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Diocese Establishes Youth Ministry Interns

The Diocese of Rochester has launched an internship program in youth ministry.

The program, administered by the Northeast Center for Youth Ministry, has been put in place in three parishes: Holy Cross, Dryden; Ss. Peter and Paul, Rochester; and St. Francis Xavier, Rochester.

The youth ministry interns are Pat Rossi, Mike Yarger and Mynor Sandoval. The program elicits a two-year commitment for the parishes and for the men.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy

On the Right Side

North Ireland Dilemma

What of North Ireland? That dreadful conflict, hatred, continuing no-win violence and injustice is a dilemma. Many have strong opinions, but no one has a solution. One evening after dinner I talked with Mr. X of Dublin. He is a highly educated professional man of firm faith and strong political opinions. I asked: "What of the conflict in North Ireland?" He replied with vehemence, "The IRA are bastards, excuse me, Father, but they are. The scum of the earth. Killing innocent people, including children. The bishops should excommunicate every IRA, those bastards, excuse me Father, but they are. Killing innocent men.

Later, I read of an IRA man who had a dynamite charge on his body to blow up a train of passengers. The charge exploded on the youth, killing him and 11 others. The parish priest refused a church funeral because "he deliberately planned the destruction of innocent people," though a priest did commit the body at the cemetery. Great tension followed.

A second man made an astute observation: "Peo-

It begins with an eightweek period of classes at LaSalle University in Philadelphia. The studies in-clude, "Introduction to Youth Ministry'' and "Themes in Contemporary Theology." A retreat is also scheduled during that time. The interns will return to

the diocese about mid-August to take up duties at their respective parishes.

In both the Fall and Spring, they will complete one-week training sessions, and next Summer, they will re-

came over to protect the

Catholics from militants.

They were welcomed by

the Catholics and they

were very good for a

while. Then came a re-

versal, with maltreatment

of Catholics which re-

called the horrors of the

Black and Tan era. The

IRA today was the re-

must remember that the

IRA men of today were 10

years old a dozen years

ago, who as children saw

their homes broken into,

their fathers beaten and

throats cut asif they were

animals. Now the children

are in their 20s and are

naturals for extremism.

if the British soldiers all

left at once?''

"Carnage. I am absolute-

ly certain of that. Where I

live are a mixed group of

Catholics and Protetants

who live harmoniously.

But if the British soldiers

left at once, the extremists

in Belfast would band

together, come to our

suburbs and murder us. I

am absolutely certain of

that. I think the only

solution is a gradual

withdrawal of the British

troops, and a just repre-

sentation in the govern-

ment given to the Catholic

people. They are 40 per-

cent of the population and

are excluded from the

government by the gov-

"What would happen

They have memories."

He continued: "You

sult.'

turn to LaSalle for an additional four weeks of study before returning to their parishes.

The diocese has joined seven other dioceses in the internship program. Others are Buffalo, Rockville Centre, Paterson, Trenton, Camden, Metuchen and Newark.

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- The Knights of Columbus disbursed more than \$52 million for charitable and benevolent causes and gave more than 13 million hours to community service during 1982, according to a survey conducted for the National Fraternal Congress of America.

This was an increase of \$10.5 million over the previous year.

The Knights' donations included \$11.8 million to the needy, sick and disabled; \$526,904 to disaster victims; \$7.3 million to churches, homes for the aged, orphanages and hospitals; \$5.8 million to welfare organizations, community proiects, scouting, and to combat cancer and heart disease; \$4.9 million to education; \$2.9 million for food and clothing; \$3 million to youth activities; and \$8.1 million to church and community activities.

The Knights devoted 13,415,083 hours to community service to youth, hospitals, orphanages and church activities. An additional 1,221,174 hours were dedicated to sick and disabled members and their families. They also made 1,451,226 visits to the sick and bereaved.

CDA Installs **New Officers**

At the Catholic Daughters of the Americas June meeting, Mrs. Eleanor Cooke was installed regent. Other officers are Mrs. Mary Alice Aikin, first vice regent; Mrs. Angeline Hunt, second vice regent; Mrs. Jane Crews, financial secretary; Mrs. Rose Hendrickson, treasurer, and Mrs. Sophie Vollmer, monitor.

Two students who won at

AT YOUR PARISH

St. Charles Borromeo

Jamie Miller, Barbara Hanley and James Coles, pupils at St. Charles Borromeo School, Greece, were recently installed as new standard-bearers during a Flag Day assembly in the school gym. Father Elmer Heindl, former U.S. Army Chaplain, was master of ceremonies. Members of the Greece Elks presented the history of the flag. The school band played patriotic songs.

St. Mary

Geneseo — Father William Gordinier, pastor of St. Mary's Church here, celebrated his 25th annniversary as a priest with a Mass concelebrated by Fathers John Quinn, Robert Miller, Eugene Sweeney, Theodore Swartz, Lawrence Murphy, Richard Witter, attended by Father Paul McCabe, and Father James Moynihan. Following the Mass, more than 400 persons feted him at an outdoor reception and parish picnic.

Perpetual Help

The second annual bowling banquet for Our Lady of Perpetual Help School recently saw awards presented to children from the kindergarten through the eighth grade for their bowling abilities. More than 70 children participated in league games this season. Principals at the banquet were Msgr. Richard Quinn, pastor; Jerry Menetti, owner of Seneca Lanes; and Gladys Street, YABA secretary.

St. Bridget

The previously announced 'Talent in Our Youth'' grassroots conference slated for 7 p.m. tonight will feature workshops on "Meaning of Our History," "How the Monroe County Houth Bureau Works, "Sport and Dance," "Youth involvement in Organizations," "Programs for Young Children and Youth in Culture.



Holy Name of Jesus

A statue of St. Martin of Tours was commissioned from Benoit Gilsoul by the Church of the Holy Name in honor of Father Thomas Martin Reddington who retired this week after 19 years as pastor of the parish which he founded. The statue, in cast aluminum, is in the courtyard and can be seen from all points throughout the church building. Father Reddington was honored last weekend by the parish.

Blessed Sacrament

First Friday devotions will be held July 1 at Blessed Sacrament Church. Confessions will be heard at 7

p.m., and Mass celebrated by Father Salem Faddoul, pastor of St. Nicholas Church, at 7:30 p.m.



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ple in South Ireland are not in accord with the killings, but they do have a kind of sentimental sympathy with the IRA. So when they rob a bank, there is a kind of pleasure. This goes back to the days when Ireland was struggling for its freedom and the Sinn Fein and IRA were the backbone of the struggle. However, the present IRA are not the same."

Another night I talked with a doctor from Belfast, who I think probably had best balance. He regrets the hopelessness of the conflict, but understands it. He described the vicious treatment of Catholics by wellorganized extreme groups in North Ireland: by police and anti-Catholic political groups. 'Catholics are simply denied work, which leaves thousands with nothing to do to preserve decent dignity, and gives time to brood overinjustice and poverty. English soliders ernment, which also excludes them not only from civic posts but from factory and laboring work."

American TV some months ago ran a series on "The History of Ireland," done by the Irish TV Broadcasting Company. It was based on "History of Ireland" by Robert Keyes, and introduced with commentary by former ambassador to Ireland, William Shannon. It was quite fair. It is hard for people to approach the history of Ireland objectively. I think it is even harder for Irish-Americans to be objective. The manager of one of Ireland's largest hotels told me: "I am very familiar with Irish-Americans who visit Ireland. They fantacize about Ireland."

This is a thought to be pondered by Irish readers who conclude from this article that I am faithless to the land of my forbears.

the local level of the CDA education contest also won at the state level. Kenneth Boehm of St. Louis, Ptttsford, won first prize in essays and Ann Genova of St. James, Rochester, won third prize for song writing. Father Paul J. Cuddy

celebratred Mass.

Focus Rites

Focus on the Eucharist rites will be celebrated 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 30, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 630 Brooks Ave. Evening prayer and rosary precede the Mass celebrated by Father Paul Wohlrab. A meditation time will close with benediction. The public is invited to the all or part of the evening.

Blue Army

Father Emmett Murphy will celebrate the opening 9 p.m. Mass, Friday, July 1 at Holy Rosary Church for the vigil of the Rochester Chapter of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima. Other priests taking parts in the rites will be Fathers William Leone and Robert Meng.

