Father Mulligan, in stole, leads the prayer of blessing of the new residence.

New Charities Residence Blessed

Father Charles Mulligan, director of the diocesan Department of Social Ministries, recently blessed the new Cloverdale Community Residence and its residents.

The occasion was an open house, hosted by the residence, and drew many neighbors friends, family members and board members of diocesan Catholic Charities.

The Cloverdale residence is operated by Charities and is the third home in its Community Residence Program, and the first in Monroe County. The other homes are in Lyons and Penn Yan. Twelve developmentally disabled adults live in the home, just off Beach Avenue in Charlotte.

Within the year, Charities expects to open another home for 12-14 residents. There are approximately 400 persons in the county who need this type of living situation, said Colin Garwood, Cloverdale's manager.

"The Cloverdale residence represents the first big step for the resident in their eventual goal of independent living. Each resident works at a sheltered workshop including The School of the Holy Childhood, Lifetime Assistance, Continuing Developmental Services, and Association for Retarded Citizens," he said.

David Russell, center, hugs residence staffer Bari Goldpin during the open house. Cathy Feeley, another staffer is at left. Stephen Fischer is at right.

Pope Decries Expulsion Of Priests from Nicaragua

Vatican City (NC) -- Pope John Paul II on July 11 said he deplored the expulsion of 10 foreign priests from Nicaragua two days earlier and that the action "added to the trials already suffered" by the church in Nicaragua.

He spoke about the expulsion at the end of a Wednesday morning general audience in St. Peter's Square.

"I express my active deploring (of the action) and my intimate participation in the suffering of that church," he said.

The pope told the crowd at the audience that he was asking God "to illumine the minds of the (government) authorities so that they will want to revoke this decision, which is openly harmful to the church and to the needs of the Catholic people of Nicaragua."

On July 9, Nicaragua's Sandinista government announced that it was expelling the priests because they planned to "provoke a confrontation between the church and the state."

The action followed a protest march led by Archbishop Miguel Obando Bravo of Managua in support of a Nicaraguan priest accused by the government of aiding rebels. The Washington Post reported that seven of the expelled priests participated in the march.

The expelled priests included four Spaniards, two Italians, two Costa Ricans, a Panamanian and a Canadian, the newspaper said.

Pope John Paul also called the Nicaraguan government action "a grave loss" for the Archdiocese of Managua, "whose clergy is not sufficiently numerous with respect to the vast pastoral and charitable demands."

The church in Nicaragua, the pope observed, "continues, for its part, to carry out its own responsibility in promoting in the country the rejection of violence and in following the path of dialogue and of reconciliation."

The march was in support of Father Luis Amado Pena who was accused by the Nicaraguan government of anti-government activities and confined to a seminary outside Managua.

Archbishop Obando Bravo has described as fabrication a government videotape which purports to show Father Pena meeting with an alleged rebel agent and discussing anti-government activities. The government also purportedly filmed Father Pena carrying a suitcase containing hand grenades and other explosives, the Washington Post reported.

MDC Asks for Escorts

A call for 100 volunteers to escort residents for the Monroe Developmental Center's Summerfest was issued last week by Rev. Bill Gaventa, chaplain at the center.

The Summerfest is planned for Aug. 5 and the escorts join the families, staffers and other volunteers in enabling the 400 developmentally disabled persons at MDC to participate in an afternoon of games, music, dancing, food, fellowship and sharing.

Each escort is assigned a client at the center and is his or her friend for the day. Numerous church and civic groups are joining in the effort, including Xerox, WNYR and Fun Service of Rochester.

Volunteers also run refreshment stands, booths and provide entertainment, as well as assisting in set-up and clean up.

Persons wishing to volunteer for the effort are asked to contact either Rev. Gaventa or Ms. Helen Henry, 461-2800, ext. 444 or 220.

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