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Photo by Joan M. Smith

Lynn Jackson, drum major, leads the Bishop Kearney Marching Kings up Fifth Avenue past St. Patrick's Cathedral. The band performed in the Big Apple's St. Patrick's Day Parade and took top honors for best marching unit. Story on RapAround, page 12.

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Handicapped Office Gets Conditional DPC Approval

By Martin Toombs

Seneca Falls — The Diocesan Pastoral Council supported an increase in welfare grants, federal legislation for tuition tax credits, the formation of a diocesan Board of Education, and gave conditional support to the establishment of a diocesan Office for the Handicapped at its meeting at St. Patrick's Saturday.

The Office for the Handicapped proposal caused the most discussion, as members

questioned not the value of such an office, but whether the diocese could afford a full-time coordinator for it.

Father Paul J. Ryan, chaplain at the Newark Developmental Center, opened the presentation by the task force on the Mentally Retarded-Developmentally Disabled which wrote the proposal. He pointed out that everyone has a handicap of some sort, but those whose problems are severe enough to be institutionalized often are dehumanized. A blind person

becomes "two eyes that don't work," he said; "the individual becomes the handicapping condition."

Sister Clare Roland, SSJ, director of institutional ministries, went through the task force report, noting its findings and explaining its recommendations. The six-page report concluded that an Office for the Handicapped was needed to coordinate services, and recommended placing the office in the Social Ministry Division. Sister Clare reported that Father Charles

Mulligan, director of that division, has stated that his staff feels the office should be placed in the Special Ministries Division.

The discussion concerned the undetermined cost of the office, and the ability of the diocese to fund it when so many other financial pressures exist. Some suggested that less costly alternatives be developed.

After a failed tabling motion, the resolution recommending formation of the office failed when a majority of those voting cast their ballots in opposition or abstained.

Shirley Toole of Geneva, a member of the Ministerial Review Committee, had said that the issue should be presented to the MRC; she offered an alternative motion that the office's establishment be recommended subject to the availability of funds. That motion was approved, with 24 in favor, 1 opposed and 6 abstaining.

A motion asking Bishop Matthew H. Clark to approve

Up Welfare, Bishop Tells Lawmakers

Albany — Addressing state legislators at a meeting here March 17, Bishop Matthew H. Clark asked their support of a 15 percent increase in public assistance benefits to help alleviate what he called the "dreadful hardship and loss of dignity which our poorest people experience."

The bishop also asked the legislators to back bills ending Medicaid funding of abortion and to increase wages for farm workers.

Bishop Clark spoke at his second annual briefing of state lawmakers from the 12 counties of the Rochester diocese on issues of concern to the Church.

"The Church has a special responsibility to those with needs who are not in the mainstream of life or who

cannot speak for themselves," the bishop told lawmakers during the hour-long session.

"We in the Rochester diocese have three basic areas of concern: 1. for those on welfare; 2. for those whose lives are endangered by abortion and capital punishment, and 3. for our farm workers, especially in Monroe County," he said.

Bishop Clark repeated the call of the state's bishops for a welfare hike, saying that "the more our people study the issue, the more they're convinced of the necessity of an increase."

"I ask you to consider that (an increase in public assistance) favorably. I know it's not popular, I know it's complex, but I ask you not to

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Courier Seeks Mother of the Year

Young people across the diocese are being asked by the Courier-Journal to help find the 1981 Mother of the Year.

The grand prize will be a dinner for mother and family in a Rochester restaurant, limousine service, theater tickets, flowers, candy and a trip to one of the city's beauty shops.

In addition there will be others named as runnersup, who will be treated to a dinner for two.

The Courier-Journal Mother of the Year will be named in the May 6 edition, according to Anthony J. Costello, publisher.

Stories explaining why someone should be named mother of the year will be accepted from all persons up to the age of 18. Children eight and younger may send in drawings of the person they would like to see chosen.

The rules:

1. On one side of a sheet of paper, each entrant must print or type name, age, address, and telephone number.
2. Entrants name the person they think should be chosen mother of the year and write a story telling why; children eight and younger may draw a picture to explain why.
3. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 15 to:

Courier-Journal
Mother of the Year
114 S. Union St.
Rochester, N.Y. 14607

An outside panel of judges will select the best entry, and the panel's decision will be final. The winning mother will have her picture published in the Courier-Journal along with the winning entry.

Employees of the Courier-Journal and their families are ineligible.

Fr. Lintz Dies, Philosopher, Pastor

Funeral rites were celebrated Monday and yesterday for Father Edward J. Lintz, pastor emeritus of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport, who died Friday, March 20, 1980.

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey presided, and Msgr. William Shannon preached at the Mass of Christ the High Priest, March 23. Bishop Matthew H. Clark

presided and Father John Philipps preached the funeral Mass yesterday.

The philosopher, educator and pastor was born in Rochester in 1907. He attended Holy Rosary School and Aquinas Institute.

After graduation from Canisius College in Buffalo, in

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