



Father Peter Bayer, left, operations manager of the appeal, during his presentation. Right, some of the 30 pastors and associates that attended the Auburn meeting.

Ward Picnic

An old 16th Ward, Campgrounds. Further Italian-American reunion formation is contained in a picnic has been slated for flyer available at Falvo Aug. 7 at Flint Creek Funeral Home.

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Appeal

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cent to 25 percent the deduction for religious education expenses.

"While we don't call for equal gifts from each person, we do ask they give in a sacrificial manner," Bishop Clark said.

The appeal's organization committee includes Father James Marvin, diocesan coordinator; Father Peter Bayer, operations manager, and Mrs. Lee Pelkey, appeal secretary.

Father Marvin, pastor of St. Ambrose Church, spoke on the appeal's leadership structure.

A key change, he noted, will be the use of no professional consultant this year. Also, for each of 11 regions, there will be a priest moderator and a lay moderator.

Father Marvin stressed that each pastor train enough in-hall workers so that one-to-one communications are possible. "Don't have someone come in, pick up his card, and then go into a corner alone to fill it out. The volunteer should go with that person and talk to him."

Father Marvin also noted that there will be less radio time purchased by the diocese, no secular newspa-

per advertisements, and that two brochures will be printed this year — one dealing with the general gifts phase of the collection, and the other pertaining to special advance gifts.

In addition, Fathers Marvin and Bayer have organized a slide-tape program that will be distributed to each of the 180 parishes in the diocese as part of a kit promoting the appeal.

Father Bayer, diocesan director of the Office of Pastoral Planning and Management, spoke of the time-

frame. According to Father Bayer:

- The Special Advance Gifts Phase will run from Oct. 2 through Oct. 27.
- The General Gifts Phase from Oct. 22 through Nov.

**Married
Retreat
Slated**

Canandaigua — Notre Dame Retreat House here has slated a retreat for married couples, noon, July 9-noon, July 11.

The requested offering is \$45 per couple.

Further information is available by contacting the retreat house, P.O. Box 342, Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424; (716) 394-5700.

**Permanent
Deacons
Move Office**

The offices for the Permanent Diaconate Program moved yesterday to the rectory of St. Francis Xavier Church, 34 Teresa St., Rochester, N.Y. 14605; (716) 482-3741.

DEATHS

**Eleanor
Herrmann**

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 22 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church for Eleanor (Finn) Herrmann who died following a long illness, June 18, 1983.

Mrs. Herrmann was a member of the Legion of Mary for many years, and also a volunteer at the Red Cross and the clothing depot at Mt Carmel Church.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence C.; three sons, John, James and Girard; daughter, Mary; brother, Joseph Finn; two sisters, Mary Gage and Anna Rita Johnstone; 12 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Sarah
Child



All in the Family

**First Bird
Is Leaving
The Nest**

It is the end of another school year and something of a milestone. The oldest is being graduated, the younger two taking steps closer to that goal.

In the freshness of the early morning, I have another cup of coffee, leaf through old albums and find our trio a dozen years earlier.

Gap-toothed, round-faced, they fit perfectly on my lap. Now even the youngest is too big for me to hold although she still perches on her father's knee.

Those days, those years — they seemed to stretch on forever, seemed they were going to last forever.

I flip the pages of the album, find our youngsters clad in swimsuits, tanned, rounded bodies, silky-cheeked, romping in the surf. On the next page, they are riding a miniature train in some amusement park.

At Halloween, they are dressed as ferocious cattle rustlers, silly, self-conscious grins so poignant I stroke the faces in the photos.

At Christmastime, they pose together — on the hearth with their stockings, at play with a new truck or doll, in front of the decorated tree in a high-spirited dancestep, caught for a split second in time.

There are earlier

pictures of them dressed in little terry-cloth jumpsuits. If I bend closer to the plastic-covered pages, I can almost detect the sweet, milky breath, the scent of talcum, the perfume of an infant newly-bathed.

The flushed face on one reminds of the 105-degree temperatures they sometimes had. I remember washing them down with cool water, sitting by the crib through the night waiting for the fever to break, the relief when it did.

For one long moment, I yearn desperately for those long ago days, the need to lift one of them, all of them, up into my arms a palpable thing.

Letting go is one of the hardest things a parent must do. There's no need to hear the lecture about giving our children roots and wings. I've been listening to it for years, hearing the words, hating the message.

But now that the time approaches, something rather strange is happening. It becomes apparent even to near-sighted me that there is something better than holding on.

Keeping them safe and sound in the prescribed family love sounds wonderful. But it doesn't compare to seeing them step out, bloom and grow.

And that they can't do unless I step back, send them on their way. If my "Godspeed" is somewhat wobbly, I suppose it's understandable. This, after all, is my first.

20; In-hall solicitations the weekends of Oct. 29-30 and Nov. 5-6. The following weekend, in-home visitations will begin.

• The Follow-Up Phase will run from Nov. 28 through Dec. 19, to reach those who may not have been contacted.

Father Bayer also noted that there would be workshops prior to the start of the appeal for parish coordinators.

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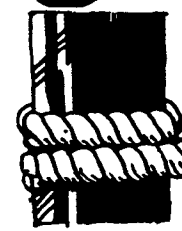
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