

DPC: More Time Needed for Study of 'Thornbush'

Geneva — After spending 90 minutes studying Bishop Clark's pastoral "Fire in the Thornbush," the Diocesan Pastoral Council agreed on one thing.

At the end of its meeting Saturday at St. Francis DeSales the council unanimously passed a resolution noting its frustration with dealing with the document in such a short time, and commending it to more extensive study at the parish level.

Split into 10 groups, the DPC members studied a single section of the document, and most groups reported the

DPC Highlights

• More time seen needed for study of "Fire in the Thornbush."

• Nestle's boycott supported.

desire to spend more time on the effort.

The DPC's study was led by three members of the committee which advised Bishop Clark on the document: Sister Mary Sullivan, Alice Pempel of Ithaca, and Sara McLaughlin of Rochester.

Ms. Pempel noted the letter has received national at-

tention: "somehow it has touched a pulse somewhere in the nation," she said.

She noted the effort began with the DPC's request in 1978 that the role of women in parish life be studied.

Since the study in parishes has begun, she said, some parishes have discovered more interest than they expected, and there has been little problem getting the lengthy study process under way.

Reports by the groups on their discussions included statements that the role of women in the Church is affected not only by the formal restrictions on their service, but also by attitudes.

One man noted a problem is caused by women's acceptance of other women in roles in the parish. He finds he often is the only defender in a group of women of increasing roles for them, he said.

Another group noted that too often holiness is seen in the celibate lifestyles, and not in those of the family.

Following a half-hour discussion, the DPC voted to support the boycott of Nestle's. Bishop Clark and several groups previously had expressed their support for the effort to get Nestle to accept the World Health Organization's code on infant formula sales in third world countries.

Some members questioned the effectiveness of such boycotts, noting the other companies which are involved in immoral activities but are not made targets.

Still others said the economic benefits of the Stouffer's Hotel to the city of Rochester should be considered, and that it should not be made a target of such a boycott.

But the council turned back a motion which would have called for the boycott to not emphasize the role of Stouffer's as a Nestle subsidiary 31 to 5 with 3 abstentions.

A motion supporting the boycott was then approved, 29 to 6 with 5 abstentions.

Bishop Clark noted his support of the boycott, noting his position does not require everyone to agree with him. The boycott began before Stouffer's decided to open the hotel in Rochester, he said. As a subsidiary of Nestle, it cannot be ignored.

Of the boycott, he said, "if it's God's work, it'll stand. If it's not, it will fall."

The bishop, just returned from the Washington conference of the nation's bishops on their war-peace letter, said that a letter from the White House may have helped the discussion.

The letter from a White House staff member to each bishop personally generated increased publicity for the meeting and it had a possibly unanticipated effect.

The letter addressed the issues on a moral rather than a political plane, he said, at a

time when some were accusing the bishops of getting involved in political issues.

He said that a straw poll taken after discussions of the letter showed 195 of the bishops present in support of the document, 12 opposed and 71 with reservations. Those with reservations were seen as supporters seeking changes. Some had concerns about the use of scripture, the question of deterrence, the treatment of pacifism and the just war concept.

He said he will distribute a copy of the letter to DPC members and was especially interested in having young people study the document.

Mercy Sister Slates Perpetual Vows Rite

Sister Margaret Anne Comin will profess perpetual vows as a Sister of Mercy during a Mass, 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 28, in the Mercy Motherhouse chapel on Blossom Road.

Father Robert Kennedy, director of the diocesan department of Continuing Education, will preside at the rites the theme of which is "Lord, my hope, in you I trust."

Sister Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Comin of Demarest Parkway in Elmira. She is a private duty nurse and a

graduate student in Public Administration and Health Care at SUNY Brockport.

An RN, she graduated from Elmira Free Academy in 1967, and received her BS in nursing from Alfred University in 1971. Prior to entering the congregation, in 1976, she was a nurse at Genesee Hospital, head nurse at Park Ridge Hospital and a nursing instructor at Roberts Wesleyan College.

During her postulant year she continued as head nurse at Park Ridge. From 1978 until August of this year, she was head nurse at Highland Hospital.



SISTER MARGARET

She lives at Spirit House as a member of the receiving community for women religious who are experiencing major stresses in their lives and work.

Fr. Tormey Assumes Direction

Father Daniel P. Tormey, Roman Catholic chaplain at the University of Rochester Medical Center, has been appointed acting director of chaplaincy services, succeeding Rev. Nathaniel T. Whitcomb, who died in September.

Father Tormey will provide

leadership and administrative direction to the Strong Memorial Hospital Chaplaincy Department at the center and will serve as principal representative to the community for the hospital's chaplaincy services.

Father Tormey also will participate in teaching

programs for students and staff and will assist clergy of all faiths who come to Strong Memorial Hospital to visit their parishioners.

In addition to other duties in the diocese of Rochester, Father Tormey has served as chaplain on the hospital ship SS Hope and as chaplain at the Elmira Correctional and Reception Facility. He has been a chaplain at the medical center since 1979.



FATHER TORMEY

Leader Named

Mabel Kochert, a lector at St. Salome's Church, has been named foundation chairman of District 7 of the Business and Professional Women's Club. The district covers nine counties and 15 clubs. She is a member of the Webster BPW Club and also its foundation chairman since 1981.

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The Commissariat of the Holy Land is the international body which preserves places sanctified by Christ's life on earth and builds churches, chapels and sanctuaries in memory of the miracles and teachings of Christ and for the devotion of the faithful.

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Father Raphael D. Bonanno, OFM, of the commissariat, wrote, "Please communicate to your pastors and people the profound gratitude of the good people in the Holy Land and of the friars who serve them. We remember the benefactors, living and dead, continually at the altar and shrines."

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