



### Month of Presidents

The likeness of President Abraham Lincoln is depicted, left, in the "Goodness Window" of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Wealdstone, England — a memorial gift from a parishioner. In the other panel, at Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester, Mass., the Virgin Mary towers over the praying figure of George Washington. February is known as the month of presidents with Mr. Lincoln's birthday on Feb. 22 and Mr. Washington's being observed this year on Feb. 16. (RNS).

### Racism Discussed At City Parish

The question of racism will be aired at Immaculate Conception Parish, Rochester, throughout Lent as part of an extensive discussion of both racism and the black experience in the Church.

Dr. Jesse Moore, professor of history at the University of

Rochester, spoke to the issue at Sunday's liturgies.

This week, the parish council opens a discussion of the U.S. bishops' Pastoral Letter on Racism in Our Day. That discussion is being coordinated by Mac Clurg Vivian from Designs for Anti-Racism Education, DARE. Participants in the seminars will also help plan liturgies and homilies and serve as co-leaders for discussion groups on the question of racism.

During the liturgies of Lent, Sister Frances Sweeney, pastoral assistant, will speak to the congregation on the questions raised.

Interviewed last week, Dr. Moore said that his address on the topic would stress the strength the black community has received from Christianity during its ages of subjugation. That strength, he said, is reflected in the Spiritual, the religious song identified with the black community.

### Business in Diocese

Anthony J. Costello, publisher and general manager of the Courier-Journal, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Advertising Council of Rochester.

Owen J. Crumb, vice president of Hutchins/Young & Rubicam, was re-elected chairman.

### 'Coffee Break' Series Begins

Coffee Break, a non-denominational Bible study program, is now being held on Thursdays at the Rochester Christian Reformed Church.

The program began in the Chicago area about 10 years ago and has now spread around the world. Promotional literature states:

"Discussions are concentrated on the Bible, with study questions to help in understanding better what the Bible says. No previous knowledge or experience is expected. Men and women of all ages are welcome."

Nursery service is provided for the children of persons attending the program. A Story Hour is also provided.

Coffee is served at 9:30 a.m. and the Bible study runs from 10 to 11 a.m. Further information is obtained by calling the church office, (716) 482-6871.

## Bishops Denounce Junta

Santiago, Chile (RNS) — Chile's Roman Catholic bishops have denounced the military junta for making "false and insolent" charges that they were encouraging a wave of anti-government church sit-ins.

prelates, and 23 leaders of Britain's Free Churches. of the section, said that the church in Chile had suffered persecution because of its defense of human rights.

Cosmos Desmond, director

A spokesman for the hierarchy said the allegations could only cause further deterioration in church-state relations.

Following a week in which about 700 people occupied three Catholic churches in Santiago, a government official charged that "the permissive attitude of some churches' hierarchy has spawned a concerted action for the occupation of the temples."

Church sources here said that most of the protesters were homeless people seeking to draw attention to their plight.

Meanwhile, a group of British church leaders sent a telegram of support to the Chilean Catholic Church's human rights organization, the Vicariate of Solidarity.

The organization, under the leadership of Cardinal Raul Silva Henriquez, gives legal aid and other assistance to political prisoners and their families.

The telegram, sent by the British section of Amnesty International, was signed by 21 Church of England bishops, 11 Roman Catholic

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### Foot Stomping

The Beer Barrel Brass Band will provide the entertainment for the German Night benefit of the Bishop Kearney Marching Kings Band, 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Feb. 28 at the school. Dinner will feature knockwurst, potato salad, sauerkraut and kuchen. Tickets, \$25 a couple, are available through band members and at the door.

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