

Diocesan Budget Receives DPC Approval

By Martin Toombs

The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) recommended approval of the diocesan ministry plan and supporting budget for the 1980-81 fiscal year at its meeting Saturday at Bishop Kearney High School.

The vote followed two-and-a-half hours of explanation and discussion of the document, presented to the DPC by the Ministerial Review Committee (MRC).

The DPC also discussed the impact of the statement recently issued by the Vatican concerning liturgical abuses.

The presentation and discussion of the budget dealt primarily with programs and the best use of money available.

Richard Wardell, MRC chairman, noted that the budget is in balance, set at \$2,843,500. He and several MRC members also highlighted changes being made in the various diocesan departments during the coming year.

The first question came from Father Richard Tormey, Priests Council liaison, who asked whether the document should not also be reviewed by the diocese's other consultative bodies, noting especially his feeling that the diocese's pastors should have an opportunity to participate in the process.

Brother Brian Walsh, DPC president, noted that the budget review was established as a DPC function, and that although this is the third year it has done so, Father Tormey's question raised the issue for the first time. Father John Mulligan noted that in his three years on the DPC, he hasn't had any priests ask him why the budget is not reviewed by the Priests Council.

And Sister Francella Quinn, Sisters Council liaison, noted that her group plans to ask for a liaison on the MRC for the future. Also raised in the discussion is the need for the other councils to use their representatives on the DPC for information and to make statements.

Ronald Keller questioned the programs being provided through the Urban Ministry program, noting the history of the program's formation following the close of the Council of Inner City Parish schools, which occurred in June 1975. He noted his dissatisfaction with the program's progress, and called for either strengthening the Urban Ministry direction of urban programs, or abolishing the directorate, in which case funds would be granted by a review committee.

Sister Josepha Kennedy of the MRC noted some programs funded by Urban Ministry, including a \$60,000 annual commitment to

education programs, and that the rest of the department's \$177,000 budget is used for ministry programs proposed by Rochester's inner city parishes.

Following approval of the budget document, several resolutions were offered.

Keller, who earlier had raised the need for increased support for married persons, offered a resolution, which was approved unanimously, which noted support for existing pre-marriage and divorce, separation and widowhood planning programs, but urged planning for more effort and expense to aid married couples in future years.

Anthony Rosati proposed a resolution calling for future reports on the diocesan portfolio to include an explanation for the changes that have occurred; the motion received no second, and was withdrawn after an explanation by Father Peter Bayer that the question should be addressed to the Bishop's Financial Advisory Committee, and not the MRC.

Rosati then offered a resolution that a procedure be developed for reporting the value of diocesan capital. The resolution was defeated.

Keller then offered a resolution recommending that

the bishop ask the Urban Ministry office for specific goals and guidelines for funding, or for a review group to replace the director. Several members noted their reluctance to support a resolution which criticized a specific director, which they saw as outside the proper concern of the DPC. Keller sought support noting the time the department has been in existence, and that the MRC has not yet received the explanations it has requested. The resolution was defeated in a close vote, seven voting in favor, nine against and five abstaining.

During the open forum which followed, Bishop Clark told Keller that the "inspiration behind what you are saying is not unrealized by others," noting that he has met with persons involved to discuss the Urban Ministry program.

And for several minutes the bishop and members discussed the impact of the Vatican statement on liturgical abuses. Diane Blum raised the issue, asking Bishop Clark what the diocesan response will be.

He responded that "we must follow" the prescriptions of the document, which he sees as "an instruction," and "not a matter of consultation."

Ms. Blum stated that the document departs from some Vatican II documents, and could damage evangelization efforts.

Beth Stefano commented

that "I feel real discouraged" about the statement, noting that she doesn't even see those practices proscribed by the statement as "abuses."

Bishop Clark also presented certificates of appreciation to those members completing their terms on the DPC,

which included three members who have served throughout the DPC's five years: Hilda Stebbins of St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads; William Recktenwald of Sacred Heart, Perkinsville; and Marilyn Muench of St. John of Rochester, Perinton.

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The committee will stage an evening of tribute to Sakharov on June 14, an evening which will include a dinner at Sherlock's Restaurant and a concert at Kilbourn Hall of the Eastman Theater. Featured in the concert will be Olga Rostropovich, cello; Alexander Peskanov, piano and Mark Peskanov, violin. Works of Shostakovich, Strauss, Schubert and Tchaikovsky will be played. The concert will be followed by a champagne reception.

The committee is headquartered at the University of Rochester under the executive direction of Edward Lozansky, a professor there.

Included in the list of sponsors also are Henry L. Adler, Barber B. Conable, Fred J. Eckert, S.I. Hayakawa, Jack Kemp, Rabbi Judea Miller, and Adlai

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Sister Mary Florence Sullivan, RSM, will represent the Rochester Sisters of Mercy at Trocaire '81, an international gathering of Sisters of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland, July 26-31. Sister Florence, former principal of Mercy High School and the congregation's archivist, was chosen by vote of her congregation to attend the four-day process of reflection and discernment of the future.

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