

# Pastoral Center News

## Parish Council Administration Revamped by Diocese

Continuing the re-assigning of responsibility for parish councils in the diocese, formerly held by the Office of Pastoral Ministry, the

Pastoral Center has announced that Bishop Dennis W. Hickey has been named administrator of parish councils.

Bishop Hickey will oversee policy and overall development of councils, although most direct contact with councils has been assigned to Sister Jean Rodman and Father Louis Hohman.

Sister Jean will work out of the Education Department (as announced in the Sept. 10 Courier-Journal) in the area of parish council development, orientation, planning assistance and constitution certification.

Father Hohman has been appointed Bishop Hickey's liaison in helping settle conflicts involving councils and also has been named liaison from the diocese to the national bishops, Parish Project.

Bishop Hickey suggests that council members should normally contact Sister Jean at the Pastoral Center, who can refer them to the person who can best serve them.

## Associate Pastors Re-Assigned

Several changes in associate pastorships have been announced by the Pastoral Office.

Father Ralph Fraats, who has been associate at St. Philip Neri, will be assigned to Holy Family, Auburn.

Father Ronald Antinarelli, associate at Holy Family, Auburn, will be assigned to St. Philip Neri.

Father Matthew Kawiak, associate at Annunciation, will be assigned to St. Stanislaus, Rochester.

Father Ronald Stacey, associate at St. Stanislaus, will be assigned to St. Michael's, Penn Yan, and St. Andrew's, Dundee.

Father James Hewes, associate at St. Mary's, Canandaigua, will be assigned to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Father B. Thomas Celso, assistant pastor in internship at Sacred Heart, Auburn, will be assigned to St. Francis deSales, Geneva.



## Pastoral Assistants

Recently elected officers of the Pastoral Assistants Council are (left to right): front row, Sister Marie Martin Quinn, SSJ, continuing education; Sister Marie Albert, SSJ, president; Sister Elaine Ryan, SSJ, treasurer; back row, Sister Doretta Rhodes, SSJ, public communications; Sister Agnes Catherine Battersby, SSJ, liaison to the Diocesan Pastoral Office; Sister Ruth Maier, SSJ, secretary. The council, an unofficial body which represents all the pastoral assistants in the diocese, met for the first time this season recently.

## Pastoral Changes

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Father James Hewes, from associate pastor, St. Mary's, Canandaigua, to associate pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Father B. Thomas Celso, from assistant pastor in internship, Sacred Heart, Auburn, to St. Francis de Sales, Geneva.

Father William McCall resigned from active ministry.

Father Robert Rice has left St. Francis de Sales to pursue independent study.

## St. Joseph's Villa Run for Fun

The second annual Run for Fun has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11, for the benefit of St. Joseph's Villa Physical Education and Activities Center.

A one-mile fun run will begin at 9:30 a.m. and 5 and 10 kilometer races at 10:30 a.m. The runs are scheduled in

cooperation with the Town of Greece, Greater Rochester Track Club and the Villa staff.

Pre-entry will be \$3 and entry at the post \$4. Further information is available from Dr. John Hooper, 722-0410 (business) and 244-4184 (home).

## Parents of Teens Seminar Slated

A new program, "Seminar for Parents of Teens," designed by Ron and Judy Platten and promoted by the diocesan Office of Family Life, will be offered at the Church of the Resurrection, 63 Mason Rd., Fairport.

The seminar will be held on the five Thursdays of October and the first Wednesday of November, from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The program, aimed at improving relationships and communications between parents and teens, covers such topics as drugs, alcohol, family, church, sex, law, relations with peers and school.

A small fee covers the cost of books and materials. Further information is available by calling (716) 223-8418.

## Holy Hour

The Peoples Eucharistic League, Holy Trinity Chapter, will have a holy hour at Webster's Holy Trinity Church from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow, Sept. 25. Father William Graf will lead the rites.

Fr. John Reedy



Looking for the Lord

## No One's Noticing

Georgetown University is being sued because of its refusal to give recognition and office facilities to two homosexual groups.

The plaintiffs, basing their suit on an anti-discrimination law of the District of Columbia, argue that the university's acceptance of some federal funding forfeits its status as a private religious organization.

I have a long memory and I can recall a time, back in the '50s, when Archbishop Alter (Cincinnati) and Cardinal Cushing (Boston) were warned against seeking or accepting any public funds for Catholic schools — for just this reason.

## 'Bloom Where Planted'

The Cenacle Renewal Center will present Father James Mason, CSSR, in a special program, "Bloom where You Are Planted," Oct. 24-26. Father Mason reviews the basic truths of spiritual growth and shows how God leads the individual in his or her development. The program is open to men and women. Registrations and further information are available at the Cenacle Ministry Office, 693 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14607; (716) 271-8755.

## Lebanese Dinner

St. Nicholas Church is sponsoring a Lebanese Dinner at Bishop Kearney High School, Saturday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. A \$12 donation is being asked. Tickets are available at the Church Rectory, 467-8925.

Though my track record in predicting the outcome of legal controversies is about as good as my record in pole vaulting, I would guess that this suit will not prevail.

But there are many other issues on which the strings connected to public funds do present problems for religious institutions.

Some of the problems are simply burdensome red tape. Complaints by religious spokesmen about such regulations and record keeping are not distinctive. They are the same as the complaints from businessmen, local government officials and anyone else dealing with the federal government.

There are other issues, however, which touch on the fundamental purposes and services of the religious institutions. And these do present a problem, not only for the religious groups but also for the nation.

It's simplistic to answer that religious groups can solve the problem by staying away from the trough of public funds.

That might have been a legitimate argument back in the days when Cardinal Cushing and Archbishop Alter were making it. Today, however, the immense increase in the costs of services, the pervasive influence of public funding on all kinds of services, the multiplicity of benefits and regulations affecting all kinds of institutions — these changes make it almost impossible to offer any significant service without some help from public sources.

Religious leaders are quite

aware of the encroachments. When the Catholic bishops discussed the problem at one of their national meetings, their anger and frustration was as high as I have ever seen.

Since they (and other ecclesiastical administrators) are on the receiving end of the controls, their protests are to be expected.

It's less obvious, though, that other Americans, including public officials, should be concerned about this significant change which is slipping, unnoticed, into the pattern of our society.

Americans like to think of our nation as one in which the principle of subsidiarity is respected. Many services are offered by individuals and voluntary groups. They should be encouraged, not hampered. What can be done by local or state groups should not be absorbed into the machinery of federal government.

Variety of approach and service should be fostered.

All that is changing as the society becomes more complex, as the role (and controls) of federal funding becomes more pervasive.

Many good things have been done in our nation because of federal concern

for social services, but we should be aware of the price that is being paid.

Perhaps it's inevitable that stringent controls must follow funding and privileges which amount to funding. Perhaps.

My objection is, that no one, on the national level, seems to be examining the change that is taking place. No one seems to be asking whether such changes add up to the kind of society the citizens want.

No one seems to be asking whether we can design methods which deal with the current situation while respecting patterns of service which are deeply rooted in the American tradition.

The Georgetown suit won't bring the issue to national attention, but it's one more illustration of the problem.

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