



Theodore Altier, general chairman, and Bishop Clark, at the leadership luncheon.

Thanks Giving

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Rochester and Joseph Campbell of Gates, Northwest Area chairpersons; Richard Chapman of Rochester and Ellen DeBuono of Penfield, Northeast Area chairpersons; Joseph D. Coffee Jr. of Seneca Falls, Central Area chairperson; Dr. John Coyle of Geneseo, Southwest Area chairperson, and Donald C. Quick of Horseheads, Southeast Area chairperson.

Bishop Clark, in remarks at the luncheon, said, "Besides providing the financial means to meet the pastoral challenges of the day, my hope is that this appeal will offer us these advantages as well:

"1. It will foster a new awareness among us of the proud story of the work of the Church in our diocese; 2. in appealing directly to our people through parish communities, I will be able to ask more of those to whom more has been given, and 3. we will be challenged to see ever more clearly that we are members of one family of faith, and we will be richer when we offer what we can of our spiritual and material gifts to nourish this communion of life."

The bishop also pointed out that the diocese was able to institute new ministries and expand other programs during the past year through appeal assistance. For instance, he cited the establishment of the magnet parish for the deaf, and the substantial expansion of services through the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministries.

In addition, Bishop Clark pointed to the strengthening of several programs, including campus ministries, pre-Cana programs, religious education, Natural Family Planning and tuition assistance for needy families who send their children to parochial schools.

Father James Marvin, pastor of St. Ambrose parish in Rochester, who successfully coordinated last year's appeal, will again be the diocesan coordinator.

The appeal leadership will join in organizational efforts in their respective areas through August and September, with the Parish Major Advanced Gift Solicitation to be conducted in October. Commitment Sunday, when volunteers in each parish will conduct home visitations to receive contributions and pledges, will be Nov. 14.

Priest

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1937. During his tenure, a shrine to St. Anne was erected, a school built, a new church consecrated and national attention twice focused on his parish.

When Father Contegiacomo began driving a school bus every day to transport pupils to his school, his photo appeared with newspaper stories coast to coast. Several years later, when diocesan officials decided to close the school, parishioners exploded in protest. The school is still open.

He also was a shepherd to many Italian immigrants. He helped these new Americans to keep their devotions to the

Blessed Mother alive by special activities in her honor, such as the "Madonna dell'Onsoronata" and the feast of St. Anne, July 26.

Sebastian Park, behind the school, was named in his honor in 1973 and a new housing development in the area is named Sebastian Square.

Father Contegiacomo retired his pastorate in 1974, remaining with his people as pastor emeritus until his death.

He is survived by a brother, Alberto; two sisters, Maria and Adele Buono of Italy; several nieces and nephews, Father Raffaele Buono, CPPS, among them, all residing in Italy.

Hatch Delayed

Senate Begins Helms Debate

By Jim Lackey
NC News Service

Washington — After two days of mystery and filibuster, the Senate finally embarked in earnest Aug. 18 on its long-awaited debate on abortion. It also found itself concurrently debating school prayer after Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina brought the two issues together in one proposal.

Helms, who had kept the

Senate in the dark for two days by not revealing the precise wording of his anti-abortion amendment, unveiled a proposal that would permanently restrict federal funding of abortions and would prohibit federal courts from ruling on cases involving school prayer.

Helms' proposal which he was attempting to add as a rider to a measure raising the limit on the federal debt differed substantially from his

earlier proposals for a human life bill.

Dropped from the new proposal was a section extending the protection of "personhood" in the 14th amendment to the Constitution to the unborn.

But the new proposal also would give states the right to appeal directly to the U.S. Supreme Court whenever a lower court invalidates state laws which restrict or prohibit abortions.

The Senate's long-awaited abortion debate was not expected to include discussion of a constitutional amendment on abortion introduced by Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah and favored by the U.S. bishops. Negotiations on a format for the debate which would have included the

Hatch amendment fell apart shortly before the debate was to begin.

Instead, Hatch supporters say they have been promised a separate Senate debate on abortion in September. Unlike the Helms measure, the Hatch amendment cannot be tacked onto an unrelated bill.

The plan to include the Hatch amendment in the overall debate broke down when Helms and Sen. Robert Packwood of Oregon disagreed on whether Helms could make additional changes to his human life bill. If agreement had been reached, the Senate would have debated both the Helms measure and the Hatch amendment under special time limitations which would have prevented any filibuster.

Senate Amends Immigration Act

Washington (NC) — The Senate voted to amend parts of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1982 but postponed final action on the act itself.

By an 86-14 vote, the Senate modified amnesty provisions for illegal aliens. It rejected, 65-35, Sen. Walter D. Huddleston's amendment to subtract the number of refugees admitted to the United States and the number granted asylum from the total number of regular immigrants admitted the following year.

An expanded program for admitting temporary farm workers to the United States was approved. Sen Edward Kennedy's attempt to prevent expansion of the "guest worker program" was defeated 62-28.

The bill also contains a provision calling for worker identification papers and jail terms and fines for employers who knowingly hire illegal

aliens. Kennedy said that the proposed system of enforcement was likely to lead to discrimination against Hispanic Americans and other minority groups.

James Hoffman, spokesman for the U.S. Catholic Conference Migration and Refugee Services, said that the USCC was pleased that the Huddleston amendment had been defeated. However, he said that the amnesty provisions did not go far enough.

The amnesty amendment would provide a cutoff date for eligibility by permanent residence status for those who arrived before Jan. 1, 1976, a cutoff date for temporary status for those who arrived before Jan. 1, 1981 and a two-year waiting period.

A move by Sen. Jesse Helms to cut off amnesty altogether was defeated, 82-17.

Regionalism

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be the work of the region, and that at a time when developing personnel for the changing needs of parishes was also a major concern.

"Sensing that regionalism wasn't functioning well, an attempt was made to revise the guidelines," Msgr. Krieg said.

A group of diocesan staff and regional coordinators was convened and work was begun on a document which eventually proved so large its very size was a deterrent to its implementation.

The newly-installed Bishop Matthew H. Clark convened several members of the group which prepared that document and gave them the mandate to simplify their work.

At this point, Msgr. Krieg said, a new philosophy was introduced that "regions were not intermediary structures, but natural groupings of parishes by natural or pre-arranged boundaries, just 'portions' of the diocese."

With that philosophy, a second look was given to the structures of regionalism; and in the end, much of those structures were done away with.

And also, once the regionalism philosophy was changed, "the anxiety disappeared and enthusiasm appeared," Msgr. Krieg said.

Practically speaking, the

new regionalism allowed for parochial personnel assuming regional duties, rather than personnel being developed exclusively for the region.

The philosophy also "widened the interest of every parish to include projects other than parochial," he said.

With the new philosophy, programs developed in specific locales could become pilot programs for regions and beyond. Thus it could be the vehicle for spreading good ideas from the grass roots to the whole diocese, he said.

The change is such, Msgr. Krieg said, that all three of the diocesan councils, pastoral, priests and sisters, have now expressed need for regionalism to be pursued.

Another aspect of the new regionalism is that it allows for "clustering" of particular parishes around common problems without disrupting the region itself.

The priest said that the validity of both regionalism and clustering is being proven by the compatibility of the two developments in the diocese.

"Clustering," he said, "should be seen neither as a threat to nor a substitute for regionalism itself." Rather, "regionalism should support the Eucharistic life of all and support pastoral activity in conjunction with other parishes."



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