

**Priests Council**

**Sacramental Guidelines, Special Ministries Topics**

By Michael Groden

Reports from Father Robert Kennedy, on sacramental guidelines, and Father Gerald Appelby, on the status of the Division of Special Ministries, which he heads, were heard at the November diocesan Priests Council meeting.

Council members also heard short reports on priests personnel and parish building amalgamation.

During the morning session, Father Kennedy, diocesan liturgy director, gave a synopsis of the work done so far on updating diocesan sacramental guidelines. Father Kennedy reported that the first draft of the new guidelines has been completed and that work continues on schedule.

He said that the final papers will be sent to Bishop Matthew H. Clark, for his approval, by mid-December. The final papers are expected to be printed and sent to all parishes by February. Bishop Clark then plans to formally in-

roduce the guidelines in a series of meetings throughout the diocese in late February and March, Father Kennedy said. A question and answer period followed.

Father Appelby's presentation initiated a five-part series of reports, one from each division director, to the council. The council had requested each director to do this.

Father Appelby briefly described the establishment of the divisions. He said that with Vatican II the Church realized there were social and spiritual needs not being met.

As a consequence, he said, many different ministries were created, causing great confusion. To provide organization, the five divisions were formed: Support; Social; Personnel, Staffing and Development; Education and Special.

Father Appelby reported on each of the six departments that make up Special Ministries: Liturgy, Campus

Ministry, Office of Black Ministries, Ecumenism, Spanish Apostolate and Dignity/Integrity.

He said that the special ministry division came about because some diocesan departments did not "fit into convenient classifications." He said, however, that all six departments share a common ground in that they are all dealing with new concepts and needs of the Church, and that these needs "require action now."

Each department is also aimed at "hopefully, eventually" being absorbed into a "parish base," so that individual parishes can perform these duties, Father Appelby said.

The departments are all making progress, he said, though some are working slower toward their goal than others.

At the close of the meeting Bishop Clark asked council members to remember Fathers George Wood, Michael Wesley and George Schmitt, who died last week, in their prayers. He also briefly outlined his schedule for the next several weeks, which included attending the meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. He told members he would report on the conference at the next council meeting in December.

**Business in Diocese**

John S. Petrella of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, a Certified Public Accountant, has relocated his offices from 108 Colvin St. to 2701 Culver Rd.

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A couple of years ago we added cassoulet, a dish of French origin, to our repertoire. As with the other soups and stews, it is our own version, less elaborate than that given in many cookbooks.

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