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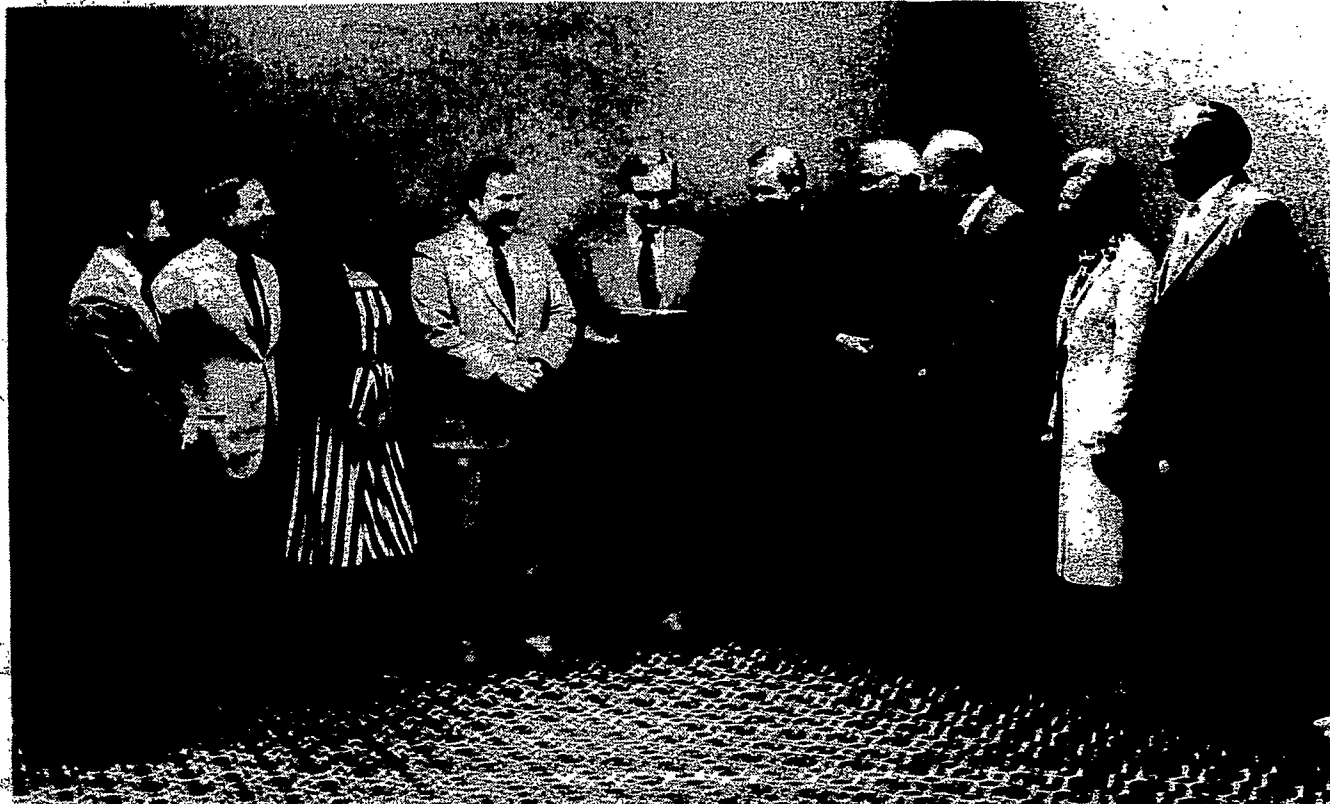
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1982 Thanks Giving Appeal Launched by Bishop Clark



Leaders of the Bishop's Thanks Giving Appeal are, from left, Richard Chapman, Dr. John Coyle, Constance Mitchell, Donald C. Quick, Theodore Altier, Bishop Clark, Father Marvin, Joseph Campbell, Ellen DeBuono, Joseph D. Coffey.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark last week at the Leadership Luncheon for the second annual Catholic Thanks Giving Appeal pledged an expansion of diocesan efforts to serve young Catholics and to assist local parishes.

At the appeal meeting at Rochester's Downtown Holiday Inn, Bishop Clark said that funds from the appeal will be devoted to supporting programs carried out at the diocesan level. This year, the diocese plans to establish a new Office of Youth Ministry, provision of a program for young adult ministry (18-35) and expansion of the college chaplaincy program by providing a campus minister to serve Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva.

The bishop also told those at the luncheon that the diocese will institute a parish service administrator position to assist parishes in management areas and will hire a professional person to promote enrollment in parish elementary schools.

The goal of the 1982 drive is \$2.55 million, with 80 percent of any money collected over a parish goal being returned to individual parishes to meet their local needs. Last year, the first annual Thanks Giving Appeal had a goal of \$2.204 million and the drive raised nearly \$3 million, so that \$650,000 was returned to meet parish needs. The appeal was initiated last year to replace a system of taxes on local parishes to support diocese program costs.

Theodore Altier, a prominent Rochester businessman, will be general chairman of the 1982 second annual drive. Joining Altier at the leadership luncheon was Constance Mitchell of

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The New Regionalism An Old Idea, Updated, Is Proving Itself in the Church of the 80s

By John Dash

For the first time in nearly 15 years, regionalism, with a new operating philosophy and a revised structure, may be taking hold in the diocese, Msgr. Gerard Krieg said last week.

Throughout its history here, the program, originally established to open up communications and provide for better pastoral services, has had a rocky road, even devolving at one point to a positive hindrance to communication and service delivery, the pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption said last week.

Albert Shamon with the initial insight that associations of parochial institutions do a better job facing challenges than such institutions do individually.

Father Shamon, he said, promoted associations of schools when he was Vicar for Education back in 1967-71.

Regionalism, Msgr. Krieg said, rose from both that idea and from the old canonical deanery structure.

Deans were priests who performed certain administrative functions delegated by the bishop in specific diocesan locales.

function was largely one of keeping an eye on the books and watching out for the health of both parishes and the clergy in the dean's territory, Msgr. Krieg said.

Regionalism, at least the regionalism of the 70s, therefore, was a mix of both the free association of parishes and the bureaucratic structure of the deanery.

And that made for problems.

Guidelines for establishing regionalism were published, guidelines which proved difficult at best, divisive at worst.

regionalism of that time as either "super-parishes or a mini-diocese." The region, he said "became an intermediary between the bishop and the parish."

The development, he said, was an occasion for anxiety. "I got a sinking feeling in the pit of my stomach. What happened was that what was to have been a facilitator became a barrier between the diocese and the parish. There was a feeling of a barrier between the pastor and the bishop."

In addition, pastors were expected to develop personnel whose work would exclusively

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THEODORE ALTIER

General Chairman

Theodore (Ted) Altier has an outstanding record of public service in the Rochester community. Altier, 60, is chairman of the board and treasurer of Altier & Sons Shoes, a trustee of Community Savings Bank, Rochester Institute of Technology and Rochester Area Educational Television Association.

In addition, he is a director of Rochester Gas & Electric, Rochester General Hospital, Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Rochester Downtown Development Corporation.

A 1944 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Altier is a member of Immaculate Conception parish, where he serves on the parish Finance Committee. A life resident of the Rochester area, Altier resides with his wife, Betty Jean Read Altier, in Brighton. They have three grown children.

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FATHER MARVIN

Diocesan Coordinator

While at the same time maintaining his principal role as pastor, Father James Marvin has served in many key positions for the diocese.

He successfully coordinated the first annual Bishop's Catholic Thanks Giving Appeal last year and was Bishop Clark's choice to handle the assignment once again this year.

Ordained in 1948, he served in assistant pastorships across the diocese before being named pastor of St. Joseph's in Wayland in 1967. Four years later, he became pastor of St. Ambrose in Rochester where he still serves.

He served as chairperson of the Selection of Bishops Committee, served two terms as president of the Priests Council, and was president of the State Priests Council.

The priest credits Father

Of recent years, that

He characterized the

Father Contegiacomo Dies

Funeral rites were celebrated last week for the priest whose name is virtually synonymous with Most Precious Blood parish, Father Sebastian Contegiacomo, CPPS, who died Aug. 18, 1982.

Mass of Christ the High Priest for the Precious Blood Father was celebrated Aug. 20. Mass of Christian Burial Aug. 21.

Father Contegiacomo would have been 86-years old last Sunday. He was born in

Bari, Italy, and educated at Jesuit schools in Rome, particularly the Istituto Massimo. He studied philosophy and theology at Propaganda Fidei and, after two years military service in World War I, was ordained a priest of the Society of the Most Precious Blood, Nov. 1, 1920.

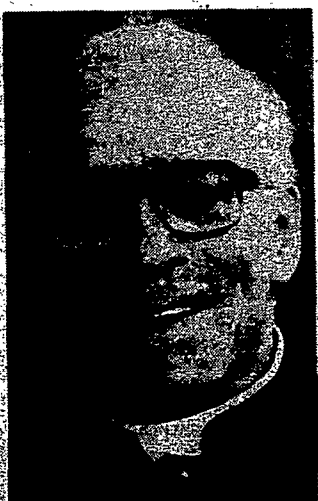
For 10 years, Father Contegiacomo worked with his congregation's mission band at Cesara, Italy.

In 1930, he was named to

the church at Lexington Avenue and Stenson Street. Most Precious Blood, the last of a group of new churches built on the outskirts of the city under the direction of Bishop Francis O'Hern, was missioned to the Precious Blood Fathers.

The building was dedicated March 2, 1930, with Father Anthony Pace pastor. Father Contegiacomo arrived on the scene as assistant pastor shortly Easter that year.

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FATHER CONTEGIACOMO