

Father Marvin Mottet:

'Use the Time You've Got'

By John Dash

The chief of the national office of the Campaign for Human Development has nothing but good words for the Diocese of Rochester and its participation in the fund-raising and education program to assist the poor.

Father Marvin Mottet, in Rochester last week to address the annual dinner at which diocesan grants are disbursed to local groups, said that over the past 10 years, the diocese has been in the top third for per capita giving to the campaign. He also observed that 22 projects in the diocese have been recipients of national campaign funds, to the tune of \$596,000, over the past ten years, and thus the diocese has seen a 78 percent return on its giving.

to the dinner, Father Mottet, a soft-spoken diocesan priest from Davenport, Iowa, didn't want the national job he assumed in 1978.

He said that at that time he was acting as CHD director in his own diocese and was serving on a national committee for the campaign. He felt the Washington post would only involve "more meetings."

The national office had been vacant for some time, on the appointment of former director Father Lawrence J. McNamara as bishop of Grand Island, Neb. It was at Bishop McNamara's request, Father Mottet said, that he submitted his name for the post. "I realized then that it was not something to be messed with."

to avoid the problem of "more meetings." "Stay off the sub-committees," he said.

A farm-boy who first came into contact with the Church's social doctrines in college, Father Mottet said that it was the activism for justice he found at St. Ambrose College that prompted his entry into the priesthood.

He was ordained in 1956, and spent the first 13 years of his life teaching in high schools. During this time he was also gaining a reputation in the diocese for his work in civil rights and interracial relations.

Ten years ago, he said, it was discovered that he had terminal cancer — was given less than six months to live by his physicians.

"The Lord certainly knows how to get your attention," he chuckled. "It was a time of great grace."

On the feast of the Assumption in 1969, during the communion of a Mass in a Carmelite hospital, something occurred. The sensation, he said, lasted three days, at the end of which he underwent a previously scheduled surgery. In the course of the surgery, no trace of the cancer, which had started in the bowel and had spread through the lymphatic system, was to be found.

He has advice that he has learned from experience: "Use the time you've got. Don't take the easy way out."



Father Mottet discusses CHD over lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dante Cardinali, his hosts last weekend.

CHD Gives Grants At Annual Dinner

By John Dash

The diocesan Campaign for Human Development celebrated its 10th anniversary last week by disbursing funds to eight local groups involved in self-help work.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark and Giovina Carosco, acting director of the local campaign, announced the awards, including one for \$7,000 to the Rochester Lutheran Mission Society's Community Ministry, to fund a Job Experience Training Program project to employ between 20 and 40 high school students with "out of plant production contracts."

The second largest amount went to Catholic Charities to help establish the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry. Chemung/Schuyler Charities received \$5,000 and Steuben Charities received \$1,000.

Projects in the Cayuga/Seneca Region received the lion's share of the monies disbursed last Friday evening at the dinner at the Church of the Resurrection in Fairport. A legislative advocacy project of the Cayuga County Council of Senior Citizens was given \$1,200; the Transportation Project of Cayuga County won \$2,400 to provide upkeep on two vans for the elderly and

handicapped; and, in wild card funding, the Coalition for Safe Power of Cayuga County was given \$5,681 to hire a part-time organizer to mobilize "citizen involvement in energy policy decisions."

On that last grant, a similar organization in the Yates/Ontario/Wayne Region was given \$2,995, also in wild card funding. The Citizens Concerned about Sterling will use its funds to increase grassroots activity to demonstrate the need for an alternative to the Public Service Commission, and to maximize the development of local renewable energy sources.

In the Tompkins/Tioga Region, a group known as Displaced Homemakers was awarded \$1,912 to "expand and stabilize the volunteer peer network for displaced homemakers."

The event, attended by about 35 people, also featured an address by Father Marvin Mottet, executive director of the Campaign for Human Development of the United States Catholic Conference.

It was also announced at the gathering that Francine Patella would take over the local directorate of the campaign for next year.

Diocesan Appointments

Pastors

Father Edwin B. Metzger, from Holy Redeemer, Rochester, to St. Francis DeSales, Geneva.

Father Andrew W. Teuschel, from St. Patrick's, Corning, to St. Mary's, Dansville.

Father Francis R. Davis, from St. Mary's, Dansville, to St. Patrick's, Corning.

Father James Lawlor, from associate at St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester, to Old St. Mary's, Rochester.

Father Edward Palumbo, from associate at the Church of the Annunciation, Rochester, to co-pastor at Good Shepherd, Henrietta.

Associate Pastors

Father Patrick Seelman, TOR, from St. Michael's, Penn Yan, to St. Mary's, Elmira.

Father Joseph McCaffrey, from Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport, to St. Patrick's, Elmira.

Father William Endres, from Sacred Heart Cathedral, to St. Jerome's, East Rochester.

Father John Forni, from St. John of Rochester, Fairport, to Blessed Sacrament, Rochester.

Father John DeSocio, from Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, to St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester.

Deacon Interns

Rev. Mr. Paul Tomasso — St. Pius Tenth, Chili.

Rev. Mr. Anthony Mugavero — St. Michael's, Newark.

Rev. Mr. George Heyman — St. Ambrose, Rochester.

Rev. Mr. William Condon — St. Mary's, Scottsville.

Priest Interns

Father Michael Sullivan — St. Michael's, Newark.

Father Michael Schramel — Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport.

Father Gary Schummer — St. Boniface, Rochester.

Father Joseph Larrabee — St. Mary's, Dansville.

Special Assignments

Father Daniel Tormey, from study leave to associate chaplain at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Father Timothy McCluskey, priest intern, administrator of Mt. Carmel Church.



Star Speakers

Five St. Margaret Mary students took part in a Forensic Tournament recently at Nazareth Academy. Two of the girls, Heidi Hoenig and Ellen Tobin made it to the finals. Heidi took first place honors in the prose reading competition. These star speakers are, top row from left, Julie Clark, Heidi Hoenig and Miss Cosgriff, their coach. Bottom row are Ellen Tobin, Mary Powell and Jean Ranaletta.

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