

'Hoodlums 4, St. Salome's 0'

St. Salome's Church, 4282 Culver Rd., was broken into last week. The intruders left with the church's tabernacle and one ciborium, filled with the Eucharist.

Father Conrad Sundholm, pastor at St. Salome's, said that there was no vandalism and was puzzled as to why the thieves bothered with the bronze tabernacle. "They (the thieves) will never realize a penny of what they stole," Father Sundholm said. He said that the stolen property was valued at no more than \$1,000, and that it will be virtually impossible for the thieves to sell the tabernacle and ciborium without being caught.

Father Sundholm added that breaking into a Church is "no way to get rich," in that nothing of real value is left inside the church when it is not in use.

The break-in occurred at the southeast corner of the church, through a window that they kicked in, Father Sundholm said. He said that the thieves carefully upended a small altar and removed the bolts which held the tabernacle in place. No damage was done to the altar itself.

Father Sundholm said that plans were under way to replace the tabernacle anyway.

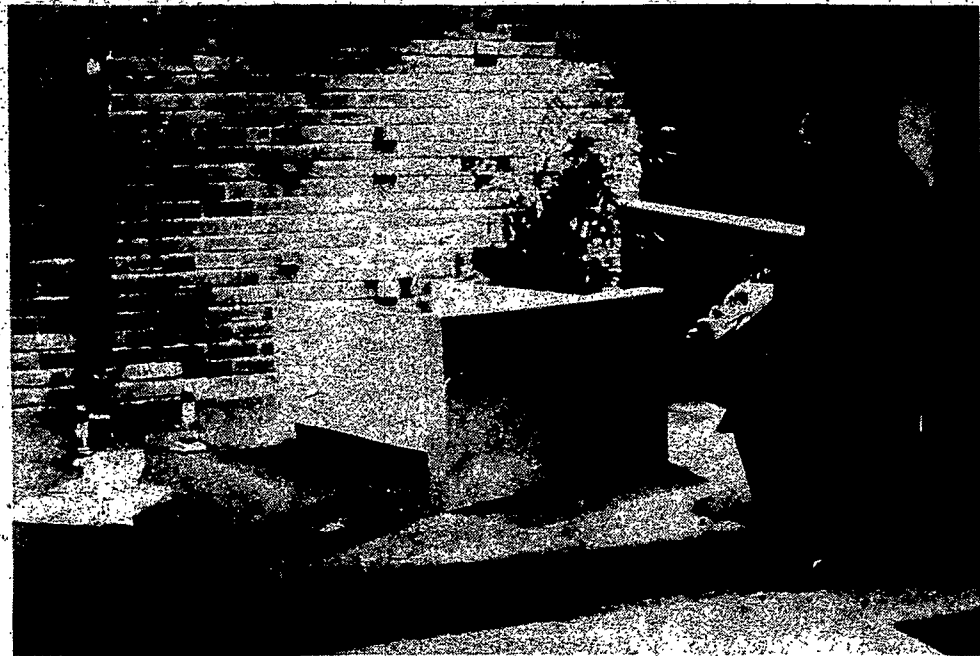


Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Father Conrad Sundholm at the altar where the tabernacle was taken.

Last Sunday, however, the fliers were distributed at the end of Masses reading: "A War Report: Hoodlums 4, St. Salome's 0."

The fliers call attention to the break-in, another break-in, a window-smashing, and a verbal assault on a nun.

On Friday night, seven safety glass windows at the school were broken. Father Sundholm estimated the damage at \$200 to \$300.

Youths Stage Cohan Salute

"Yankee Doodle Boy," a salute to George M. Cohan, will be performed by the Upstairs Youth Agency at the Trilogy Middle Magnet School, 501 Genesee St. at 8 p.m., Dec. 5 and at 2 and 8

p.m. on Dec. 6.

The cast is made up of 43 area teenagers from 12 local high schools. The cast is under the direction of Patricia Ausitin. Eric Falla and Sister

Sheila Walsh, SSJ, are producing the show.

Tickets are purchased at St. Monica's or St. Augustine's parish offices or at the door.

Centering on Service

Parish Council Development

"Our parish council doesn't know how to relate to the committees."

"We spin wheels at meetings."

"We have a parish council constitution but don't know whether it meets diocesan standards."

"What are we really supposed to do at parish council meetings?"

"What is the role of pastor and staff in parish councils?"

It is still less than two decades since the idea of shared responsibility in parish leadership gave birth to parish councils. Most councils operate on a trial and error basis and not a few people are still skeptical of the retreat from the "pastor as boss" stance of days gone by. Nor are there any official regulations relative to parish councils either on the national or international levels.

In this diocese, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan published a set of guidelines for parish councils which have since been reaffirmed by Bishop Matthew H. Clark. It is the intent of the Parish Council Development Office to help parishes interpret and implement the guidelines. Bishop Dennis W. Hickey is overall director of the program.

Heading the office is Sister Jean Rodman, SSJ, whose parish experience in parish councils and training in communications skills prepared her for the job. She is assisted by Father Louis J. Hohman who has had experience in forming a parish council and being a member of two other consultative bodies — the Diocesan Parish

Council and the Priests Council.

Sister Jean believes that the groundwork of her department is the orientation program for parish councils. It is geared for new council members or any member, in fact, who has not had formal training in the meaning and function of parish council. The training session of two hours deals with prayer, the mission of a Christian, definition of parish council and the responsibilities of council, with regard to where this council may be at this point in time.

A followup program is the seven-hour planning workshop, usually beginning on a Friday evening and continuing through mid-Saturday afternoon. The workshop includes needs assessment, formation of plans, followup to completion and evaluation. The process involves learning techniques and putting them into practice.

Other services offered by the Parish Council Development Office are criticism and certification of parish council constitutions, consultations about particular problems, help in relationships among pastor, staff, council and committees.

Even parishes which feel they have a handle on these matters after some years of experience may find a fresh point of view stimulating and productive.

Services of the office are available without charge. Arrangements may be made with Sister Jean Rodman at the Pastoral Center (716) 328-3210 or at St. Vincent de Paul parish (716) 293-1400.



Coordinators for the Santa's Cupboard are: Barbara Dineen, chairperson; Mary Brush; Mary Pulvino; Kathy Krowl, president of the Mothers' Club.

Santa's Shop at BK

The Bishop Kearney Mothers' Club is having a

Santa's Cupboard, Saturday, Dec. 6, 10-3 p.m. It will be in the school cafeteria, 125 Kings Highway.

Charismatics

Slate Mass
Geneva — St. Francis De Sales Church here will host a regional charismatic Mass on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Father James Connolly, SJ, coordinator and liaison for charismatic renewal in the diocese, and Father Thomas Celso, associate at St. Francis, will concelebrate the liturgy.

The event is expected to draw participants from Penn Yan, Geneva, Seneca Falls, Waterloo and Ontario.

Further information is available by calling Bob Tauscher, regional prayer group leader, (315) 789-3560.

Parish Plans Renewal Program

Corning — St. Vincent DePaul Parish will conduct a Parish Renewal beginning Thursday, Dec. 4, and running through Monday, Dec. 8. It will be conducted by Father John E. O'Brien, who is in charge of parish renewal programs for the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. The renewal will be a preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

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