

# Parish Needs Pinpointed By Religious Ed Program

The Program Planning Project of the Diocesan Office of Religious Education, under the coordination of Daniel McNamara, and organizational efforts of Fathers Lewis Brown and David Mura and Sisters Mary Lynch and Jane Geiger, is in its second year of operation. The purpose of the project is to enable the Religious Education office staff to identify the needs of the parishes of the diocese in the area of religious education and to organize for the most

effective response to those needs through workshops and seminars.

According to religious education sources, needs of the parishes are broad. Many parishes are focusing on the need to develop the parish committees and groups which coordinate the parish's efforts in the field of adult or family education. Other parishes are more interested in learning about new resources available for their respective groups or in meeting with represen-

tatives of other parishes to share successes and ideas. Still others are primarily concerned with the need to develop and train volunteer teachers.

In the Spring of 1979, the office's Program Planning project brought responses from 45 parishes around the diocese. The information gathered in that survey led to the planning of more than a dozen workshops for the leadership personnel of more than 40 parishes. Presently,

the Religious Education Office field representatives have been holding meetings, and will continue to do so until mid-April, that center on plans for the regional workshops for the 1980-81 year. Parish staffs are reminded to send their parish's rep to these regional meetings to be a part of the planning process. Field representatives to contact in each region are:

John and Ann Daly, Tompkins-Tioga, 607-642-8103; Clara Nowak, YOW, 315-789-0658; Virginia Gradl, Southeast, 716-334-8364; Robert Smyth, Northeast, 716-288-1620; Mrs. Mary Linder, North, 716-342-3443; Phyllis Shaughnessy, Southwest, 716-538-6506; Virginia Stanton, Chemung-Schuyler, 607-739-8214; Rosemary Mandery, Northwest, 716-225-5840; Mrs. Rosemary Haak, 716-346-5720 and Mrs. Mildred Mazurowski, 716-243-0177, Livingston County; Claude Lester, Seneca-Cayuga, 315-568-5203; Vivian Guinane, Steuben, 607-698-4113.

## Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

## Fulton Sheen Evangelizes Even Now

From Mrs. Alice Fischer, Dubuque, Iowa:

"I am using every means possible you have suggested to get tapes and materials to all interested people, especially the Sisters in our Midwest. The Abp. Sheen tapes you sent have been about worn out. The Quilters (women who come to sew and quilt together) in each parish are using them. I suggested this to the women who quilt each week all day long. Don't you think this is a good idea? We have a tendency to talk about people. Listening to the tapes and discussing them fills the bill. They love it.

Comment: I first became acquainted with Mrs. Fischer by mail. About five years ago she wrote thanking us for our radio program, Magnify the Lord. This program is sponsored by the Hornell Legion of Mary and is produced at WLEA in Hornell. It is on ten radio stations, including Dubuque. Father Richard Torney of Bath, with Kevin Doran, WLEA manager, now directs the program. Five years ago I sent Mrs. F. the first set of Sheen tapes. They have been inspiring many people, and she has developed her apostolate by increasing her cassette library. The monthly Holy Hour for vocations which has produced so many priests from Nativity parish is an eye-opener.

From Brother Ignatius, SVD, New Guinea:

"Thank you so much for the last tapes received, Cor ad Cor Loquitur. Can you believe it? They came just before Bishop Cahill and I made our annual retreat privately at the Pilot's House at Madang. It's the House for the SVD Airways, where Brother Larry is in charge as chief pilot. They were especially welcome, since although I have four other Sheen retreats, all were loaned out, and I had none on hand for myself. Although I am a Brother, not a priest, and this retreat was for the priests of Ireland, I enjoyed it and welcomed, and played some tapes over again..."

Comment: Brother Ignatius DiSanto has been a friend since my Clyde days 40 years ago. Thanks to him, his Bishop was able to make a spiritual retreat under the guidance of the late Abp. Sheen. Cor ad Cor was the

last priests' retreat he gave, yet the word continues on.

## From Seneca Falls:

"I am writing in the hope that you can tell me how to obtain tapes by Abp. Sheen. I remember years ago my mom would be tuned into his TV program. In all honesty, I couldn't wait for it to be over, but now I'm glued to the screen when they've shown any of his programs. We grow too soon old and too late smart. So while I've still got time and acquired some smarts, I'd like to spend some of it listening to the beautiful messages of Abp. Sheen."

Comment: When Abp. Sheen realized the evangelizing possibilities of the cassette tapes, about seven years ago, he made many cassettes so others could share. Here are some: Gary, Ind., conferences to priests, sisters, laity; 16 talks, \$26. Washington, conferences to priests; 18, \$29.95. Cor ad Cor (Heart to Heart); 16 conferences to priests in Ireland, \$34.95. Seven Burdens of Life, meditations on the Last Words, given at St. Agnes Church, NYC, in 1978; \$14.95. Christ: His Passion and Death; \$24.95. Also, single 50-minute tapes, \$3 each: The Rosary, Parable of the Prodigal Son, Foundation of Sanctity. Also, Spectators, his last recording and public sermon, recorded at St. Agnes on Good Friday 1979; one hour long, \$10. All are obtainable by writing to me at Holy Trinity Church, 1460 Ridge Road, Webster, N.Y. 14580; telephone 716-265-1616.

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### PUZZLE ANSWERS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1980

I. 1. cross 2. Simon 3. Herod 4. battle 5. rabbit 6. thaw 7. we 8. hay 9. chew 10. area 11. due 12. wail

Key Passage: I. The whole crowd cried out, "Away with this man, release Barabbas."

II. The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear.

III: Your attitude must be Christ's: though he was in the form of God he did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men.

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