

Futurist to Address NCCC

Hazel Henderson, well-known futurist, author and lecturer on the social, economic and environmental forces that shape society, will give her vision of the coming decade at the 66th annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, Sept. 18-23 in Rochester.

Henderson is one of three principal speakers slated to address the assembly which is anticipated to number more than 1,600 clergy, women religious, social workers, and parish and community leaders from across the country.

Other speakers on the agenda include Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCarthy of Galveston-Houston, and Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY).

Henderson's essays have appeared in Saturday Review, National Observer, Public Administration Review, Harvard Business Review, among other journals. In addition, she is the author of the books, "Creating Alternative Futures," and "The Politics of Reconceptualization."

She holds memberships on the advisory council of the Office of Technology Assessment in Washington,

the board of directors of Worldwatch Institute, also in Washington, and the board of directors of the Council on Economic Priorities in New York.

The national meeting is being hosted this year by diocesan Catholic Charities. Invitations have been sent

throughout the diocese to parish ministerial staffs and workers. The meeting is open to any interested persons.

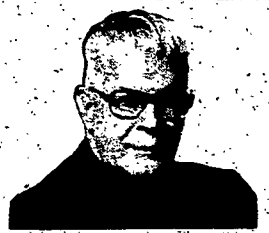
Further information and registration is available by contacting the Catholic Charities office, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604; (716) 546-4894.

Help for Seniors

In order to expedite service on Medicare claims Upstate Medicare Division Part B has installed a direct Rochester area phone number for Seniors who find difficulties phoning the regular toll free number, the Senior Citizens Action Council announced.

In order to reach the Binghamton office seniors may now call 1-800-252-6550 or the new direct number 546-5262. The SCAC office is still available to all Seniors who have Medicare problems.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Unloyal Subjects

On Aug. 10 I went to St. Ann's, Hornell, for the funeral Mass of a good friend, Father Herbert Sturmer. As the priests assembled in the rectory, one handed me a copy of "City Newspaper," saying, "This has a long article on Bishop Clark. It's mean." "Let me take it home and I will mail it back," I said.

"City" is a Rochester weekly read mostly by middle-class folk of the Rochester area. Most of the readers would know little about our diocese and its bishop excepting from the papers. The article was lengthy, mean-spirited, placing Bishop Clark on the stand for judgement by several activist priests and sisters, who are his own subjects.

I suppose our diocese is a microcosm of the Church in the United States, with a better than average record for fidelity. Most of the practicing Catholic laity, more than 90 percent of the priests, and an unknown percentage of religious sisters are loyal to the Magisterial Church, to the pope and to our bishop. But there is always that small agitated, hostile percentage. After studying the article, I wrote to the editors of "City," Mr. and Mrs. William Towler.

Editors:

May I express some disappointment at your feature on Bishop Clark in your Aug. 5 edition. One would hardly expect an objective profile of Rev. Jesse Jackson from a group of Klan Kleagles. In parallel, your report on Bishop Clark was pretty much the spattering of a few malcontented activists. Of the many persons interviewed, only two, Father James Marvin of the middle-class parish of St. Ambrose, and Dr. Joseph Torma of St.

Bernard's Seminary, had an understanding word for the bishop. Instructively, a religious sister concludes your article thus: "The bishop does not give evidence he is a man who reads, or is willing to spend time in good theological and pastoral discussion. My hope is that he will be more willing to be molded(sic) by the hopes and dreams of the people of the church than by regulations."

This should be interpreted: 1. The bishop does not give evidence that he affirms what aggressive sisters demand, i.e. that they should be ordained priestesses, and that he acquiesce to their pet theological and sociological theories. 2. He will not sit for hours to be instructed by us who are the illuminati and illuminatae. 3. We hope he will scrap Canon Law and directions from the Holy See, so he can give his soul to be molded(sic) by us who produce the phantasm which is the catholic church of our dreams rather than the Catholic Church of history.

When Pope John Paul II came to the States last October on his pastoral visit, the cry came forth from such like crews: "The pope didn't listen to us. He did all the talking." Now the cry goes forth, "The bishop doesn't talk. He does all the listening." For those who don't need a bull-horn to hear, Bishop Clark has spoken clearly enough: that he is the bishop, that he is responsible for the Church in the whole diocese, that he listens to his people, makes a decision and then calls the shots, and that he expects his priests and sisters faithfully to follow through.

If there is any legitimate complaint about Bishop Clark's modus dirigendi, I suggest, salva reverentia, that in his kindness he is too tolerant of intolerant subjects who would scuttle the concept of the Universal Church for one of their own particularities.

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