

Nuclear Arms

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of technology to help developing nations, adult education...

"It suddenly occurred to me that all this was moot if there were no people on earth left. So I decided to put all else on the back burner, and put this one on the front burner."

Locally, action is being taken on the question on several fronts. CANA, according to Pat Mannix, is distributing leaflets at the doors of churches on Sundays. She said that the organization has about 50 members at present, 15 of whom regularly engage in the leafletting. So far, the group has targeted one city church a week for its demonstration, with the pastor's consent. "The laity has been remarkably receptive," Ms. Mannix said, "and the clergy has been very good."

CANA intends to carry its demonstration to suburban churches in the near future.

In Elmira, the Southern Tier Nuclear Disarmament Task Force, has committed itself to intensive study of the question and then to develop educational programs on it, Giovina Carosco of the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry said.

The group, she said, intends to launch a full-scale program by September, thereby "impacting on the congressional elections," she said.

In the area, she said, the question is double-edged. One of the larger employers holds nuclear defense contracts, she said.

In Ithaca, Pax Christi is being established, and drawing a "mixed bag" of individuals from a wide range of political viewpoints and age groups, said Susan K. Roll, a Catholic chaplain at Ithaca College.

She said that the group meets at Immaculate Conception Church, and anticipates taking both educational and political action roles in the area.

Pax Christi is also developing at Corpus Christi Rochester. The group has about 50 members, said Dominic A. Aquila, director of social ministry at that parish.

He said that the group is four months old, and that its intention is to "educate people through lectures and demonstrations on the Catholic point of view" on the question of nuclear arms.

Every parish in the diocese will shortly receive an information package on nuclear arms from the newly established Task Force on Nuclear Disarmament, commissioned by the diocesan International Justice and Peace Commission.

According to Sister Christine Wagner, head of the task force, the weekend of May 30 has been designated as Peace Sabbath. Coincidentally, it is also both Pentecost and Memorial Day.

The local observance of Peace Sabbath (known in some other communities as Choose Life Sunday) is being promoted by the task force, and pastors will be asked to give room for nuclear disarmament displays and educational materials.

In addition, she said, the task force also is studying the issue, and hopes to publish a statement on the matter in the near future.

The question of whether nuclear arms are stored at the Seneca Army Depot has drawn national attention in recent months. Organized on the likelihood of such arms indeed being there, the Finger Lakes Peace Alliance represented by Father William Spilly and Sister Anne Urquhart, under the egis of the area's Office of Human Development, has been engaged for several months in educational, political, and spiritual activity.

The group slates demonstrations at the gates of the depot.

According to Sister Anne, more than 200 turned out last week at the depot gates. In addition, she said, the alliance has been organizing hospitality for the international group of peace marchers who have been walking across the nation, and who will arrive in the area next week.

Those marchers are headed for the United Nations, she said, where, in June, a major session on nuclear disarmament will open.

The march was begun on the west coast by Japanese Buddhist monks last October. On the outset, they made the following statement:

"We undertake this walk as an action of repentance. We walk, look up to heaven, prostrate ourselves on the earth and pray... We worship and bow to people we meet along the way, for we believe the Supreme and Immortal is within every human being. We call for this divinity concealed within the depths of the human heart so that all

Parishes Asked: Fight Budget Cuts

The diocesan Department of Justice and Peace is asking individual parish councils throughout the diocese to work against further federal budget cuts in human service programs.

The department has prepared a resolution which begins, "Whereas the 1982 budget of the United States government cuts \$35 billion from human service programs while increased military spending by \$44 billion."

The resolution points out that the "president's 1983 budget would continue the process of transferring monies from social programs to defense spending." It also says that "documentation of widespread human suffering that cannot be alleviated satisfactorily by voluntary organizations and church groups alone is emerging from organizations including the National Conference of

Catholic Charities and organizations which serve the poor in the diocese of Rochester."

And since, the resolution states, "Catholics are called by their Savior Jesus Christ to answer the cries of the poor" that the parish council call upon its federal representatives to work against further cuts in human service programs.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark, in a letter to pastors, voices support for the effort "on behalf of these people who are least able to bear the burden of such cuts in federal spending." He urges each parish council "to endorse the enclosed resolution. It is one concrete action that your parish can take to advocate for the children, families and aged whose voice is not otherwise heard in Washington."

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Father Gilligan, CP Dies in Philippines

Memorial services were held at Holy Apostles Church, April 21, for Father Justinian Gilligan, CP, who died in Manila, Philippine Islands, April 15, 1982.

The Passionist missionary was 62 years old. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

The son of the late Daniel and Margaret Gilligan of Rochester, he attended Holy Apostles School and St. Andrew's Seminary before joining the Passionists. He was professed in the congregation in 1941 and ordained a priest in 1948.



FATHER GILLIGAN

He took a doctorate in philosophy in Rome, and devoted the major portion of

First Friday

The First Friday Luncheon Club and the Daily Mass League will gather for a Mass celebrated by Father Thomas Valenti, 11:45 p.m., Friday, May 7, at the Knights of Columbus Clubrooms, 670 Thurston Road. Father Valenti, diocesan director of vocations, will also speak at a luncheon following the Mass.

FR. WALSH DIES

Boston (RNS) — Father Michael P. Walsh, 70, former president of Boston College and Fordham University, died April 23 at the Jesuit residence at Boston College High School.

his ministry to the education of seminarians. In 1961, he was assigned to the Central Mission, Marbel, Cotabato, P.I., where his congregation had established a new seminary.

For the past two years, he had been conducting retreats in the southern parts of the Philippines.

Father Gilligan is survived by his brother, Paul of Rochester; his sister, Mrs. Robert (Patricia) Hefforn of California; his uncle, James Sullivan of Rochester; two aunts, Helen Sullivan of Pittsford and Jenny Smith of Union Springs; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is buried in South Cotabato, P.I.

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