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## Assumption

On Friday, August 15, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Assumption is a tenet of the Church which states that the Mother of Christ was taken up into heaven, bodily, by the power of God. While the Church has celebrated the event for the past 1,500 years, it was only declared a dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The day is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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## Stays in Training

As a result of a recent pastoral change, Father William Endres, former Sacred Heart Cathedral associate, was appointed associate at St. Jerome's parish in East Rochester. This necessitated the moving of his 10-by-17-foot "Cathed-RAIL Service" model railroad that has been occupying a small alcove of the cathedral basement. Father Endres has carried his interest in model railroading since childhood and has enlarged his hobby gradually over the years so that now it includes some 30 HO-scale railroad cars. His new pastor, Father Anthony J. Calimeri, has offered moral support and help to install the railroad in one of the parish rooms. Quipped Father Endres, "That's what pastors are for."

## New Law Benefits Schools

By Joan M. Smith

Sam Musso, principal of St. Charles Borromeo school, on Dewey Avenue, was instrumental in having state legislation passed that directly benefits non-public schools. The new law, sponsored by Sen. Fred Eckert, R/C, Greece, will mean a savings to these schools in purchasing supplies. Under the new bill, non-public schools will be able to resume the prior practice of purchasing supplies at the state contract discount through the public school system, and reimbursing these schools for the administrative expenses in handling such transactions.

Musso, who has been

principal of St. Charles for seven years, began purchasing supplies through the Greece Central School District four years ago. The State Department of Audit and Control, however, found the Greece District in violation of the law. According to Musso, the ruling stemmed from the fact there was no positive legislation allowing for non-public school purchasing rights through the public sector.

Musso brought the matter to Eckert's attention and with the cooperation of Greece Central, a legislative campaign was initiated. Passage of the bill, however, is so recent that Musso cautioned, "It will

take time to implement. The law is so new that the public schools are not geared for it." He advised local non-public schools contact the central administrations and purchasing offices in their respective school districts to initiate terms of the agreement.

## 89 Parishes Respond

More than half the parishes in the diocese responded to Bishop Matthew H. Clark's recent appeal for funds to help locate 100 units of Cuban and Haitian refugees in the Rochester area.

Father Joseph Reinhart,

## Charities Expects 1,600 At National Meeting

An estimated 1,600 people from across the U.S. are expected to attend the 66th annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, scheduled for Sept. 18-23 at the Genesee Plaza and Rochester Americana Hotels.

The six-day event, hosted by Rochester's Catholic Charities, will feature three major addresses and nearly 60 workshops on contemporary Church and social issues.

Principal speakers include Bishop John E. McCarthy, auxiliary of the diocese of Galveston/Houston; Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, (D-NY); and Hazel Henderson, a nationally known futurist.

Among the topics to be covered in the workshops and informal meetings will be the impact of parish ministry on Catholic Charities, support

programs for divorced and separated Catholics, respect for human life, urban problems in the Northeast, tensions in parish outreach programs, and housing for the poor and elderly.

Also planned is a special youth day which will be held in conjunction with the conference, but at Monroe Community College.

Auxiliary Bishop McCarthy's address will focus on the relationship between the Mission of Catholic Charities and the mission of the parish.

He is a native of Houston, Tex., and is a member of the boards of the National Center of Urban Ethnic Affairs; the Mexican-American Cultural Center in San Antonio, Tex.; St. Edward's University in Austin, Tex.; and St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Houston.

The bishop also is the former executive director of the Texas Catholic Conference, the former director of the Division for Poverty Programs of the United States Catholic Conference, and former assistant director of the USCC's Social Action Department.

In addition to the national delegates, the conference is also open to diocesan participants. The fees vary. Registration for NCCC members is \$40; for non-members \$50; for full-time students \$8; and for individuals wishing to attend only selected workshops \$15 per day.

Further information and registration forms are available at Catholic Charities, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604; (716) 546-4894.

## Father Sturmer Dies at 80

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, August 11 at St. Pius V Church in Cohocton for Father Herbert Sturmer who had served as pastor of the parish for 16 years. Father Sturmer, 80, died August 8, 1980.

Described last week by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan as "a great inspiration because he was so enthusiastic about his priestly ministry," Father Sturmer was ordained in 1925 by Bishop Philip R. McDevitt of Harrisburg, Pa., in the old St. Patrick's Cathedral in Rochester.

Bishop Hogan said that he came to know the priest best, "in his years of retirement. He was one of those priests who though retired kept himself busy." Father Sturmer left the

Cohocton pastorate in 1967 and for the ensuing 13 years helped on weekends at St. Ann's in Hornell. Father Robert MacNamara, pastor, said.

He was also somewhat of a character and full of surprises with which he entertained his brother priests, Bishop Hogan said.

The retired Bishop of Rochester recounted an occasion when Father Sturmer flew a doorless helicopter from his home to the bishop's residence in Victor, using the front lot as a launching pad, and then joyfully railing the prelate for not being ready to welcome him.

Father Sturmer also delighted in devising impossible theological questions, the bishop said. "He would build you up as the authoritative answer man — and then keep you humble."

Father Sturmer's career spanned assistant pastorates in Sts. Peter and Paul, Elmira; St. Andrew's, Rochester; St. John the Baptist, Elmira; and St. Francis Xavier and St. Michael's in Rochester.



FATHER STURMER

In 1936 he was appointed pastor of St. Januarius Church in Naples and St. Matthias in Atlanta, a post he held for 15 years.

Father Sturmer is survived by a sister, Mrs. Norman Beikirch of Rochester, and a brother, Carl, of White House Station, N.J.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark was the principal concelebrant of the Mass of Christian Burial. Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey presided the evening before at the Mass of Christ the High Priest at St. Ann's Church in Hornell.

"He loved the great fraternity of the priesthood," Bishop Hogan said.