

Msgr. Hoefen

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 meet him and take him to his beloved St. Bernard's Seminary. The trip started at the corner of State Street and Kodak Alley and ended at the front door of the seminary.

"The horse knew the way," Msgr. Hoefen summed up.

Msgr. Hoefen remembered Bishop McQuaid as "a grand, white-haired old man, stern but loved by all."

The son of Ignatius Hoefen and Margaret Meyer, young Frank (as he was known to all) attended St. Michael's School in Rochester and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

During his 13-year

pastorate at Holy Trinity, he supervised the construction of a new, parochial school, dedicated in 1925.

He marked his silver jubilee as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in 1961. His pastorate at OLPH included the construction of a new convent in 1942 and the new OLPH rectory in 1950.

Having relieved the parish of its indebtedness, he supervised the redecoration of the church and installation of a new main altar in preparation for the parish golden jubilee in 1954.

During the same year, the future monsignor guided the OLPH school and hall. He also established a parish credit

union to assist parishioners and friends in financial matters.

He also was a founder of Park Ridge Hospital on Long Pond Road and assisted Bishop Joseph L. Hogan at the dedication of the Resurrection Garden Mausoleum at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in 1978.

He also served on the Diocesan Building Commission and was raised to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor, Jan. 26, 1956. He observed his golden jubilee Sunday, June 11, 1961.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan was main celebrant at the Mass of Christ the High Priest

Sunday night at the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan missions director, gave the homily.

At the Mass of Christian Burial Monday, Bishop Matthew H. Clark was principal concelebrant and also delivered the homily.

Msgr. Hoefen is survived by a nephew, Willard Hoefen; nieces, Mrs. Jeanett Leimberger, Mrs. Vera Fogerty and Mrs. Anne Hoefen; many grandnieces and grandnephews; and a dear friend, Mrs. Marie Ballou.

Mrs. Ballou served as rectory coordinator at OLPH for about 32 years.



In June of 1980, Msgr. Hoefen was greeted by Father James Schwartz at a priests' retreat at Becket Hall.

Education, Disabled Top DPC Agenda Saturday

Seneca Falls — Resolutions affecting educational programs and a report from a task force studying ministry to the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled will be the major topics at the Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at St. Patrick's Church.

The DPC's Teaching Mission Committee is offering two resolutions. The first endorses the efforts being

made by the diocesan Education Division to encourage and train parish education committees.

The second asks Bishop Matthew H. Clark's approval in principle of a diocesan Board of Education, which would then be designed by the committee. Its eventual implementation is planned for September 1982. The Board of Education issue has been before the DPC for some time;

the board would act as a diocesan advisory board on matters pertaining both to Catholic schools and to religious education.

The DPC also will be addressing a proposal concerning funding of Catholic schools which originated with the Diocesan Pastoral Council of the Cleveland, Ohio, diocese. The Cleveland DPC approved a statement which resolves "That the Diocesan

Pastoral Council pledge to give visible support and encouragement toward passage of the tuition tax credit in Congress in the spring of 1981 to enable parents to exercise their rights to choice in education without financial penalty."

The Cleveland resolution calls for volunteers in its parishes to monitor and report on progress toward approval of the credits. It also requests support of the other DPCs in the country.

The task force report on initiatives on behalf of the handicapped persons living in the diocese includes results from a survey, recommendations for increased services to the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled (MR-DD), and a plan for implementation.

The report notes that statistics indicate that there are probably 75,000 MR-DD persons in the diocese, approximately 18,000 of whom are Catholic. The group surveyed parishes to ascertain the current situation; of the 161 surveyed, 73 responded. About a third asked for help with programs for the MR-DD persons. Twenty reported involvement of a small number of such persons in parish functions.

Of the 73 respondents, 26 stated that their church is accessible to the handicapped; 19 have accessible classrooms,

and 36 have meeting rooms available to the handicapped.

The task force recommends efforts to increase the awareness of MR-DD persons; for more accessible buildings; for the various programs of Catholic Charities to address the needs of the MR-DD persons; and that regions and parishes seek out such persons and involve them in parish life.

To accomplish those goals, the task force recommends establishment of a diocesan Office of Ministry for the Handicapped, to be part of the Social Ministry Division. The office's coordinator would work with an advisory group, and begin efforts to implement the task force's recommendations.

Other items include the

inadequacy of the public assistance grant, and a presentation on vocations by Father Thomas Valenti, diocesan vocations director.

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New Project Discussed By Lawyers Guild

The St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild met last Tuesday evening at St. John Fisher College to discuss involvement in a program that would service correctional facilities in this area.

The program is titled VAST, which stands for "Volunteer Attorney Service Teams" for New York State prisons. Attorneys involved in the project would deal directly with inmates on a variety of personal problems but not litigation.

The program has its roots in the Diocese of Rockville Center (Long Island). Thomas Higgins is director of VAST in that area, and he was present at the meeting last Tuesday



Members of the VAST project from Rockville Center, from left, John Aicher and Tom Higgins discuss their program as John Greisberger, president of St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild, looks on.

night as was Bishop Matthew H. Clark, Rochester's ordinary.

Hearing Clinics Planned

This month's clinic will offer both extensive screening procedures for children undergoing tests for the first time and more in-depth evaluations for children diagnosed as having definite or possible communication problems.

The program has the endorsement of the Department of Corrections and is not duplicative of existing programs or personnel. Attorneys from Rochester as well as Buffalo, Auburn, Elmira and Syracuse would take part in providing services for prisoners at the Attica, Auburn and Elmira Correctional Facilities.

Schools Change

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 of Mercy, has been working in education for 25 years. For the past six years, she has been assistant superintendent of schools for curriculum at the Pastoral Center.

Father Kinsky's resignation was acknowledged last week by Father Charles Latus, diocesan information officer. Sister Edwardine's appointment was announced by Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, diocesan director of the Division of Education.

Father Kinsky characterized his leaving as an "amicable separation, done without regrets, rancor or bitterness."

Prior to taking the Rochester post, Father Kinsky had been principal, for four years, of St. Pius X High School in Albuquerque, N.M. He expects to return to a position in secondary education.

Sister Edwardine said last week that she believes "strongly in Catholic education and its future — a future which is in an upswing across the nation."

She said that she has great confidence in diocesan teachers, administrators, pastors and parents for their commitment "to the values we have to offer." She said that commitment is the strength of diocesan education.

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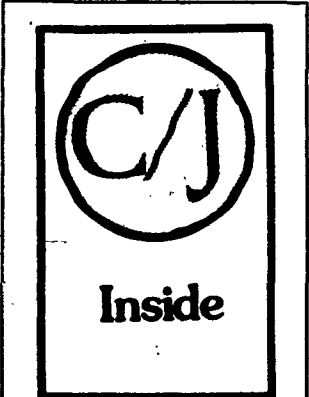
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