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Not Over Yet 5

Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), expressed his feeling that the civil rights movement is not over, and that blacks must support his group if they hope to gain further advancements. Hooks spoke recently to the Elmira-Corning branch of the NAACP. He labeled "reverse discrimination" a "gigantic, damnable lie," and pointed to the unfavorable position of blacks in the nation's economy. Noting the service blacks have made to the country, both in building its economy and in service during all of the country's wars, he said that blacks have an "uncashed check" for their rightful place in society, a check which they plan to cash "now," and they don't want to hear about "insufficient funds."

Double Bill 24

Arlo Guthrie and Bat McGrath gave a standing-room-only performance for the benefit of the Cambodian refugees on Palm Sunday. The concert was the brain child of Rochesterians Jerome and Marsha Vaiana who have worked in Thailand with the refugees, and Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan missions director.

New Views 15

During Holy Week as people stop to pray and reflect on God, will they stop and examine how they see Him? McQuaid students took time last week to describe how they picture Him, and according to their Equal Time statements in RapAround, the traditional image of God as the gentleman with the long beard depicted through much of Christian art is changing.

Beatification Rumor 6

Devotees of the Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha, the Indian maid whose cause for canonization is being promoted in the U.S. and Canada, are anticipating that the Vatican will shortly announce a date for proclaiming her Blessed. If the rumor, allegedly from Rome, is true, the "lily of the Mohawks" will be elevated in the devotional life of the Church during the third centenary of her death.

Rare Lent 18

For a Buffalo-based Jesuit, Father Frederic Kelly, SJ, this Holy Week will be bringing back special memories of last year's rites. In a special report to the Courier-Journal, Father Kelly tells of his experiences visiting with missionaries to Latin America in their missions. Father Kelly celebrated last year's Holy Week with the Rochester Sisters of Mercy in Santiago, Chile.

First Meeting 19

Bishop Matthew H. Clark was the central figure in the first meeting of the newly formed Steuben Region at a regional town meeting at St. Mary's, Bath, last week. More than 300 persons participated in a Mass and in the meeting which followed, at which concerns about youth and lay ministry were aired.

Survivors Here 6

Survivors of the nuclear bombing of Japan will speak at the Catholic Worker's St. Joseph House of Hospitality on Good Friday. They also will speak at a number of other places over the Easter weekend.



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Father Daniel O'Shea Named Pastor at St. Bridget's Church

Father Daniel O'Shea, director of the Catholic Worker Community and St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, has been named pastor of St. Bridget's Church. The appointment is effective at noon today.

In an announcement read Sunday by Father Douglas Hoffman, interim pastor, to the St. Bridget congregation, Bishop Matthew H. Clark said, "By this appointment, I wish to reaffirm my commitment to the life of St. Bridget's Parish and to call the parish community to a new dedication to the message of Christ among the people."

"I ask that you give Father O'Shea your support in his work."

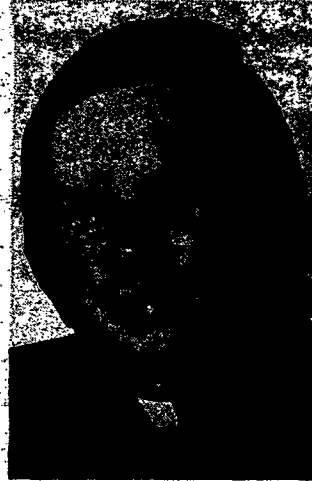
The new pastor was chosen, the bishop noted, after consultation with parishioners and with the diocesan Board of Black Ministries.

"Father O'Shea will continue to serve, coordinate and encourage lay leadership within the Catholic Worker Community at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality," the bishop's statement said.

The new pastor, ordained Oct. 20, 1978, had spent a year at St. Bridget's — 1975-76 — during his Field Education Training. He now is a member of the Field Education Faculty at St. Bernard's, and of the seminary's Spiritual Formation Team. He has directed the Catholic Worker Community since 1976, when he went as a deacon to the St. Joseph House.

In his time there, Bishop Clark reported in his statement, "there has been continued growth and revitalization" as in "expansion of ministry to homeless women with Bethany House; strong ties with grassroots neighborhood concerns, as well as with contemplative communities (Trappist Monks at Piffard); recent development of a Catholic Worker farm in Perkinsville."

Father O'Shea was born in Brockton, Mass., Feb. 5, 1949. He attended Boston State College, received a BA in sociology from Our Lady of Providence Seminary and an M Div from St. Bernard's, in 1977. He is a Doctor of



FATHER O'SHEA
Ministry candidate in pastoral counseling at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, working on a dissertation entitled "Single Homeless

People in Monroe County, Priest as Advocate, Companion, Community Leader."

During the past decade, he has been involved in the Welfare Rights movement in Providence, R.I., with Dorothy Day's Catholic Worker communities in New York City; with Caesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers in boycott activities designed to promote unionization.

As a seminarian, he coordinated the Farmworker Resource Center at the Office of Human Development and taught at the School of the Holy Childhood, as well as serving at St. Bridget's. He is a member of the boards of the Peace and Justice Education

Center and the Western New York Rural Legal Services, and a former board member of the Rochester Patriot newspaper.

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