-Leninist society."

IWCC Slates Show

"Holiday Elegance," a luncheon-fashion show of fashions and hats by Projansky's, will mark the 60th anniversary of the Italian Women's Civic Club, Nov. 8 at Arena's Party House, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Proceeds from the event will go to the club's Dante Scholarship Award fund, which, in the past 56 years has given scholarships to 100 young men and women.

A major purpose of the club

is to contribute to any worthy cause, educational or philanthropic, and over the years, the following Catholic organizations are among those benefitted:

School of the Holy Childhood, Mt. Carmel Church Fund, St. John Fisher Building Fund, St. Ambrose School Fund, the Casa Italiana at Nazareth College, St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, Holy Angels Home

and St. Joseph's Infirmary at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Heading up this year's fundraising effort are Rose Carrillo, president; Mary Jean Gasbarre, Joan Vazzano, Margaret Fragnito, Florence Bianco and Marion Spezio.

Tickets to the fashion show are obtained by calling Projansky's, 546-8450, or Mrs. Joan Vazzano.

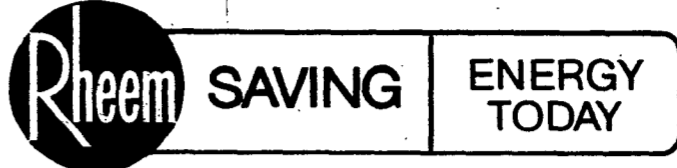


Bishop Opens Schools Week

Bishop Matthew H. Clark autographs programs after the Sunday afternoon Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral that opened Catholic Schools Week. At the Mass, which he concelebrated with his auxiliaries, Bishop John E. McCafferty and Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, awards were given to three political leaders by the State Federation of Catholic School Parents, sponsors of the celebration. Mrs. Gina Ouweleen, president of the Rochester chapter, presented citations to State Senator Fred J. Eckert, Assemblyman Gary Proud and Rochester Mayor Thomas Ryan Jr. for their interest in the preservation of non-public schools. As Mrs. Ouweleen was leaving the rostrum, she in turn received an award presented by Sister Roberta Tierney.

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