



Eleven Commissioned

A group of 11 men and women were welcomed into the catechumenate during a celebration of the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) on Sunday, Nov. 14, at St. Mary's Church, Waterloo. Father Albert J. Shamon, pastor of St. Mary's, with back to camera, was the celebrant. The candidates' next step in the catechumenate program will be the Rite of Election on Sunday, Feb. 20.

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Associated Press report, it is claimed that Archbishop Marcinkus wants to resign as president of the Vatican bank. The AP quoted unnamed "authoritative Church sources" for the report.

The archbishop himself vigorously denied the speculation as "absolutely unfounded. I intend to see this whole thing through to the end. We were not involved in any of Calvi's operations and I will defend my position to the end."

The original source, contacted after the denial, insisted his information about the archbishop wanting to resign is correct, according to AP.

In still another development, the Wall Street Journal reported last week that "new clues give credence to speculation that Banco Ambrosiano's Latin American loans also aided P-2, a secret rightwing Masonic lodge that included among its members many political, military and financial big shots in Italy and South America."

The financial newspaper interviewed another Italian financier, Michele Sindona, now serving a 25-year sentence in an Upstate New York prison for bank fraud.

Sindona said he helped Calvi set up the whole Latin America operation and that the venture had a political twist.

"The goal was to stop the advance of Castro communism in South America" through economic

development, according to Sindoni. He said that Licio Gelli and Umberto Ortolani, the leaders of the P-2 Masonic lodge, also helped conceive the operation.

Sindona said that the P-2 leaders and Calvi knew that some of the money was finding its way, mostly in the form of kickbacks, into the pockets of military men and political parties of the far right, according to the Wall Street Journal report.

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own civil communities for at least a year before the full (and canonical) weight of a structured novitiate is given them.

The Rochester group is not alone in its concern. Sister Katherine said she discovered that at a special meeting in Brazil of women religious. "In the short space of time devoted to the question of formation," she wrote, "it was evident that everyone is searching, even the Chambery group, long established in Brazil. No one has all the answers; to assume formation is to assume a faith process, among ourselves, with others. Through this encounter, we felt a close bonding among all of us due to our common charism, the common elements of our renewal processes, and our sincere concern to live out the priorities of the Latin American Church. This bonding would be a support in any efforts at developing a formation program."

Armed with this understanding, the Rochester Sisters in Brazil unanimously voted last year to petition the General Chapter here "to affirm the acceptance of Brazilian women for membership in our congregation," Chapter documents say.

"The formation program for these women will be developed in the context of the Brazilian Church for ministry within the Brazilian reality; it will meet all canonical requirements; in developing the program we will avail ourselves of the experiences and resources of the Brazilian Sisters of St. Joseph, and the Conference of Religious in Brazil, as well as the experiences and resources of formation programs in Rochester as it can be appropriately used and/or adapted," the petition read.

The Chapter approved and named Sister Ann Lafferty coordinator for the program, assisted by Sisters Ellen Kuhl and Elaine Hollis, Sister Jean said.

Sister Jean said that "probably by next January there will be some formal contact," between candidates and the congregation, though no one is intent on bringing candidates immediately into a rigid program. Rather, she said, the women will be initiated gradually into the congregation with the understanding that their eventual ministry will for those people from whom they sprang.

There are women, she said, looking at entry into the congregation, and work is now under way in Brazil to effect that.

Sister Jean, in Rochester for a few months, also indicated other concerns with which her Sisters in Brazil are working, especially as they relate to the question of establishing a formation program.

Among those concerns are defining financial responsibilities, the permanence of the Rochester commitment once a formation program begins, questions of the independence from Rochester which the future Brazilian foundation may approach.

For the immediate future, she said, "We will come to a much more explicit appreciation of the Brazilian Church and experience. We feel we have much more to learn."

"There are some really big questions we haven't addressed yet," she said, listing among them the meaning of the Christian in Brazil, and the meaning of the American in Brazil.



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Neediest Cases

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died of cancer last December. When another daughter died unexpectedly this past summer, M took over the care of three more grandchildren. She is living on a fixed income.

28 P is pregnant and due shortly. She receives SSI because she is disabled. She has been buying clothes and baby furniture at garage sales in preparation for the baby. She herself has no winter coat or boots.

29 The Ds are disabled and have three children. They are struggling to pay their heating bills and the bills for the special foods they need.

30 Because of recent cutbacks in Social Security, L has been found ineligible to receive monthly SSI checks. While the case is being appealed, L, his wife and four children are having a difficult time making ends meet.

31 The Es and their three children are trying to get back to Florida. They came here looking for work and a permanent home, but found no market for their limited skills. E has been disabled in a car accident.

32 Y is a young mother, pale and sickly, with five children who are undernourished. The oldest child is eight. The family lives in a

very shabby apartment with poor furniture.

33 The Ms have 15 children living at home. He has a job, but the bills outpace his income. The food bill is always high, and trying to keep the children in clothes for the season is hard, especially with winter coming in. Their bathroom had to be torn out and replaced, and a new well had to be dug. Heat and electricity bills are high.

34 The Ts recently moved to a rural area here from another state. They have two young children who are both allergic to milk and are in need of a special formula. Though the family lives in a comfortable apartment, their only pieces of furniture are beds and kitchen appliances. T has been unable to find employment in the area and the family is often in need of food.

35 E is a single parent with four sons, the oldest age five. Because she is on assistance, she has a very difficult time providing for herself and her children. The children have no toys and very little clothing. Their apartment is substandard, but they can't find another one now.

36 M has been legally blind for two years. An operation to remove a tumor caused her blindness.

Because of this she is isolated. She is also in need of work to occupy her hours.

37 The Cs are elderly and, with their adult son, live in their own home. But the entire family has a number of health problems. Mrs. C is blind, C has organic brain syndrome and the son is incapacitated by physical problems. They live on a very low income and are badly in need of household necessities.

38 P is a widow with three sons, the oldest 13. Her husband was killed in war. The family arrived in Rochester as refugees little more than a year ago. They are on public assistance while the mother attends

classes to learn English. She hopes to get a job in a factory to support herself and her children.

39 M lives with chronic health problems. She is trying to provide a home for her six children on a meager welfare budget.

40 A has been looking for work to support herself and her young son who is enrolled in a special nursery school program. She has been managing her limited funds until last month when her apartment was burglarized and the month's supply of groceries taken. Since that time, she has been trying to pay back the money she borrowed to cover her loss.

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