

Pope mingles with crowd of reporters in Madrid. (RNS Photo)

The pope expressed pleasure at the prespect of returning to his homeland. In Valencia, Spain, a young Polish woman

Calvo-Sotelo, the outgoing prime minister who failed to retain his own seat in the elections.

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## **Diocesan Clergy Health Board Established by Bishop Clark**

Bishop Matthew H. Clark, in a recent letter to clergy of the diocese, announced the establishment of the Diocesan Clergy Health Board.

Its purpose, as stated in its charter, is "To provide the clergy of the Diocese of Rochester with assistance in dealing with sources of stress in their lives."

Late last year, the Priests Council approved a Policy on Alcoholism and Chemical no

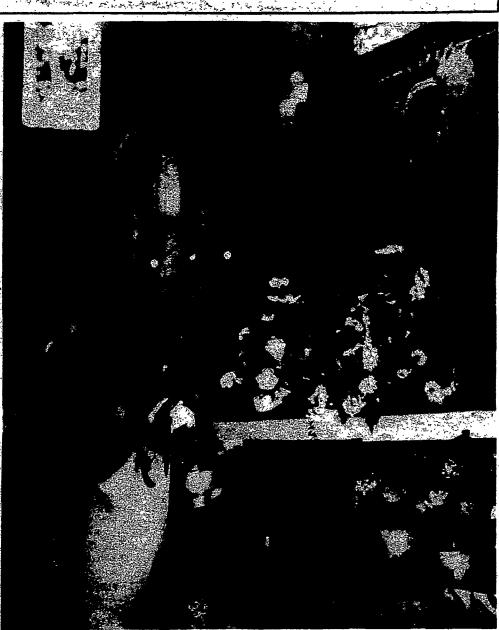
purpose to provide education and preventative help, as well as treatment referral.

The health board serves in an advisory capacity to the bishop. Organizationally, it reports. directly to the diocesan personnel director. Father Charles Latus, and it works in concern with the Ministry to Priests, directed by Father James Schwartz.

The Ministry to Priests can serve as a support structure h are attempting to get help. Preventative care will take the form of seminars, training sessions; consultations and mailings of educational materials.

a specialist. It is the board's responsibility to establish and maintain communications with a network of health care providers so as to facilitate referrals. In all instances, strict confidentiality will be maintained regarding users of the program, the intention to remove any concern on the part of clergy in need of assistance.

The board's services can be used in several ways. For example, a priest or deacon might call a board member and request help for a specific



Bishop Clark's concern for the welfare for priests and deacons led to a broader charter than originally envisioned.

As a result, physical and emotional health were added to the charter, along with alcohol and chemical dependency. It is the board's

Referrals for treatment may be for outpatient or inpatient care, counseling, or referral to:

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problem. This would be a selfreferral and no one but the individual and the board member would be involved or made aware of the problem. A second type of referral

would be a case where the bishop, for whatever reason, might ask a priest of deacon to contact a health board member for the purpose addressing a perceived source of stress in the person's life. In this case, the individual would be referred for diagnosis and subsequent treatment, if

This same process would apply if a pastor referred an associate. This would be called a referral by a superior. Confidentiality would be maintained. However, the individual would be asked to sign a release of confidential information so that the personand only that person referring him could be made aware of progress.

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## **Plenty to Celebrate**

St. Stanislaus Church celebrated the 600th anniversary of Our Lady of Czestochowa Sunday with a Mass in both Polish and English. The date was chosen to coincide with the least of the church's patron, St. Stanislaus Kostka, Nov. 13. Coincidentally, it was approved during the week that the pope will visit Poland and that Solidarity leader, Lech Walesa, was released from prison. That's the pastor, Father Joseph Jankowiak, before before a replica of the famous madonna.

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