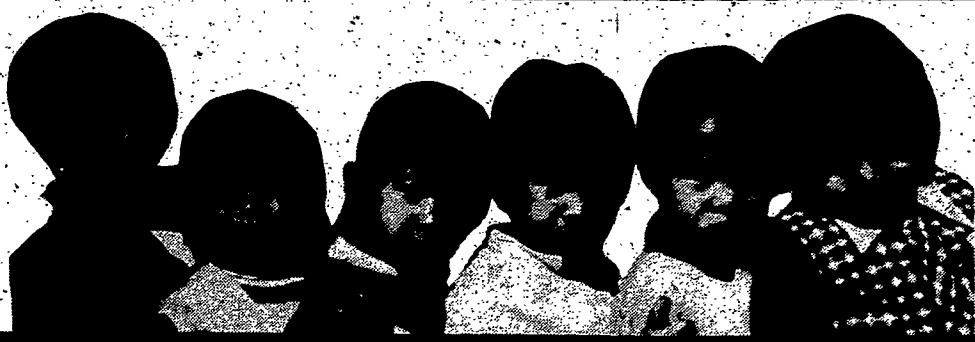


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'One of Our Own Has Been Martyred'

By Carmen J. Viglucci

The assassination of Father Luis Espinal in LaPaz, Bolivia, has hit home in the Rochester diocese. Father Espinal helped in establishing San Luis Obispo parish, sponsored by this diocese.

According to Father Timothy McCluskey who worked along with others from this diocese at the parish in a poor section of LaPaz, Father Espinal also said the weekly 9 a.m., Sunday Mass at the church until recently.

"He was very much a part of the Rochester diocese. He was one of our very own," said Father McCluskey. "When such a thing happens it is always a tragedy but this one has more impact. We'll miss him very much. It is a great loss to the Church in Rochester. One of our own has been martyred."

Bishop Matthew H. Clark, on behalf of the diocese, sent a letter to the people of San Jose Obispo parish. He wrote:

"I have heard of the death of Father Luis Espinal and wish to express to you all the care with which the Church of Rochester holds you at this time. All of us are saddened by the loss of a priest who was such a good friend to all of you and to many of us.

"We are with you in this renewed call of our Lord to understand and live the Paschal mystery. We share with you the vocation to be reconciled in the risen Lord and to be reconcilers in His name.

"May His Easter peace be with you."

Father Espinal, a Jesuit, was brutally murdered just two days before Archbishop

Romero in El Salvador. He was editor of the weekly magazine, 'Aqui,' a staff member of the Catholic Radio Fides and movie critic of the Catholic daily Presencia.

According to America magazine, the priest left a movie house in downtown LaPaz and was abducted by men in a jeep who left his tortured and bullet-riddled body in the slum neighborhood where he once worked.

In a later development, Archbishop Jorge Manrique of LaPaz declared excommunicated those that had committed the crime. The archbishop, who has visited Rochester, said the murder was an "evil symptom against peaceful co-existence of Bolivians and that such violence cannot be the way to deal with our problems."

The Jesuit Mission Council

in Washington, D.C., said that Jesuits in Bolivia had issued a joint statement that they will continue to serve the poor and demanded a prompt investigation and verdict.

The council also reported that Jorge Selum, the Bolivian Minister of the Interior, had resigned and attributed the murder to "Fascists," a term which usually designated the ultra-right in the armed forces and business concerns.

According to Hector Otero, writing in Latin America Press, "The authors of his assassination have yet to be identified but doubtless are members of the same paramilitary brigade that Espinal fearlessly criticized."

"The killing has polarized public opinion against the military," the story continues. "A gigantic crowd, chanting antimilitary slogans,

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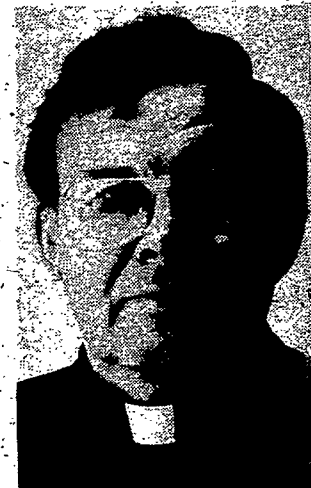
Fr. Sundholm Resigns Post With Diocese

Father Conrad J. Sundholm has submitted his resignation as diocesan director of development because, he said, "parishes are not adequately represented" on the Board of Directors of the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

He was named to the post in June of 1978 with the responsibility of directing parish stewardship programs. He submitted his resignation on March 17 and it was accepted by Bishop Matthew H. Clark on April 11.

Although his letter of resignation cited budgetary disputes, Father Sundholm said his resignation stemmed more from dissatisfaction with diocesan directors than over finances.

In his resignation, he wrote, "I have said very clearly that if our office did not have a



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fully funded budget, I would be forced to resign." At that time, it appeared his budget would be cut from \$47,000 to \$27,000 but the cut was later restored.

But, Father Sundholm said
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The Religious: A Life of Love Why They Chose It

By John Dash

Pope John Paul, speaking recently to a group of vocation directors in Rome, remarked, "I think we are all convinced that the men and women of today, and in particular, the young, have such a need of truth, justice, love, solidarity and ideals, so as to make them ready to live in depth the exalting experience of religious vocation."

What is religious vocation? Where does it begin; and what does it contribute to the Church and to society?

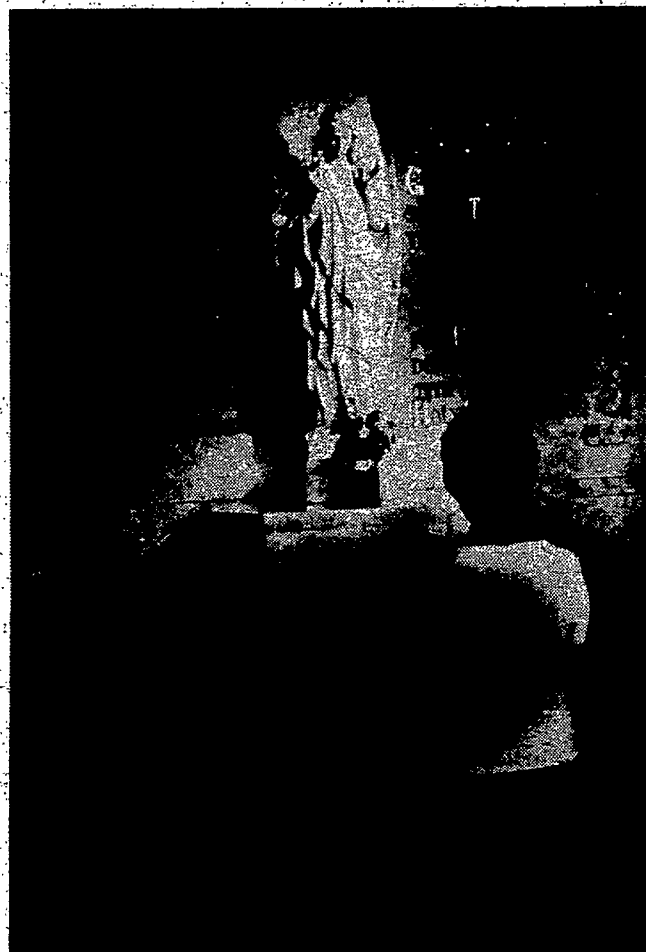
Technically, the religious life is described as one dedicated to the day to day practice of the "Evangelical Counsels," the extraordinary challenges to poverty, chastity (or celibacy) and obedience, handed down by the Church for the few who are called to dedicate their lives to spiritual perfection.

The religious life is marked by vowing to practice those virtues. There are 10 communities of men and 11 of women who have done just that in the diocese of Rochester.

In the course of interviewing representatives of the 1300 religious in the diocese, the Courier-Journal has attempted to determine what it is that fosters the religious vocation, and how that vocation is shaped by the individual communities.

The answer given by most diocesan women religious to the question, "How did you first know that you wanted to be a religious?" revolves around their school teachers.

Sister Kathleen Mary O'Connell of the Sisters of Mercy spelled it out: "Attraction to the sisters in school, the spirit of the sisters."



Sister Shirley Kitagawa, R.C., prays before the shrine of Our Lady of the Cenacle at the retreat house where she is on staff.

That first reaction was echoed by Sisters Florence and Kathleen Ann, though Sister Kathleen also said that she had an early desire to serve God and help people. She confessed that she never dreamed then, however, that it would be as a Sister of Mercy.

Sister Florence said that "the Lord had designs on me." She

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Father Schramel To Be Ordained

Rev. Mr. Michael J. Schramel will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, who was Deacon Schramel's pastor for many years, will preside at the ceremony at St. Ambrose Church.

The theme of Deacon Schramel's ordination will be "Go into the World and proclaim the Good News to all Creation."

He will celebrate Eucharistic Liturgies of Thanksgiving at St. Theodore Church, his home parish, on Saturday, April 26 at 7 p.m. He will also celebrate Mass at St. Ambrose Church on Sunday, April 27 at 12:30 p.m.

Deacon Schramel, an intern at St. Ambrose Church, is the son of Mrs. Marie Schramel and the late John L. Schramel of Rochester. He graduated from St. John Fisher College and St. Bernard's Seminary. Deacon Schramel has received further training at St. Agnes Church in Avon, the Newman Community of the University of Rochester, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, and Texas Heart Institute. He completed a program of clinical pastoral education at



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Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Deacon Schramel has been active in the Boy Scouts of America as a chaplain at Camp Gorton in Steubenville County; in Sellers, Mississippi and in Covington, Louisiana. He has served for many years as a volunteer at St. Joseph's Villa, and has also worked as a chaplain at the U.S. Airforce Hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Deacon Schramel served at the Church of the Resurrection in Fairport before his assignment to St. Ambrose.