

Family Center Lists New Board Members

New members of the board of directors of Catholic Family Center are Edward Sloan, Mrs. Mary Muggleton, Robert Dunning, Stanley Zawacki and Marcia Ritchlin.

going board members Clifford Schallmo, John M. Kuebel, J. Timothy O'Sullivan and Thomas B. Hogan Jr.

New officers are Mrs. Paula Howk, president; Paul Zielinski, vice president, and Susan Kennedy, secretary.

Honored at the recent annual meeting were out-

Main speaker at the meeting was Dr. John Charles Wynn, professor Pastoral Theology and director of the Graduate Study Program in Family Ministries, Colgate Rochester Divinity School.



Coordinator Named

Father William Amann, right, pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Hamlin, introduced Sister Mary Kay Ryan, SSJ, left, to his parishioners last weekend as the new religious education coordinator. Also present was the parish's Permanent Deacon Robert Solan, center. Sister Ryan spoke to the congregations at all four Masses and the parishioners enjoyed a brief reception with her following each service. Sister Ryan made her final profession in 1966 and has been teaching at St. Agnes High School since 1974.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Travel Light To God

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mk. 6:7-13. (R1) Am. 7:12-15. (R2) Eph. 1:3-14.

One of the most striking features of God's revelation is the way He has repeatedly raised up prophets, apostles, saints, to carry His word to men. Amos was taken from his sycamores and sheep. The apostles were taken from their nets and fish. They were sent out by the Lord's command: "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." "Go, two by two, and teach all nations."

Down through the centuries others have been called in the same way — unexpectedly, unpredictably, always bringing out the complete freedom of God's choice. Paul, Francis of Assisi, Ignatius Loyola, Bernadette, and countless others.

Besides calling and commissioning them, God commanded his prophets and apostles to travel light — "no food, no traveling bag, no a coin."

When Cortez was fleeing with Aztec gold across a watery swamp, he told his men they could take as much gold as they wished, but he cautioned, "Who travels lightest, travels safest."

The Romans, who conquered the world, had an expensive word to describe their baggage — "impedimenta," for that was what baggage is to an army, an impediment. Overconcern with baggage has lost many a battle.

Jesus went about unencumbered. He and His followers were the jettison set. When He sent the disciples off, He didn't say, "Now, guys, take plenty of food. You'll need some for yourselves and for others — you've got to feed the hungry. Take extra clothes. You don't know what kind of weather you'll run into. Then too you must clothe the naked. And remember your credit card. Don't leave home without it."

No, here's what he said, "Take nothing on the journey — nothing! Travel light."

Are we overburdened

today? Not with the material goods of this world, but with meetings? I wonder if there is any other body of people on earth, like the followers of Christ, who spend so much time trying to figure out what they are supposed to be doing and how to do it. It's a scary trend. What is this Moloch that devours our time? One of the most effective Christians I ever knew is one who operates on the JDI principle: Just Do It! Mother Teresa of Calcutta operates that way.

One of the great generals of the Civil War was Thomas Jonathan Jackson. General Bernard Bee honored Jackson with the nickname "Stonewall" in the heat of the battle of Manassas. Jackson held his ground so courageously that Bee said, "There stands Jackson like a stonewall."

Jackson traveled light on a campaign. Once when asked the location of his headquarters, he replied that his headquarters were wherever his hindquarters were. He carried only minimal equipment and supplies. His lightning attacks shocked the Union Army and kept it reeling. Had Jackson lived to be at Gettysburg, instead of Pickett, the outcome might have been very different.

Enroute to the Promised Land the people of God had to travel light. They carried no heavy golden idols, like other nations — only a small two-by-four chest, called the Ark of the covenant. It was the Ark for the covenant. We have the same ark — only greater, for it houses God Himself, the Blessed Sacrament.

In 1925 Paul Claudel, a fallen away Catholic at the time, was going to a meeting with a group of free-thinkers to draw up plans to save the world. On the way, Claudel chanced to stop in at Notre Dame. Benediction was going on. The people sang "O Salutaris Hostia" — "O Victim who saves." Like a light from on high, Claudel later wrote, he realized the utter foolishness of their planning. The salvation of the world was not in plans, but in a Person, the Saving Victim on the altar.

God wants us to travel light to receive into our hearts so light a thing as the consecrated Host — the bread that saves.



Answering Questions

Father Felix Struik, a Dutch Dominican now teaching in Puerto Rico, fields questions during a special course sponsored by the Spanish Apostolate on the real meaning of Bible texts used by members of the Jehovah's Witnesses to challenge Catholic teaching. The priest's course lasted three days and drew more than 100 Hispanics to the Casa de Cristiandad, 640 Hudson Ave.

30 Parishes Respond

Thirty parishes in the diocese have issued resolutions opposing further reductions in "means-tested" programs by the federal government, and several human development committees have called on area congressmen to "work against further cuts in programs specifically aimed at assisting the poorest people of our nation."

The parishes included in the count by Mary Hiedkamp, director of the Diocesan Department of Justice and Peace, are: Annunciation, Blessed Sacrament, Holy Cross, Holy Redeemer, Sacred Heart, St. Boniface, St. Francis Xavier, St. John the Evangelist, Old St. Mary's and St. Michael's, all in Rochester; Our Lady of Mercy and St. John the Evangelist, in Greece; Resurrection, Fairport; St. John's, Spencerport; Sacred Heart, Auburn; St. Mary's, Canandaigua; St. Joachim's, Canisteo; St. Joseph's, Cayuga; Newman, Community, Geneseo; St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario; St. Francis of Assisi, Phelps; St. Patrick's,

Seneca Falls; Epiphany, Sodus; St. James, Trumansburg; St. Michael's, Newark; St. Mary Magdalen, Wolcott. Also, Mt. Carmel, St. Andrew's and St. Monica's, Rochester; St. Charles Borromeo, Greece; St. Jerome's, East Rochester; Guardian Angels, Henrietta; and St. Christopher's, North Chili. Resolutions opposing the cuts were also passed by the boards of directors of Catholic Charities and the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry.


The resolutions were passed in response to a call by Bishop Matthew H. Clark. Ms. Hiedkamp said.

On the recently adopted federal budget, she said, "The principal welfare program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children... has been cut from \$8.1 billion in fiscal year 1981 to \$6.4 billion in 1983, and that figure is \$900 million more than the (Reagan) administration proposed in its version of the budget."

UR to Purchase Former School

The University of Rochester will acquire the St. Agnes High School property at 300 East River Road, according to an agreement announced a week ago Monday by Sister Jamesine Riley, superior general of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and LaRoy B. Thompson, senior vice president and treasurer of the university. He said the university expected to take over the property by Aug. 1. Purchase price was not disclosed.

The school was closed on Wednesday, June 30, because of declining enrollment and financial problems.

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