

# DPC, Bishop Approve Mission to Tabasco

Palmyra — The diocese's mission to the Mexican diocese of Tabasco is set to begin in August.

The Diocesan Pastoral Council unanimously approved the mission at Saturday's meeting at St. Anne's, Palmyra.

Following the vote, Lourdes Perez-Albuerne, International Justice and Peace Commission coordinator, said she would telephone Tabasco Bishop Rafael Garcia to tell him of the result.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark told her to tell him. "It's official, and we'll put it in place as soon as we can."

The proposal calls for a four-member ministry team to begin training in August, and start working in Tabasco in October. It would be the start of a four-year project, which could be renewed at its conclusion.

The diocese also would continue to send summer teams of six to eight people for six-week periods.

While the proposal didn't specify that a priest would be included, Shirley Toole, DPC president, said it was one of Bishop Rafael's priorities, as he related to her in a meeting with several people interested in the mission project.

Bishop Clark said he intended to send a priest as a member of the team, and that he expected there would be volunteers for the post.

Regarding the few diocesan priests who are fluent in Spanish, Ms. Perez said a priest could be assigned to the program and spend the July 1-Aug. 15 period in an intensive Spanish language course.

The estimated cost for the mission team would be

\$32,000 for the first year, including stipends of \$1,200 which would be paid to the participants. The money would come from the diocesan mission collection.

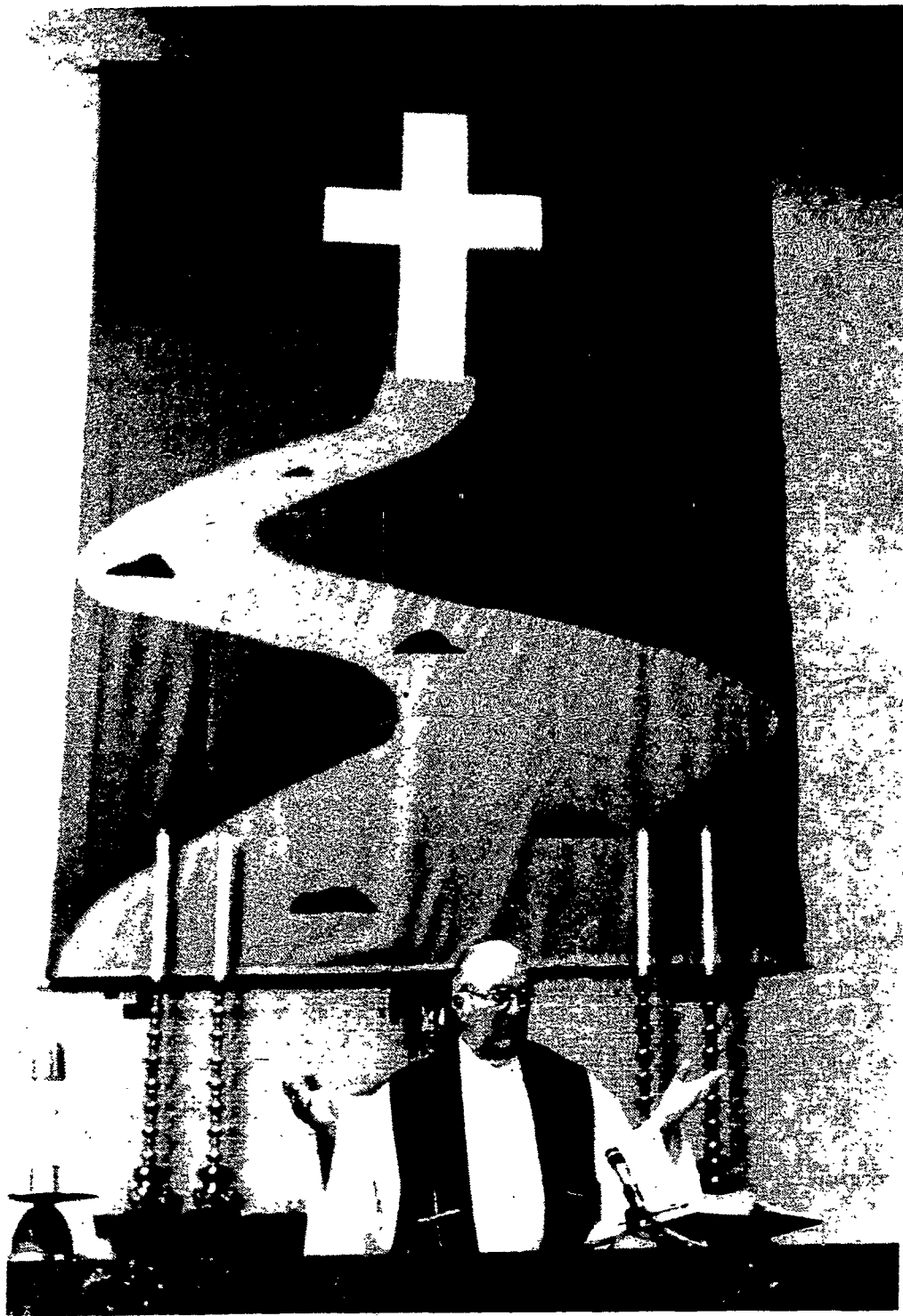
Ms. Perez also said she has received unsolicited applications for the ministry team lay people, and the posts are included in the job listings for the Sisters in the diocese as well. She said she doesn't think it will be difficult to find qualified people for the work.

The DPC's action was the third approval for the project, as the Priests and Sister Councils had previously voted their support.

The DPC also considered constitutional changes which will be formally voted upon at its May meeting.

In a straw vote, the group agreed to change its terms of office from two to three years, so that each of the diocese's 11 regions would elect one new member each year.

Also under consideration is a reduction in the number of Sisters and priests elected to the council by their groups from five to three. That matter was deferred for discussion by the respective councils before action is taken in May.



## Crossroads Art

Father John Hedges, pastor of St. Helen's Church, Gates, stands at the altar before a hanging that depicts the diocesan theme for Lent, Crossroads to Life. The 10- by 14-foot hanging was created by parishioners Joanne Kindler, Linda Long, Barbara Merklinger and Ruth Bonjorno. For Easter, they will add the risen Christ to the present hanging.

Sarah Child



All in the Family

our meat counter to beg a few slices of sandwich meat: ditto the memory of the family men who came shame-faced to ask my dad "to put it on the books for another week" because they'd been sick or lost their jobs.

## Holy Week: Many Shelves Are Empty

I had a different subject in mind for Holy Week than the one below, but perhaps it is more to the point than the first idea.

Sometimes after writing a column I have second thoughts about it — usually after it is too late to do anything about it.

Such was the case last week when I dealt with the issue of doggy-bagging. After seeing it in print, I felt the original qualms were justified. With so many people finding it difficult to put food on the table, it seemed in bad taste (no pun intended) to write about sneaking restaurant leftovers to the dog.

Poverty is something I know only second hand. I

have never had to wonder where my next meal was coming from. But I have lived in small communities where I saw firsthand the suffering of those who lived a day-to-day existence.

As a teenager I helped deliver holiday baskets of food which charitable organizations would order from my dad's grocery.

One of the recipients, a frail widow in her 70s, opened the door for me and led me into a scrupulously clean, tiny kitchen. I put the basket down on the table as she indicated, and watched her open her cupboard doors to put away the staples.

The cupboard, quite literally, was bare. The picture of the old woman and the empty shelves is an image that has refused to go away over the years.

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Last week during the ice storm, our heat was restored after a 24-hour hiatus. It served to remind us all of the hundreds of thousands of people who live in sub-standard temperatures in sub-standard quarters all winter long. Too often we take our blessings for granted.

There is a sign in the vestibule of our church noting the need for emergency food donations. It says that if each family brought one can of food per week the problem of empty shelves would be alleviated.

Protein is much in demand. Cans of chicken, tuna, ham, jars of peanut butter, packages of non-perishable processed cheese are some suggestions.

The donation of one container of food may seem like a small thing. Magnified thousands of times over by the giving families of this diocese, it could be a gesture of immense proportions.

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Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for the 1982-83 school year for the Diocese of Rochester Elementary Schools for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein, has been completed and the report is available at the office of the individual school for inspection by all interested persons.

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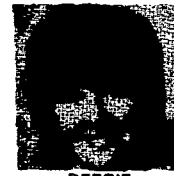
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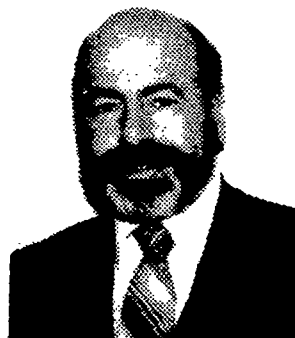
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