

Local CHD Grant Winners Announced

Father Charles Mulligan, director of the diocesan Division of Social Ministry, and Mary Heidkamp, director of the Department of Justice and Peace, last week announced the Campaign for Human Development grants for 1984-85.

The Spanish Action Coalition of Rochester, in its third year of CHD funding, has received a national allocation

of \$24,000. Local CHD grants this year total \$31,996.

The Spanish Action Coalition is a grass-roots community organization with city-wide membership. According to a Department of Justice and Peace release, "SAC is committed to self-determination for Hispanics in Rochester and to participation of the poor in

decisions which directly affect their lives.

"Since its inception in 1978, SAC has provided planning, community organization, training and advocacy to the Hispanic community. CHD funds will be used to address issues associated with education, housing and the implementation of recommendations made by the United Way Hispanic Task Force."

The local grant winners, and the size of their grants, are:

Seneca County House of Concern, Inc., \$1,861.70;

Wayne County Action Program, \$6,737.77; Banker's Meadows Corporation, \$2,201.96; Coalition of Northeast Association, Inc., \$3,680; Rochester Area Unemployment Council, \$3,155; Elder Craft Shoppe, \$2,235.20; Tompkins County Unemployment Council, \$2,041.48; Greater Elmira Unemployment Council, \$2,041.48; Southside Community Center, \$2,041.48; North East Block Club Alliance, \$4,000; and Ithaca Community Gardens, \$2,000.

CHD was established by

the nation's bishops in 1969 as the Church's domestic anti-poverty justice education program. Key to the CHD work for justice is the changing of policies, institutions and conditions which perpetuate poverty and injustice.

In addition to funding self-help projects, CHD, through its education component, serves as a clearing house for information on poverty in the U.S. It also provides justice education materials for use in schools and parishes and distributes educational materials to more than 160 CHD diocesan directors.

CHD is financed through an annual collection in churches throughout the country.

Last May's CHD collection in the diocese totalled more than \$108,000. After administrative expenses are deducted, 75 percent is sent to Washington, D.C. for national allocation and educational programs.

The remaining 25 percent is retained for local allocation.

CHD funding requests sent to the national office are reviewed by diocesan and national staffs and by a 40 member national committee made up mostly of lay persons. Final funding decisions are made by a committee of 12 bishops representing various regions of the country.

Grants are made to projects that enable low-income people of all races, creeds and geographical regions to work together for solutions to the causes of poverty and injustice in economic and social development, legal aid, housing, health, communications and education.

In order to qualify for a CHD grant, the projects must:

- benefit the poor — the majority of those benefitting from a project must be members of the low-income community;

- be self-help projects of poor and oppressed people — a project must be directed by the low-income group itself; and

- aim to bring about social change by attacking the root causes of poverty — unjust situations, laws, or policies which do not help poor people.

In the diocese, five regional task forces, made up of people from the community, review grant proposals from their respective areas and recommend funding. Final funding decisions are made by Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Some Hints To Improve The Mass

I have always had great sympathy for parents with restless children at Mass. We priests who lead lives so uncomplicated by marriage and children sometimes do not appreciate the nobility of good parents who come faithfully to Mass themselves, and who bring little children when there is no one to take care of them. We should bow our heads in shame to complain. On the other hand, parishioners should understand that not all priests are psychologically constituted so as to preach with youngsters crying or prowling in the aisles. Some tolerance on both sides is to the point.

A mother said to me, "I don't know what to do. I have three sons -- 14, 12 and 7 -- and they hate to go to Mass. We drag them along, but they say as soon as they leave home, they will not go to Mass again."

"Well, of course the teens is the age of rebellion. Some Fancy Dan liturgists think that jazzing up the Mass will make the youngsters interested. I suppose for little children it could be entertaining, like a puppet show, which the Mass is not. For teenagers, I think that it would damage them badly in loss of reverence and understanding that the Mass is not a chummy joy-joy session, but that it is a commemoration of the death of Our Lord, which is hardly the object for cheap theatricals. But what are the boys so steamed up about?"

She paused. "One thing is the long Bible readings. They say, 'They do not mean anything to us, even if we could hear them.' Another thing is the sermons. They say, 'They (the preachers) talk about stuff we don't understand, and don't care about.'"

These are reasonable difficulties. Let's take the second first, that the homilies don't mean anything to the youngsters. A man once said to me, "I strongly object to the homilies, speaking on delicate adult subjects. The congregation is full of children and adolescents, and such subjects should not be addressed to a mixed congregation." He has a good point, and I do not know the answer.

There are certain possibilities. 1. Remain silent about important matters. But that seems like teaching the ten commandments and leaving out the fourth and sixth. 2. Have a special Mass for the children; and another for the teenagers. This is ideal, but with family and transportation complications, plus a shortage of priests, it does pose a problem. Furthermore, not every priest has the gift of talking to the young. Many priests have a good intellectual intelligence, but not a very good social intelligence, whereby the preacher is able to adapt to youngsters' minds. 3. Encourage self-instruction -- through tapes, books, booklets, family and study groups.

Regarding the long Bible passages: Some texts are difficult. But there are certain texts which ring a bell: loud, clear, comforting, and confirming loyalty and devotion to God and the Catholic Church. Canon Sheehan, whose ecclesiastical novels were much read by seminarians 50 years ago, wrote in "Luke De-Image": "Fill your sermons with the words of the Scriptures. They fall like perfume into the souls of your hearers." However, youngsters should know by heart many Bible verses, like: "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church"; "Going, baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Practical hints: 1. Arrive early and read prayerfully the scripture and prayers of the Mass of the day. Daily Mass people would profit by having a daily Missal. 2. Keep in mind that you are one with a community of believers, continuing a worship service of God which goes back to the Apostles (Cf. Acts 6). 3. If a child is obstreperous, step out into the vestibule so as not to disturb other worshippers -- but bring the baby with you. Little ones are helped by a pacifier, or a doll, and a cuddle. If you think the homily a bore, stop to imagine how you would preach it. Actually it is not so hard if we do as our Lord did: use illustrations which apply to the lives of the people listening. I suppose that is one problem with teenagers: the message often has little relevance to their lives.

Knights Join To Host Ball

Two councils of the Knights of Columbus will join forces this year to host a charity ball.

According to William Cody, grand knight of Triality Council in Webster, and Ralph Handley, grand knight of Pope John XXIII Council in Spencerport, the councils will hold this year's annual Charity Ball, Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Webster Columbus Center, 70 Barrett Dr. in Webster.

The event will feature a steak dinner and music by Celebration. Dress for the evening will be semi-formal and the cost will be \$17.50 per person.

Cody and Handley also announced that the recipient of the proceeds from this year's event will be the CURE Childhood Cancer Association of Rochester. The organization is devoted to rendering assistance to and hosting activities for children with cancer and their families.

Reservations for the ball are mailed to K. of C. Annual Charity Ball, Webster Columbus Center, 70 Barrett Dr., Webster, N.Y. 14580, before Nov. 1.

Opportunity Offered To Study in Poland

The Krakow-Rochester Sisters Cities Committee plans to send two young people from the Rochester area interested in Polish language, art, literature and history to study at Jagiellonian University in Krakow next summer.

The committee will award two scholarships for six-week summer programs, organized for American students, to cover Polish history, economics, literature, music, theater, folk art and contemporary problems.

High school graduates, between 18 and 30 at the time of application, are eligible to apply. Applicants must be American citizens residing in

metropolitan Rochester or the adjoining counties and must have at least one parent of Polish descent.

Application blanks are available at the General Pulaski Community Library at Hudson Avenue and Norton Street, or from John Stenclik, 467-0930. Completed forms along with a letter of recommendation from the applicant's school or employer should be returned to Stenclik at 92 Carol Drive, Rochester 14617, by Nov. 1.

The awards cover room, board and tuition in Poland and round-trip transportation between New York City and Krakow.

Oratorio Society Host Auditions

The Rochester Oratorio Society, entering its 40th year, will hold auditions for new chorus members at 6:45 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22 at East High School.

Persons auditioning will be asked to sing a portion of a choral work of their choice, and then to sight-read an excerpt of an oratorio selected by conductor Theodore Hollenbach. Accompaniment will be provided.

The society will perform

NFP Plans Two Sessions

Two Natural Family Planning information sessions will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 5, at St. Mary's Hospital, and Friday, Nov. 9, at Rochester General Hospital. Sponsored by NFP Education of Rochester, the sessions are free to the public.

Pre-registration is required. For more information and a free brochure, the NFP telephone number is 464-8705.

Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, Dec. 2 at the Eastman Theatre, accompanied by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Tickets will go on sale at the RPO box office in November.

Also scheduled is Mendelssohn's "Elijah" in April, and smaller concerts throughout the year.

Members will also have the opportunity to join in a concert tour of Europe in July and August next year.

The society first performed in 1945 under the direction of Hollenbach.

Mooney Guild

The Cardinal Mooney Women's Guild will meet Monday, Oct. 22 in the school. The event will include a Memorial Mass at 6:30 p.m., cocktails and a chicken dinner, catered by Classic Caterers will follow. The evening will conclude with a preview of the 1984 Mooney Polies. Reservations are made by calling Donna Lucchese, 254-1781, or Rose Di Bella, 225-0328, before Oct. 20.

Novena to St. Jude

From Oct. 20-28 at St. Jude's Church, 4100 Lyell Rd. (Gates) Rochester, N.Y. 14606

With Mass and prayers each morning at 9 A.M. and each evening at 7:30 P.M.

All are invited by Father John J. Steger, pastor, to attend and pray to the Patron of Hopeless Cases and impossible causes.

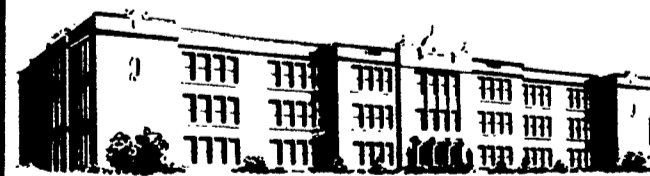
Shut-ins may write for a Novena Booklet. St. Jude Church and Hall are easily accessible to handicapped. Ample parking.

Anointing of the Sick, Oct. 25
Conducting the Novena
Rev. John M. Eagan, O.P.

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