

# Family Must Be Long-Term Focus

By Martin Toombs

Auburn — Strong support for a report on Family Ministry but fear that a current emphasis "will not begin to solve the problems" was expressed in a report approved by the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) Saturday.

Meeting at St. Mary's, Auburn, the DPC received a recommendation from a committee chaired by Beth Stefano of the Tompkins-Tioga Region commenting on the report prepared by the diocesan Family Ministry Task Force. The DPC approved forwarding the recommendation to Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

The 31-page task force report, compiled by a group headed by Janet Foy with support from the diocesan Family Life Office, suggests programs and emphases which can be taken at several levels of the diocese to support family life.

The recommendation the DPC approved notes "the report is impressive both in its thoroughness of research and presentation and in the broad sense of family which it presents."

While supporting the task force's recommendations, the DPC commentary stated:

"We are concerned, however, about the fate of this report. Comprehensive in its scope, ambitious and detailed in its recommendations, will it suffer the same fate as other, similar

reports which were the 'in' topics to consider 'this' year?"

"Emphasis on the family for a month — even for a year — will not begin to solve the problems. We feel it is imperative that we take up the challenge presented in this report. The financial investment required is an investment in the future of the Church."

The DPC's first visit to Auburn also included discussion of the Parish Project, and establishment of the Needs Assessment ranking for the coming diocesan fiscal year.

The DPC approved a plan to send 25 copies of the booklet prepared by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Parish Project.

The proposal, presented by Sister Ann Habershaw, would be followed by talks on parish life in an effort to increase renewal in the parishes.

Ten program areas were ranked for Bishop Clark's consideration for a standard to which the 1982-83 diocesan budget can be compared.

Utilized by the Ministerial Review Committee, the rankings have been a source of questions each year by DPC members who wondered whether or not the priority listing actually affected the budget. Saturday's discussion was no exception.

Some members, most

notably Robert O'Gara of Tompkins-Tioga, also questioned why the DPC was realigning the listing presented to it following a diocesan-wide survey.

The 10 priorities, starting with the most important as ranked by the Needs Assessment Committee, were Family, Youth, Religious Vocations, Evangelization, Leadership Education, Interparish Cooperation, Liturgy, Disadvantaged, Role of Women, and Diocesan Organization.

The DPC considered the ranking in committees, and then by mathematical computation re-ordered them as follows: Family, Youth, Liturgy, Evangelization, Religious Vocations, a tie between Leadership Education and Role of Women, Disadvantaged, Interparish Cooperation, and Diocesan Organization.

Bishop Clark called the just-completing Thanks Giving Appeal "very encouraging and gratifying," noting that preliminary figures show \$2.7 million has been pledged. He pointed out that doesn't necessarily mean the \$2.204 diocesan goal was reached; it totals all pledges, including those above a parish's goal, of which 80 percent are returned to the parish. He said he does feel the diocesan goal will be met.

As soon as the appeal is complete, he said, the

evaluation will begin, to prepare for next year's effort.

He said appeal workers and pastors have told him they've received support from parishioners who've never gotten involved before.

Bishop Clark and some DPC members also discussed the difficulty in sustaining the enthusiasm in future years, and the problem caused by those who have failed to understand the appeal is to be repeated each year at this time.

Bishop Clark also reported on the recent Washington meetings of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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All in the Family

## Calzones Become A Tradition

Dear Ms. Child:

Thanks to you I now have another recipe of "old family favorites" to add to my collection. Of course, I am speaking about "calzone."

Ten days ago I tried one, and filled it with what was on hand: shaved ham and cheddar cheese. Not only did it look great, it tasted delicious. The family agreed: "You can make this anytime, Mom!"

A few days later I made two of them, and they became dinner and were filled with cooked Italian sausage, peppers and mushrooms. Great!

There are two more in the oven right now, stuffed with sliced pepperoni, cooked and sliced onions and topped with mozzarella. The boys will be in from hunting soon, and are looking forward to "this old family favorite."

Calzone is something that FEELS like it's been served in our home for years and I know it will be subject of discussion many years after I am gone. I can hear it now: "My mother used to make 'trouser legs' filled with whatever was in the

refrigerator, and, boy, that was the biggest treat when we came in from the cold!"

Today I prodded the "legs" into the shape of a high boot, to give it a little more interest. I've just peeked in the oven, and they're getting golden brown and crusty.

I've already sent the recipe to my daughter in New Mexico, and she's making "this old family favorite" for her family. Again, thanks for adding to our family traditions; I love 'em all.

Sincerely  
Hedy M. McGarry  
Spencerport

Dear Hedy:

Thank YOU. We've heard from a few others who've been making calzone (pizza-in-a-pouch) including at least one (Sr. Jean Rodman) who had trouble getting the thawed bread dough to roll out properly. In the original recipe I suggested two hours thawing time which simply may not be enough. Give the frozen dough half a day down in a warm place, then punch and roll all the air out before proceeding to fill and bake. Oh yes, try brushing the golden brown crusts with a little butter or oleo after removing them from the oven for taste and eye appeal.

## Business in Diocese



Dr. John McIntyre, director of the Psychiatric Division of St. Mary's Hospital, has been elected vice president of the New York Psychiatric Society. In addition to his post at St. Mary's, he is an attending physician and psychiatric consultant at Strong Memorial Hospital and is a psychiatric consultant at DePaul Mental Health Center.



Donna Dedee, the county's Junior Miss and a freshman at St. John Fisher College, will join the band from her alma mater, Bishop Kearney High School, at the season's opening ceremonies for the Xerox Square Ice Skating Rink at noon, Nov. 25.

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