



Father J. Bryan Hehir, left, and Rabbi Balfour Brickner as they spoke last Sunday, April 24, to those gathered at Temple B'rith Kodesh for the symposium on nuclear disarmament.



Knights Honor A. Monteville

Niagara Falls — Eighty members of the Knights of Columbus were advanced to the fourth, or patriotic, degree in ceremonies at the Ramada Inn here. The class was named after former Rochesterian Albert E. Monteville.

Monteville was formerly associated with the communications department of the New York Central System. He worked in Rochester as a wire chief, and carried membership in the Rochester council of the knights.

For the last 20 years he has been editor of the New York

State council's monthly publication, and is known among his fellows for his ceremonial work for the organization

In addition, Monteville is a past grand knight of the Lababida council in Yonkers, and is now a member of the Niagara third degree council, and the Niagara fourth degree assembly.

More than 600 attended the rites here. Those from the Rochester delegation were led by Raymond Pfeifer, William F. Schmidt and Thomas Grosodonia. In addition, Rochester members of Monteville's family, Mr. and



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Mrs. Charles E. Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Doser, were present.

Organization dignitaries included Robert M. Justiana, William J. Van Tassel, Harold F. Granger Jr., and Dalton Miller.

Nuke Workshop Draws 150 To Temple B'rith Kodesh

By Terrance J. Brennan
More than 150 people attended a workshop studying "Religious Perspectives on the Nuclear Arms Race" on Sunday, April 24, at Temple B'rith Kodesh in Brighton.

The event was sponsored by the Commission on Interfaith Cooperation, a joint agency of the Jewish Community Federation and the Genesee Ecumenical Ministries.

Workshops were held throughout the day, culminating in a presentation that featured two prestigious keynote speakers: Rabbi Balfour Brickner of Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, New York City; and Father J. Bryan Hehir, director of the Department of Social Development and World Peace of the United States Catholic Conference (USCC).

A buffet supper followed,

and a theatrical production by the Performing Artists for Nuclear Disarmament closed the day.

Among the workshops given were "The Bible and Tradition as Resources for Peacemakers," "Liturgy and Prayer Resources for Peace," "The Nuclear Freeze and Beyond," "The Economics of Disarmament," and "Education Resources for Peace," among others.

In the dining hall, there were numerous displays that offered literature and paraphernalia promoting the fight for nuclear disarmament.

In his keynote presentation, Rabbi Brickner expressed that nuclear disarmament "is not the highest item on the Jewish agenda... preservation of the Israeli nation is. Therefore, any condemnation of nuclear

weaponry has been seen as a deterrent to the survival of the Jewish nation."

Father Hehir confined the majority of his remarks to the U.S. bishops' pastoral on war and peace, of which he is a staff member.

"There have always been two sides to the policy argument of the pastoral," Father Hehir said. "We usually only hear of one, though: 'How do we limit the use of violence where violence may be used?'"

"But it must be recognized that peace is a positive reality that must be constructed."

Father Hehir pointed out that the thrust of the bishops' pastoral "is to express that radical doubt about controlling the use of these weapons... to draw political, psychological, strategic and moral barriers to the use of these weapons."

Miller Lauded On 70 Years

The Rochester Knights of St. John last week drew the attention of the press to the 70-year membership of Aloysius G. Miller, a man described by fellow knight C.J. Keller as, "still active... wears his uniform on special occasions and regularly attends the radio broadcast of the Family Rosary for Peace on the third Monday of each month when the Knights of St. John respond to the rosary led by Msgr. Joseph Cirrincione."

Miller joined the knights in 1913 at the age of 23.

During his membership he has served his local commandery as second lieutenant, first lieutenant and president. In addition he has served many regimental offices, including major,

lieutenant colonel and colonel — taking up the last "when the late Colonel Wendelgass resigned as colonel to take up residence in Florida," Keller said.

In 1954, the organization's supreme president appointed Miller supreme inspector general, a post he held for 20 years.

For many years, Miller has been cochairman of the annual Field Mass for deceased knights and ladies, which this year will be held Sunday, June 26 in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Miller and his wife, the late Josephine Fichtner Miller, were married for 66 years. They had six children, 28 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Members of St. Monica's Parish, Miller



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served there as usher for 50 years.

He has been a fourth degree member of the organization since 1940 and received the Noble Degree of the Holy Cross in 1948. In addition, Miller is a charter member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, established in 1929.

An enthusiastic bowler, Miller also served as supervisor of the official scorekeepers for the American Bowling Congress tournaments from 1963-1973.

Miller now resides at Seneca Towers.

Rise in Vocations Heartens Pontiff

By Father Kenneth J. Doyle
Vatican City (NC) — Pope John Paul II expressed happiness April 24 over the worldwide increase in vocations.

But he coupled it with a reminder of the urgency of praying for still more priests, nuns and brothers.

The pope spoke from his apartment window to an unusually large crowd of 100,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square for his customary Sunday noon talk.

April 24 is celebrated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, although local bishops may change the date in their areas.

"I would like to encourage you to thank the Lord for the increase in vocations which, in this last period, is being noticed in not a few dioceses of the world," he said.

"This recovery," the pope remarked, "is of great comfort."

The crowd, which normally numbers about 50,000, was augmented by thousands of tourists from throughout Italy, who were celebrating a three-day holiday weekend.

The following day, April 25, marked the anniversary of the liberation of Italy by Allied forces in 1945.

"Since vocations are a gift

from God," the pope noted, "it is necessary to intensify our prayers to invoke from the Lord a sufficient number of workers for his harvest, which is so abundant at the moment."

In the latest worldwide figures available, between 1975 and 1980, candidates for the priesthood in major seminaries increased by 9.8 percent and the number of novices in religious institutions for women rose by 23 percent.

In the United States, the number of students in theologates is up 5 percent over last year.

The figures, however, still

represent a marked decline as opposed to those of 20 years ago.

Directing his remarks to families, the pontiff said, "I hope that they will esteem and appreciate always the gift of a religious vocation for their sons and their daughters, feeling themselves honored if the Lord should wish to call someone from their number to follow him at close range."

Addressing several thousand altar boys from Italy who were on a national pilgrimage to Rome, the pope said "serving Mass is a great action, an important one. It supposes in you faith and a response to an interior call from the Lord. To serve Mass is a gesture of faith."

"Today, on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations," the pontiff told the altar boys, "I want to say one word to you, as a remembrance of this meeting of prayer: If the Lord should

knock on the door of some of you and call you to the priesthood, be generous in welcoming the invitation."

New Parish

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challenge to Father Appelby to build a genuine spiritual community based on the needs and aspirations of its members."

Referring to his decision to establish the new parish, as well as opposition which has developed in East Rochester to the transfer of the pastor from St. Jerome's there, the bishop commented that "this controversy was previously invisible, although not absent, from such Church affairs, but in these changing times, it is a sign of a resurgent and living Church, which we welcome in the spirit of Christian charity and respect."

Bishop Clark said that some controversy is the natural result of the difficult decisions which he faces as the leader of 400,000 Roman Catholics in the 12-county Rochester Diocese. Citing the

closing of St. Bernard's Seminary as one example of these "hard decisions," the bishop went on to say that pastoral transfers were to be made on a regular basis "so that our priests may best serve the interests and needs of the whole Church."

"These decisions," he added, "have not been made in isolation or without devout prayer and careful study, but rather they have been made after consultation with those affected as well as key diocesan advisors. I have tried to make these decisions in prayerful contemplation of the best interests of the diocesan Church and all its people."

Father Appelby said he was "very honored" with the appointment to the new pastorate. "What could be more fulfilling for a priest," he asked, "than the privilege

of calling my brothers and sisters to share in the work of founding a new parish?" He added that he looks forward to meeting those he will serve in the future.

Father Appelby added that he also looks "forward to working in loving cooperation with our sister parishes of the area, as well as the communities of other faiths and traditions."

The 1980 census tracts for the area indicates a population of 17,300. Over 1,400 homes have been constructed in the area since 1969. School age population has declined in the area since 1969.

Currently, elementary school children attending Catholic school from the new parish would most likely attend St. Louis. Diocesan officials say the new parish would not include an elementary school.

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