

Priests Council Discusses Communications Collection

By Michael Groden

Bishop Matthew Clark asked Priests Council members for their opinions on how to best use funds received from the national Communications Collection at the April council meeting last week.

Bishop Clark asked the council for their ideas on "what message we should be trying to get into people's homes, through the media (television, radio, newspapers); and what is the best means to get this message across."

The communications collection is a yearly event started last year, aimed at "developing new revenue sources to encourage religious communication, family, and parish roles with regard to media; encouraging them to express their personal and community concerns about media, and fostering understanding of the need for joint efforts for effective Church use of media," according to a report published by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB).

Half of the money collected is sent to the NCCB; the other half remains in the diocese for local efforts.

Bishop Clark asked council members to consult with their blocs on the questions asked and also asked members for their personal opinions.

The bishop said that he was thinking along the lines of television and radio programs and felt the main purpose of the programs was to evangelize — to try and reach Catholics no longer active in the Church.

Most of those who responded to Bishop Clark's queries felt that the message should be fundamental and

should show the Church's concern for all Catholics, practicing and non-practicing alike.

During the afternoon session council members heard a report from Father Kevin Murphy on the priests Personnel Finance Committee's findings regarding salary and car allowance adjustments.

Father Murphy said that the committee recommended, to Bishop Dennis Hickey, a \$360 yearly salary increase and an \$800 car allowance increase. The report cited the current inflation in the country and the nearly 75 percent increase in the price of gasoline over the past four years.

Bishop Hickey responded to the committee's findings on Feb. 11 and authorized a \$180 salary adjustment and a \$400 increase in car allowance.

In other council action, Fathers Robert Smith and William Trott presented a proposal regarding parish stipends for services rendered by a church during the year.

The proposal recommends a fee be charged for special services including weddings,

funerals and baptisms. The fee would cover the cost of heating the church during such ceremonies.

Father Trott said that it costs his parish, St. Augustine's, \$100 to heat the

church during a wedding or funeral. At this time this cost is paid by general parish funds. The proposal will be looked into further by the finance committee and Fathers Smith and Trott.



Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Guest Speaker

Abbe Germain Marc'hadour, foremost More Scholar and author, delivers the homily during Holy Thursday Mass at St. Thomas More Church. Abbe Marc'hadour spent Holy Week as guest homilist at the Brighton parish upon accepting an invitation from Father Francis Pegnam, pastor of St. Thomas More. Abbe Marc'hadour is editor of "Moreana," the critical study of St. Thomas More's writings, and is currently working at Yale University.

'Parents of Teens' Seminar Scheduled

A new program, "Seminar for Parents of Teens," endorsed by the diocesan Office of Family Life, will be offered at Holy Cross Church starting April 16, at St. Patrick's in Victor starting April 14 and at St. Patrick's in Owego on April 19.

The Owego seminar will be conducted on that weekend, while the other two are scheduled once a week for six weeks.

The seminar has been designed by Ron and Judy Platten on Social Service

Leave from Xerox Corp., and is aimed at improving relationships and communications between parents and teens.

The program addresses difficulties which may arise in the areas of drugs, alcohol, family, church, sex, relations with peers, law, and school.

About 200 people have taken the course since its initial run last November. A minor fee covers the cost of books and materials. Further details on the program are available to parents by calling (716) 223-8418.

READING — Jane Yolen, author of books for young readers. At Harley School's Wilson Arts Center, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 9.

FIORIELLO — Cardinal Mooney High students will stage Fioresello, a musical, Friday-Saturday, May 23, and Friday-Saturday, May 9-10, all performances at 8 p.m. at Cardinal Mooney Auditorium, 800 Maiden Lane, Rochester. Tickets, \$3.

MOTHERS OF TWINS — Greater Mothers of Twins Club's "Grandmothers Club," 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 17, Laurelton United Presbyterian Church, 335 Helendale Road. Tureen supper. All grandmothers, mothers and legal guardians of multiples welcome.

CHILDREN'S FILMS — Noon and 2:30 p.m. "The Three Worlds of Gulliver," Wednesday, April 9; "Where Angels Go, Trouble Follows," Thursday, April 10; "Those Calloways," Friday, April 11. Rochester Museum & Science Center, 657 East Ave. Films free with general museum admission of \$1 for adults, 50 cents for students and senior citizens, free to RMSC members and preschoolers.

WIND ENSEMBLE — Nazareth College Wind Ensemble, 3 p.m., Sunday, April 27, Nazareth Arts Center. Free.

1940s DANCE — Immaculate Conception dance to raise refurbishing funds. April 18. Tickets, \$5.50 advance (\$6 at door), \$2.50 advance (\$3 at the door) for senior citizens. Tickets and information 325-3893, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PHOTO EXHIBIT — Photos by Bruce Horowitz, Jeffrey Silverthorne and Willyum Rose. Visual Studies Workshop Gallery, 31 Prince St., Rochester, until May 2.

WOMEN'S CLUBS — The Rochester Federation of Women's Clubs monthly meeting, Thursday, April 10. Dessert card party, 1-4 p.m., Brighton Presbyterian Church, 1775 East Ave. Tickets \$1.25, at door or from Federation members.

GARAGE SALE — This weekend at St. Salome's, 4282 Culver Rd., near Sea Breeze, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 11 and 12; sponsored by Women's Club.

GOOD SHEPHERD WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS — Meeting at 8 p.m. Friday, April 11, in parish school (room 109) at 3288 East Henrietta Rd., for basic square dancing instruction; people of all faiths welcome.



ROCHESTER AREA COLLEGES — Women's Educational Development Committee presents Dr. Wilma Scott Heide April 22 at SUC Brockport in a day-long conference on reentry of women into education, work force; for educators, women generally. Reservations: 716-325-7160.

SISTERS OF MERCY — Annual money-raiser — this one for Motherhouse Chapel roof — 4-8 p.m. Saturday, April 12; home-cooked roast beef supper (\$4 adults, \$2 under-tens), and Spring minisale, at Mercy High School, 1437 Blossom.

KLOKKEN RINGERS — English handbell choir from Wappingers Falls, at Asbury First Methodist, 1050 East Ave., 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, April 10.

EASTMAN PERCUSSION CHAMBER ENSEMBLE — Traditional works for percussion ensemble. Eastman Theatre, 60 Gibbs St., 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 9. Free.

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