



City and Parish Reach School Lease Agreement

According to an agreement reached last week between Ss. Peter and Paul Church on

West Main Street and the Rochester Board of Education, renovations will begin

Monday on the former parish school, now to house the city's Group Tutoring Program and Temporary Tutoring Program.

After nearly a year of negotiations, the board has approved a leasing agreement with the parish.

It is estimated that the renovations will cost the school district \$33,565.

The lease agreement covers a two-year period starting next Monday, at a monthly rent of \$4,777.50 a month, with the option to renew the lease for an additional year at \$5,000 per month, a school board release stated.

According to Dr. Richard Farrell, speaking for vacationing schools' superintendent Laval S. Wilson, the tutoring programs would have a maximum of 125 pupils using the Ss. Peter and Paul facility.

Edward T. Laprade, auditor and accountant with the diocesan Office of Urban Ministry, and Father Frederick LaBrecque, SSCC, pastor during the negotiating period, said last week that the income from the arrangement would be used to further the ministries and outreach programs centered at the parish.



Death Row Vigil

Convicted killer Jimmy Lee Gray won a continued stay of execution from a federal appeals court because the court wants to study a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on death penalty appeals. Gray was sentenced to die in Mississippi's gas chamber for killing a three-year-old girl. Two Mississippi bishops have protested the use of the death penalty. (NC Photo)

Among those involved in the new arrangement between the Board of Education and Ss. Peter and Paul Parish are (left to right) Father Patrick Fanning, SSCC; Brother Robert DiManno, SSCC; Edward Laprade, Brother Ignatius McGraw, SSCC, Sister Janet Coseo, SSJ; Father Richard P. McNally, SSCC, new pastor of the parish; and Dr. James A. Farrell of the board.

DEATHS

Frank Reynolds Anchorman, Dies of Hepatitis

Washington (NC) -- Frank Reynolds, 59, anchorman of ABC News' "World News Tonight" since 1978, died July 20 in Washington, D.C., of viral hepatitis. Reynolds, a Catholic who had addressed the National Catholic Educational Association April 6, 23 days before the hepatitis was diagnosed, also suffered from a form of bone cancer. His funeral was scheduled for July 23 at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D.C., with burial in Arlington National Cemetery. Reynolds was a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Washington.

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Viewpoint: Sisters Reflect

By Sister Jean Bellini, SSJ



A Missions Viewpoint Of Peace

Recently I had the opportunity to spend seven months in the states after six years in Brazil. It was part of a sabbatical year — to enable me to get reinserted in our congregation and in my family and reacquainted with life in the USA. During that time I was asked to write this article on peace. What I most wanted to communicate was that for me peace means much more than the absence of armed conflict.

Since my return to Brazil I discovered that the Lenten campaign theme this year is "Fraternity, Yes; Violence, No." Here the question of violence and the desire for peace is being reflected on in groups, recognizing that true peace isn't possible for isolated individuals but is only possible when all are able to taste of it.

While I was in Rochester the news coverage of the economic crisis, high unemployment figures and the plight of the homeless seemed to create a mood of hopelessness and resignation. I didn't detect much of a collective or communitarian concern for looking beyond these problems to the underlying causes.

It seems to me that it is this invisible violence of social structures which favor the interests of an influential minority, that is eating at the hearts of millions of Americans. And this generates a lateral violence, i.e. those less resilient to the pressures of insecurity and outright discrimination resort to aggressive behavior against the peers and their own spouses and children, as well as others. As their plight becomes more precarious, more people buckle under the weight of so much uncertainty and insecurity and lash out with lateral violence.

But the theme of this

column is peace. How can people facing such difficulties hope for peace? Peace seems to be the fruit of the right ordering of the human community which respects and guarantees the rights of all the children of God, not just of a select few.

In the face of such difficulties, many Americans seem to become even more alienated, i.e. feeling cut off from others and without any way out. My experience in Brazil has been that frequently it is the people who lack job security and other basic human rights who are trying to model their lives on the example of Jesus, who cast his lot with the powerless and confronted the powerful. They identify with all he risked and suffered, even death, so that all might experience the victory of life over the forces of death.

Amazing as it may seem to some of my readers, I sensed a more vital hope in this land of martyrs than I did in the U.S. What could this mean for us Americans? — A renewed call to conversion, a receptivity to the signs around us of the Kingdom of God breaking through. This implies the right ordering of our hearts, our lives and even our social structures which recognizes God as the only absolute and not accepting idolatrous subversion to any particular economic system or ideology.

Let us take this opportunity to look beneath the surface of our dailiness to the deeper reality of our relationship to God to even the weakest of our brothers and sisters. Are we willing to step out of our alienation and isolation in solidarity with all who suffer and not settle for easy shortcuts to peace?

May the Lord bless us, so that we may grow in ever deepening fidelity and discipleship.

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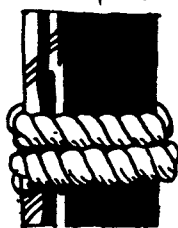
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