



Shall We Polka?

The Beer Barrell Brass preparing waltzes and polkas for "German Nite," sponsored by the Bishop Kearny Marching Kings Band, 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27. There will be a full-course German dinner including knockwurst, sauerkraut and kuchen. Free beer will be available along with a cash bar. Donation is \$15 per person and the proceeds will be used toward the Kings' trip to Ireland in March. Tickets are available from any member of the band, the school, chairman Bruce Kaleta, or may be purchased at the door.

Parish Renewal Workshop Attracts 165 to Tarrytown

Four delegates from the Diocese of Rochester journeyed to Tarrytown recently to participate in the first of a series of workshops giving instruction on parish renewal.

Two area Sisters, Ann Habershaw, SSND, and Jean Rodman, SSI, were joined by two parish council representatives, Jerry Driscoll of Holy Trinity, Webster, and Daniel Holland of St. John the Evangelist of Rochester.

The workshop was the first of seven sessions to be conducted across the country and

was under the direction of the Committee on the Parish of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB).

One hundred sixty-five delegates from 29 north-eastern dioceses considered ways that diocesan offices and agencies could assist parishes in such areas as liturgy, preaching, youth and family ministry, social ministry, parish staff and council development, among other concerns. The topics came from, and the entire conference was organized in relation to "The Parish: A

People, A Mission, A Structure," a statement for parishes issued by the Committee on the Parish.

The topic that received the most attention from the Rochester delegation was the spiritual growth of people in parishes.

This topic and others will continue to be discussed by the Parish Project Committee of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, and plans have been made for the committee to present information to regional assemblies on the NCCB statement.

Birthright Awarded United Way Grant

Birthright of Rochester, a confidential service offering alternatives to abortion, will receive a grant of \$23,000 from the United Way this year, its first-time-ever assistance from the fund.

A non-sectarian agency, Birthright offers referrals and contacts with clergy of many faiths, social workers at child and family centers, legal and financial professionals and volunteer physicians.

Set up for those with problem pregnancies, it also provides adoption assistance, financial help, psychological support, a place to stay and confidential, experienced services.

Birthright becomes the second independent birth-related agency to receive United Way support in two years. Last year, Natural Family Planning received aid.

In another development, the United Way board has approved the optional donation plan. Four options are: 1. the same as before with donations going into the general fund for distribution among the 160 United Way agencies according to need; 2. contributors may have gifts allocated through the same process but may designate agencies they do not wish to support and United Way will so guarantee; 3. contributors

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Helen Bittner and family

Polish Fund Passes \$81,000

The Tribute to Poland Fund has reached \$81,852.06, according to Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan director of missions, who is coordinating the drive.

The figure is as of last Friday. Proceeds are funneled to the people of Poland through Catholic Relief Services. Contributions should be sent to:

Tribute to Poland
123 East Ave.
Rochester, N.Y. 14604

Foundation Urges Cards to Poland

An analysis of the tragedy of Poland will be the subject of the Cardinal Mindszenty Report for February.

In response to the "We are alone!" appeal of the primate of Poland, Archbishop Jozef Glemp, the foundation suggests that postcards be sent to the archbishop with the message, "You are NOT alone!" The national effort has been joined by several labor unions, according to a spokesman for the foundation.

Cards should be sent to:

Primate Archbishop Jozef Klemp
ul. Miodowa 17-19
CO-246 Warsaw,
POLAND

The foundation also urges postcards to Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski, Minister Stwo Abrony Narodowej, ul. Klonowa 1 01-468, Warsaw, Poland.

The foundation suggests as a message, "Free Lech Walesa and Solidarity prisoners!"

Correction

Some of the figures were wrong as listed in last week's roundup of parish contributions to the Bishop's Thanks Giving Appeal. Annunciation pledged \$16,299, Mt. Carmel \$1,305 and St. Francis Assisi, \$2,259.39 — all over their assigned quotas. Also item 508 should have read Newman Community, U. of R., which pledged \$3,127.

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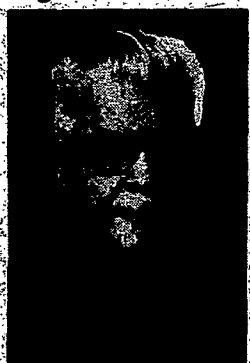
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