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Appeal leaders, from left, are: Father William Flynn, chancellor; Father Cason, Mr. and Mrs. Spohn, Mrs. Coyle, Harnischfeger, Father Bradler, Ms. DeBuono, Fathers Vogt and Bayer, Bishop Hickey, Bishop Clark, Greisberger, Fathers

Marvin and Zimmer, Mrs. Prave, Father Schifferli, McCusker, Father Michatek, Sepaniak, Father Jankowiak, and Quick.

Bishop Launches Third Appeal

Bishop Matthew H. Clark last Wednesday launched the third annual diocesan Thanks Giving Appeal at a luncheon meeting of the appeal leadership at the Thruway Marriott Hotel. Bishop Clark outlined the programs begun in the past year as a result of the appeal, and looked ahead to what he termed "the new initiatives" of the year ahead.

The goal this year is \$2,729,000, an increase of 7 percent over the 1982 goal.

The people of the Rochester diocese have contributed nearly \$6 million in the two years of the appeal. More than \$1 million has been returned to parishes to meet local needs. Under the appeal formula, 80 percent of all monies donated over the

parish goal is returned to the local parish.

Serving as general chairman is John Greisberger of Pittsford, a Rochester attorney.

The appeal leadership has been restructured this year, expanded from 5 areas to 11 regions. Eleven regional chairpersons will work with parish lay leadership. In addition, 11 pastors who are

regional coordinators will provide supportive contact with other pastors throughout their regions.

Among the new initiatives, Bishop Clark said, the diocese intends to establish a religious education office for the Finger Lakes region, hire a staff coordinator to help deal with the increasing problems of teen-age sexuality, increase staffing for ecumen-

ical and interreligious programs, expand services to widowed, divorced and separated Catholics, establish a pilot program in the Finger Lakes region for the Diocesan Volunteer Corps, and use the recently established Division of Urban Services to coordinate planning and service among city parishes.

During the past two years, the Thanks Giving Appeal,

which replaced a parish assessment program to support the work of the diocesan Church, has funded new programs and expanded existing services in such areas as the Young Adult Ministry, hospital chaplaincy, campus ministry, Southern Tier and Finger Lakes Social Ministries, Human Life

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Tabasco Missionaries Appointed

Four area people received their commissions to work in Tabasco, Mexico as missionaries at ceremonies last Sunday at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Above, from left, Father Robert Miller, Cathedral pastor, Bishop Matthew H. Clark and Father Thomas Mull, background, applaud the newly-appointed: Yolanda Ramos, Valerie Smith, Mark Kavanaugh and Father Neil Miller. Right, Father Miller accepts felicitations from Margaret Hoffmaster of the International Justice and Peace office.



City Public Schools Deserve Our Help, Bishop Clark Says

Declaring that "it is a matter of justice that quality education be available for all of the people of our community regardless of economic status," Bishop Matthew H. Clark this week issued a special statement "in support of urban public schools" in Rochester.

Citing the present economic woes besetting Rochester public schools, Bishop Clark stated that "the Catholic community should explore its own history in attempting to understand and respond to the situation of urban education today."

"The Catholic community will stand ready to share resources in whatever way that is feasible to achieve quality education for urban people," he stated.

Besides general media release, the statement was sent to all Monroe County pastors, Catholic school principals, Religious Education personnel, city Superintendent of Schools Laval Wilson, Rochester School Board president Frank Willis, Mayor Thomas Ryan, and Rev. Larry Witmer of Genesee Ecumenical Ministries.

The statement was prepared with the cooperation and assistance of the diocesan divisions of education, social ministries and urban services.

Sister Robert Tierney,

SSND, diocesan director of education, stressed that no money or material assistance from the diocese is involved.

"The urban public schools are really at the end of their rope economically," Sister Roberta said. "The bishop is addressing an immediate problem. Right now the urban schools are pondering how to open, when to open and if to open. The reality is that not everyone is in a Catholic school and the Church has to care for the entire community. It is a civic responsibility as well as a Christian responsibility."

Sister Roberta said the support the bishop urges takes nothing away from the Catholic school system: "It (the statement) speaks to the strength and quality of our schools which we will continue to wholeheartedly support. It is simply a matter of justice that quality education be available to all."

She said that while no exact figures are available probably 55 to 60 percent of young Catholics in the city attend public schools. Conversely, she said that 26 percent of the 5,088 pupils in Catholic schools are non-Catholic. Urban school

enrollment is much greater than that of parochial schools.

In his statement, Bishop Clark included a "A Call to Action" in which he said, "The present method of financing public schools is inadequate and unfair for young people in our cities. The resources demanded for quality education should be made available. We urge that Catholics join with others working at local, state and federal levels to discover those resources. It could mean supporting legislation which would create an equitable and adequate formula for funding urban public schools by the State of New York. Federal cuts to education should be examined and there should be clear and strong federal support for educational needs of particular groups."

Speaking directly to the local problem, the bishops stated that "the city and the county should examine resources cooperatively and produce adequate revenue for quality schools in the City of Rochester."

He also urged parents to

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