



New Board of Education Planned

The Design Committee for the Diocesan Board of Education presented a report to Bishop Matthew H. Clark on Monday, May 24. According to Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, director of the Division of Education, the committee has been working at the request of the bishop since June 1981. "They have designed a plan for the operation of a Diocesan Board of Education," she explained, "to serve as a consultative body to the bishop and Division of Education in regard to educational programs and priorities within the diocese." She added that the committee will conduct meetings in various areas of the diocese this Fall to explain the role and relationship of the diocesan board to local education communities and boards and to the council of the diocese. The board is expected to be in operation in early 1983. Pictured above are Sister Roberta, Bishop Clark, Brother Brian Walsh, principal of Bishop Kearney; Sister Mary Ann Binsack, RSM, director of Religious Education; and Father William Roche, pastor of St. Mary's in Canandaigua.

Cursillistas Celebrate

More than 250 "Cursillistas" gathered at Our Lady of Mercy High School Saturday for a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Cursillo movement in the United States.

According to Deacon Dan Abballe, spokesman for those gathered, the celebration included prayer sessions, workshops and a concluding Mass.

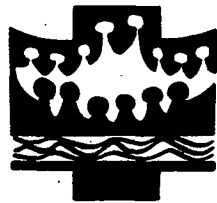
Speakers were Father Paul Tomasso, Father Raymond Booth, Sharon Tette, Sal LaChase and Deacon Raymond Defendorf.

Deacon Abballe preached at the closing Mass presided over by Father William Leone.

Music was provided by Dan Nolet and group.

Those attending came from nearly every corner of the diocese. There have been 88 Cursillo weekends here since they were first introduced in 1967, a decade after the program was first conducted in the U.S., in Waco, Tex., May 22, 1957.

Insights In Liturgy



By Sister Nancy Burkin

Ordinary Time: A Festival Beginning

With the feast of Pentecost, the celebration of the season of Eastertime comes to an end. The Great Sunday, a single feast of 50 days in length, is brought to a crowning close by the celebration of the completion of Christ's saving act in the sending of the Spirit.

In the early centuries of the Church, this great octave of 50 days was marked by joyous thanksgiving expressed, among other ways, in frequent alleluias (sung, of course), and a prohibition against fasting and kneeling for prayer. For these early Christians, the celebrative mood and atmosphere of these days exceeded even their ordinary Sunday expression of joy, thanksgiving and praise. The Sunday after Pentecost was, indeed, "ordinary" by comparison.

This Sunday, we Christians again resume Ordinary Time — a time ordinary in comparison to the great Easter celebration, but extraordinary in depth of meaning of our lived faith experience. Parish liturgy teams no doubt look forward to Ordinary Time, not because less planning is necessary, but because it is a welcome relief from the intensity of the seasons that surround it. However, an examination of the Sundays following Pentecost finds the Church celebrating the feast of the Holy Trinity the first week and Corpus Christi the second — not quite "ordinary" Sundays!

Trinity Sunday, as we usually refer to it, was not introduced to the universal Church until 1334, and only after centuries of resistance to establishing such a celebration on Sunday. Corpus Christi, an abbreviated form of the full name of the feast, the

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body of Christ, was celebrated by the universal Church sometime after 1246. It arose from the movement in the 12th Century that strongly encouraged devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, a devotion that was accompanied by a strong desire to see the consecrated bread and wine rather than dynamically celebrate the Eucharistic banquet.

Yet Ordinary Time does indeed begin with Trinity Sunday, continue with Corpus Christi, which is followed by the 13th, 14th, 15th, etc. Sundays of Ordinary Time. For parish liturgy teams attempting to see these two feasts as part of Ordinary Time rather than two isolated feasts, there is only one place to go for assistance: the readings of the feasts which point out the ordinariness of celebrating Trinity and Eucharist; the readings help us to see Trinity and Eucharist as ordinary Sundays, part of the Sundays that will carry us through the Summer to a new celebration of Advent.

The readings of the B cycle for Trinity Sunday might be summed up in one short phrase: "Behold, this is your God." See what your God is like as loving parent, refreshing breath, ever present companion. See the different ways God can be experienced and realize that ordinariness of day-to-day life is made extraordinary by baptism in the name of our God who is, who was and who is to come.

It is this baptism that incorporates us as Church, the people of God who can say Amen to being the Body of Christ. It is this baptismal relationship to God, a covenantal relationship sealed in blood that we hear about in the Corpus Christi readings. It is this baptismal relationship that makes us Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, that will indeed live forever.

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Walker Gives More Detail On Resignation

A story in the May 26 edition reported, correctly, that John Walker, executive secretary of the diocesan Office of Black Ministries, had

resigned from the Cuban/Haitian Refugee Committee.

Dr. Walker, however, said that his principal reason for resigning was not stated. In his letter of resignation, he told the group that while he was "impressed by its concern" (for the Haitians) that he was disappointed "by its inability to make things happen" for the Haitians "incarcerated in New York State concentration camps."

"My principal reason for resigning was to take a more active role on behalf of the Haitians. I will continue on the original Haitian Refugee Resettlement Committee of Rochester founded in February of 1980," he said. "I plan to make more demonstrative demands on behalf of the Haitians."

"For instance," he added, "on June 4, I will visit 128 Haitian children detained at Greer Woodie-Crest Children's Center at Millbrook and will report on this visit upon my return."

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