

DPC Backs Effort to Aid Families

Waterloo — A series of meetings next winter designed to help parish staffs and leaders support family life were supported Saturday by the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Meeting at St. Mary's, Waterloo, the DPC unanimously approved the proposal presented by Frank Staropoli, a director of the diocesan Family Life Office.

It calls for six regional meetings in January and February. The Sunday afternoon sessions would concentrate on helping parishes use the results of the

diocesan Family Ministry Task Force to help families.

Staropoli said the plan is for parish leadership to attend the sessions, and for them to take the information back to their parishes.

With the DPC's recommendation to Bishop Matthew Clark that the program be implemented, the group suggested that the bishop attend each session.

The DPC also reviewed a proposal for opening a diocesan Office of Parish Ministry, to perform the functions served by the former Office of Pastoral

Ministry.

The plan, presented by the DPC Executive Committee, called for a one-person office concentrating on coordination of existing services, and to act as an advocate in the Pastoral Center for parishes.

The office also would be responsible for spiritual renewal and evangelization, something not now a responsibility of a specific office, according to Shirley Toole, DPC president.

Several members favored such an office, while discussing the exact function and organization.

Bishop Clark, who closed the Pastoral Ministry office, asked the group for more details on what the office would do. If such things as a diocesan calendar are needed, he said, they can be done without opening a new office.

He said, "I consider myself an advocate for parishes," as are others in the Pastoral Center, although no one has that title.

The DPC unanimously approved a recommendation asking the Executive Committee to add more detail to the proposal.

The consultative group also discussed the draft proposal for a diocesan Board of Education.

The group, scheduled to begin operating in September, would have ten members appointed by the bishop, the bishop, and the diocesan Education Division, General Education and Religious Education directors.

Claude Lester, the chairman of the group designing the board, said it

would advise the diocese on educational matters, and would not be a policy-making or administrative body.

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Basilians Announce Staff Change

Father Donald E. McCarthy, CSB, has been named pastor of Christ the King Parish, and Father Robert B. Hale, CSB, has been named associate.

The changes were announced last week by the Basilian Fathers, under whose aegis the parish falls.

Father McCarthy is a

native Rochesterian, a graduate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School and Aquinas Institute. He took his BA from the University of Toronto in 1953 and a bachelors degree in theology there in 1958.

The 45-year-old priest taught religion and philosophy at St. Michael's College in Toronto for six years, and at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

In 1958 he returned to Rochester where he was on the faculty of St. John Fisher college until 1964, when he began to teach religion at Aquinas. He remained there until 1976.

In that year he was named associate pastor at Christ the King, then newly transferred from diocesan auspices to the Basilians. He has held that


post until his pastorate this year.

Father Hale was born in Kitchener, Ontario, in 1937, attended St. Mary's High School in Calgary, Alberta, and took a BA in business administration from the University of Western Ontario in 1962. He entered the Basilian Fathers' novitiate in Toronto in 1964.

He took theology studies at St. Basil's Seminary in Toronto from 1967 to 1971. He was ordained a priest in December in 1970, by Cardinal George Flahiff, also a Basilian.

He served as assistant treasurer of his seminary for two years, when he was appointed associate pastor of Toronto's St. Basil's Parish. Again in two years, in 1975, he was pastor there, a post he has held until this recent assignment.

Diocesan Appointments



Father James Burke, from co-chaplain, Strong Memorial Hospital, to pastor, St. Mary, Canandaigua.

Father Ralph Frauts, from associate pastor, Holy Family, Auburn, to pastor St. John the Evangelist, Newark Valley-St. Francis, Catatonk.

Father John Lynch, from administrator, St. Stanislaus, Bradford-St. Joseph, Campbell, to pastor, St. Theresa, Stanley-St. Mary, Rushville.

Father Richard Murphy, from chaplain, Cornell University, to pastor, St. Mary, Corning.

Cardinal Lauded On Civil Rights

Chicago (RNS) — There was little hint of the controversy that in life had swirled constantly around Cardinal John P. Cody in the statements issued on his death by civic and church leaders.

"I give thanks for the graces the Lord bestowed on his people through Cardinal Cody's many years of episcopal ministry," Pope John Paul II said in a telegram to Archbishop John R. Roach, president of the National Conference Bishops.

In a separate telegram to Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Alfred Leo Abramowitz, the pope said:

"I extend sincere condolences to you and to all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Chicago at the death of Cardinal Cody, who has served the local church for these many years. Trusting in the merciful love of our crucified and risen Lord, I pray for the repose of his soul, asking the Lord to welcome him into his kingdom of eternal light and peace. To all who mourn him in Christian hope, I cordially impart my apostolic blessing."

Archbishop Roach said, "Cardinal Cody... had a long and distinguished career as priest and bishop. His record in the struggle against racism is historic. His devotion to social justice is a bright chapter in 20th Century church history."

Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York said that the cardinal had "learned and taught the effective lesson of quiet patience in the acceptance of suffering and perseverance in shouldering the cross of illness, and at times of criticism and misunderstanding as when he was a courageous advocate for human rights."

Mayor Jane M. Byrne said all Chicago was saddened at the cardinal's death and that she felt "a profound loss because he was an inspirational leader who made a significant contribution to the religious life of our city."

Archbishop Cody was named to the Chicago post in 1965. He brought a reputation as an excellent administrator and a civil rights warrior who had desegregated New Orleans parochial schools, despite opposition by many Catholic parents.

After about a year in Chicago, he sent the following letter to be read in all parishes on the eve of a major civil rights demonstration in Chicago, "A crusade for freedom and equality is under way and you and I as Catholics and Americans must be a part of it."

Prayer in School Back on Burner?

In 1962 a Supreme Court decision took prayer out of the public educational system. Now, 20 years later, under the Reagan administration, an amendment to the Constitution is being proposed to reinstate prayer in the public schools. The proposal has met with mixed emotions.

The main argument of those opposed to the amendment is the possible infringement on the rights of individuals regarding their religious beliefs, or non-beliefs. But according to Sister Roberta Tierney, director of general education for the Diocese of Rochester, individual rights would be protected by the voluntary aspect of the prayer.

"It hasn't been a totally

quiet issue," she said of the reaction to the court's decision 20 years ago. She explained that during those years petitions had been submitted periodically to congressmen and representatives by groups of people wanting prayer reinstated in the public schools.

She sees allowing prayer in the public school system as a strengthening of the value system in the country. "The one important thing," she added, "is that it is a stand being taken by the country in realizing there is a need for prayer."

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