

California Bishops Prefer Simple Life

Sacramento (NC) -- The sale of the Sacramento bishop's residence is evidence of a trend among bishops in dioceses throughout the United States and in California to opt for a simpler lifestyle.

The 3 1/2-acre estate, once the residence of former Sacramento bishops, was sold for \$1,070,000. The money from the sale will be held in security should the present or any future bishop want a private residence.

Bishop Francis Quinn, who came to the Sacramento Diocese in 1980, has never lived in the Fair Oaks mansion. He resides in a basement room of the cathedral rectory in downtown Sacramento.

The diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Herald, conducted a survey of how other California bishops live.

Cardinal Timothy Manning of Los Angeles and Bishop John Cummins of Oakland moved into rectories after selling their bishop's residences.

Archbishop John Quinn of San Francisco lives in a renovated convent in a residential neighborhood of the city after selling the bishop's mansion.

Bishop Mark Hurley of Santa Rosa sold the four-acre bishop's estate in 1974 and lives in a tract home in the cathedral parish. Bishop Leo Maher of San Diego lives in a three-story house which was a gift to the diocese.

Bishop Roger Mahony of Stockton and Bishop Thaddeus Shubsda of Monterey are living in rectories while their residences are being sold.

Beginning with Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, who resided at the CYO building, 50 Chestnut St., in downtown Rochester, this diocese's bishops have for years been living in simple residences. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan chose a renovated convent in Victor, where he still lives, and Bishop Matthew H. Clark resides at the Sacred Heart Cathedral rectory.

New Canon Law Topic of Meetings

The Revised Code of Canon Law, a ministry conference, will take place at three sites around the diocese, Nov. 8-10, with Father Richard Cunningham, professor of canon law, St. John's Seminary, Archdiocese of Boston, conducting.

According to Father James Schwartz, director of the diocesan Ministry to Priests, who, along with Father Robert O'Neill, diocesan official, is coordinating the conference, all diocesan ministers -- priests, permanent deacons and their wives,

pastoral assistants and school principals, among others, have been invited to the conference.

Some 300 have registered for the first meeting, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8, at St. Thomas More in Rochester. More than 60

have registered for the second conference, Nov. 9 at St. Mary, Horseheads, and nearly 60 at the third meeting, Nov. 10, at St. Francis De Sales in Geneva.

The revised code goes into effect the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27.

Defense Unit Formed

A new Catholic pro-nuclear-defense organization, Fidelity Forum of Central-Western New York, will meet 9:30-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Quality Inn Party House, 4831 W. Henrietta Road, according to George Green, local spokesperson.

He characterized the group as being pro-defense and pro-nuclear arms and as having about 20 members locally.

The theme of the day will be "Catholic Teaching and Tradition on Peace, the Just War and National Defense,"

and will feature three speakers: Father Richard Roach, SJ, associate professor of moral theology at Marquette University; Daniel O. Graham, a retired lieutenant general, now head of High Frontier, a private group "engaged in the development and adoption of a strategy for assured national survival;" and Philip Lawler, president and founder of the American Catholic Conference, "an organization formed to help Catholic laymen express their opinions on political and social issues," Greene said.

Father Lum To Lead Off Lecture Series

Father William Lum, Catholic chaplain, will speak on "What Makes Catholicism Distinctive" in the first of a three-part Continuing Education lecture series at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, in the Commons Room, middle level of the University of Rochester's Interfaith Chapel.

Prof. Joseph Kelly, associate professor of Religious Studies at Nazareth College and visiting professor at the University of Rochester, will speak on "Christianity and Judaism," on Sunday, Nov. 13.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, Msgr. William Shannon, professor emeritus and former chairman of Religious Studies at Nazareth College, will speak on "Christianity and Other World Religions."

Homeless

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and its suburbs for support of the centers.

In particular, parish human development committees will be asked to help the operation with funds, donations of food and blankets, and especially, volunteers, she said.

In addition, individual Catholics will be asked to help, she said.

A major concern she has is to open the shelters quickly. Last year, it was December before they were operational, she said. This year, the target date is early November.

Indeed, last night marked

the opening of the Blessed Sacrament shelter.

It is hoped that the shelters will also provide more services than they did last year, she said.

Ms. Early explained that recruiting is underway among staffers at Catholic Family Center and the DePaul Mental Health Clinic to provide volunteer counselors at the shelters.

Ms. Early asked that persons wishing to help staff the shelters contact her, (716) 325-6400. She asked that donations be sent to Catholic Charities Homeless Fund, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y., 14604.

Distrust

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the fighting between rival religious and political factions. The United States has said that the multinational force is key to efforts to negotiate the withdrawal of Syrian and Israeli troops.

The disarmament negotiations mentioned by the pope refer to U.S.-Soviet talks about the stationing of medium range missiles in Europe. He spoke as prospects for an agreement were dim.

The U.S. plans to deploy Pershing and cruise missiles in December in several

Western European countries unless an agreement is reached and the Soviet Union has said that an agreement cannot be reached unless the U.S. deployment plan is abandoned. The Soviet Union also has announced its plans to increase missiles in Eastern Europe in response to the planned U.S. deployment.

On Oct. 23 millions of people demonstrated in several Western European countries against the U.S. deployment and in favor of an agreement.

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