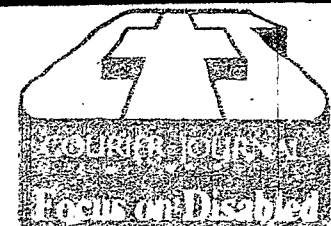


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Campus Ministry Probed As State Bishops Meet

By John Dash

For Sister Shirley Pilot, last week's meeting of the New York State bishops was a chance to "bridge a gap between the vision of the bishops and the world as young people have to face it."

The Sister of St. Joseph who is director of the diocesan Campus Ministry was one of more than 124 persons who gathered last weekend at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, L.I., for a discussion of Campus Ministry with the bishops.

Interviewed on her arrival back in Rochester, Sister Shirley had high words of praise for the contribution of the diocesan delegation to the meeting: Bishop Matthew H. Clark, Auxiliary Bishop

Dennis W. Hickey, Father Gerald Appelby, director of Special Ministries; Stephen Fletcher, a photography student at RIT; Mary Newell, a medical illustration student also at RIT; Dr. Jonathan Bishop, professor of English at Cornell University; Peter Hasby, a biology student at SUNY Geneseo; Deborah Dooley, a Newman Center member from the University of Rochester; Sister Kathleen Milliken, campus minister at SUNY, Brockport; and Christopher D. Felo, a staffer at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

The keynote speaker for the event, she said, was Father Robert S. Smith, director of Campus Ministry for the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

She said his talk covered the

loss of universal meaning for religious and cultural symbols, the rise of a generation concerned with self-fulfillment, and the advance of technology, the result of which has been "to create a world in which there are no consequences to personal action — a world in which anything can be fixed."

The weekend was noteworthy, she said, in several respects. The chance to discuss with both bishops and campus ministers across the state made her realize "it's so great to know you're not alone," she said.

She was also impressed not only with the presence of but also the major roles taken by women during the meeting.

At the end, she said, she



Bishop Clark, second from left, led the Rochester delegation to the bishops' meeting, Bishop Hickey stands behind him, and Sister Shirley in front of him.

realized that with its search to find better ways to serve the school parish, "Campus Ministry is 10 years ahead of the rest," in its structures and programs.

Lenten Regulations

Good Friday is a day of both fast and abstinence.

Other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

The fast is defined as one full meal a day, with two lighter meals. It is required of those 21 to 59 years of age.

The prohibition against meat on Fridays applies to those 14 years of age and older.

A Catholic should not lightly excuse himself from these practices.

Paul J. Tomasso To Be Ordained

Deacon Paul J. Tomasso will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Matthew H. Clark at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at St. Pius Tenth Church, where he is serving as a deacon intern.

Following the ordination, a reception will be held in the school.

The son of Louis and Margaret Tomasso of Holy Rosary Church Parish in Rochester, Rev. Mr. Tomasso earned a BA in Philosophy from St. Columban's College, Oconomowoc, Wisc., in 1971. He entered St. Bernard's Seminary in 1976, and obtained his Master of Divinity degree in 1980. He is now working on an MA, concentration in Scripture, from the same institution.

His field education placements were in Rochester's St. John the Evangelist Parish and the diocesan International Justice and Peace Commission. He spent the summer of 1978 in Clinical Pastoral Education in Warren State Hospital in



FATHER TOMASSO

Pennsylvania. Twice he served in team ministry mission work in the Diocese of Tabasco, Mexico.

The day following his ordination, Father Tomasso will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 2 p.m. in Holy Rosary Church. A reception will also follow this rite. The ordinand has invited the public at large to attend the celebrations.



A panel discussion featured (from left) Ms. Newell, Dr. Thomas Byrd of Queens College, Fletcher, Mary Ann Keenan of SUNY at Oneonta, and Sister Shirley.

Prayers Urged for President

Bishop Clark:

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has issued the following statement concerning the shooting of President Ronald Reagan and three others last Monday, March 30:

"In this moment of sadness in our nation, I join my prayers to those of all citizens for the speedy recovery of President Reagan and the three men wounded with him.

"I would encourage all of our parishes to include these intentions in their own prayers, especially in the General Intercessions at the Eucharist."

U.S. Bishops:

Archbishop James R. Roach, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued the following statement:

"The attack upon President Reagan deeply saddens and disturbs me just as it does all men and women of good will. As in so many other crises, it is a time for prayer as well as reflection.

"In the name of the Catholic bishops and community of the United States, I invite others to join with us in calling upon Almighty God to restore the president and members of his staff to full health and vigor, to sustain their wives, families and our country through this painful ordeal, and to bestow upon all the grace which will one day banish violence from minds and hearts."