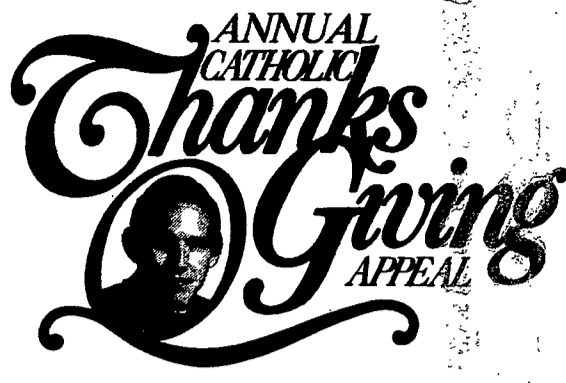


Pastoral Assistants 1984-85

Annual Summer Workshops are a key source of renewal as well as education for pastoral assistants of the diocese. The workshops seem to be well received by pastoral assistants. Sister Norbert Gutacker, pastoral assistant at St. Michael's Parish, Rochester, has had the opportunity to attend a number of workshops over the years, and has this to say:

"I have been enriched by the Summer Programs offered for the continuing education of pastoral assistants. The courses have been well planned and challenging. They have enabled us to reflect together on our vision and grow in our service as pastoral ministers in the Diocese of Rochester."

An example of a workshop for pastoral assistants was a presentation by Sister Joan Deleplane OP, assistant



professor of speech and homiletics at Aquinas Institute in St. Louis, Mo. Sister Joan covered a wide range of preaching experiences that are open to the laity. The presentation earned rave reviews.

"I thought that Sister Joan's emphasis on the power of the Word was excellent," said Sister Rita Heberle of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Painted Post. "Many aspects of her presentation will be helpful in my ministry."

"The presenter was so vibrant, she conveyed a real zest for life, and love of the Church as well as Scripture and God," said Sister Mary Ann Brunett of St. Mary's, Auburn.



"I am grateful for the opportunity that I had this past summer in participating in the two workshops, 'Preaching' and 'Pastoral Counseling' offered to pastoral assistants. The workshops provide both valuable information and practical experience in enhancing a pastoral assistant's ministry."

Sister Judith Kenrick
Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira

An equally well received workshop was on Pastoral Counseling with special emphasis on hospital visitations given by Father George Hill SJ, adjunct assistant professor at St. Bernard's Institute and director of pastoral formation at the American College, Louvain, Belgium. Many felt insights into hospital ministry and crisis situations given by Father Hill added a new dimension to this most important ministry.

Pastoral assistants attending this workshop found it very informative. "It was right on target," said Marge DeWitt of Good Shepherd in Henrietta. "It presented a new approach and insight with a challenge to grow in unexpected areas for me personally."

"The summer workshop on ministering to the sick gave me a renewed reassurance that I minister to Christ's 'broken bodies.' It also gave me the light to see how best to serve in my ministry," said Sister Angela Sutula of St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris.

These summer workshops are open to other persons who serve in pastoral ministry. Sister Perpetua McHale echoed the sentiments of many when she said that the workshops helped her to minister to others with not only techniques, but with heart.

"The workshop on preaching was like a mini-retreat. Sharing Sister Joan's reflections on 'breaking open the Word of God' instilled in me a confidence I never had before as I share the Word of God with the people of the parish."

Patrick Shanley
Holy Apostles

Pastoral assistant Patrick Shanley on a communion call to Mrs. Frede Stifter.



Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

A Shot In the Arm

One of my earliest meetings with Mrs. Kay Tichacek was after 8 a.m. daily Mass many years ago. She handed me a \$20 bill and said: "A thanksgiving from Our Blessed Mother. Use it in your work."

"Thanks. But what's the occasion?"

"Chuck (her very masculine husband) and I went to Batavia races and I bet on two horses with Marian names (something like Mary's Heel and Mary Arabella). And they came in."

Our parish, Holy Trinity in Webster, has a strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Virgin Mary. In fact, every Thursday we have nocturnal adoration from 9 p.m. until 6:30 Mass the next morning. Men and women sign up for sundry hours. Not being a candidate for heroic virtue, I make my hour before midnight and go to bed. But there are some hardy souls who elect the awful hours between 1 and 5 a.m. Our people also have a lively devotion to Our Lady. Even in our Catholic school and CCD classes, the children are taught the rosary which they should have learned at home and prayed at home with their parents.

If you think this is standard at all Catholic schools, test your children.

Every Wednesday, a group comes at 7:30 at night to the church. They meet for Marian devotions, including rosary and prayers to Our Lord and His mother. On Tuesday evenings, a group ranging from 30 to 50, meet for a mitigated charismatic sharing from 8 to 10, with prayers and hymns and witnessing and petitions. People come from other parishes to share in this. Our associate, Father Schramel, celebrated a special Mass for them recently. He found the gathering edifying but exhausting. Not the Mass was exhausting but the lengthy two hours was a strain on his physique. Last Spring, Father Al Hauser, secretary to Bishop Brzana of Ogdensburg, celebrated a similar Mass for our group.

I would not give the impression that our parish is like a monastery or religious motherhouse of the days before Vatican II when community prayer was so central. We do have, unfortunately, those who do not go to Mass and the sacraments, and are careless about their religion. But there are so many who do take their religion seriously, that it should be a joy to the diocese and our bishop.

Bishop Sheen Show 'On' Tonight

The first in a series of rescreenings of several television sermons by the late Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will take place at 7:30 tonight (Wednesday, Nov. 28) at Strong Hall, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, 1100 S. Goodman St.

Father Sebastian A. Falcone, president-dean of St. Bernard's Institute, will open the program with an assessment of Bishop Sheen's impact, "A Chapter in Television History."

Sponsored by St. Bernard's Institute on behalf of the Friends of the Fulton J. Sheen Archives, the rescreening will include

Guadalupe Banquet

More than 200 people are expected to attend the 10th annual banquet honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 9 at Dandrea's Party House. The event, begun by Stella Masuzzo, is sponsored by the local chapter of the Our Lady of the Americas Guild. The public is invited to the banquet. Ticket information is available by calling Ms. Masuzzo, 334-5516.

January 1953 on the "Life Is Worth Living" series, and "Superman and Christmas" from the bishop's 1960 Christmas special. In addition, a major sermon, "Jesus Christ -- Superstar? Superscar!" will be presented. This sermon was delivered by Bishop Sheen on Dr. Robert Schuller's "Hour of Power" television program on May 5, 1972. The bishop's sermon that day drew the largest crowd in the first 10 years of Dr. Schuller's television ministry, according to a release from the Friends of the Fulton J. Sheen Archives.

St. Bernard's Institute, on the campus of Colgate Rochester Divinity School, is the official repository of the Sheen Archives. Recently, the institute signed a contract with television pioneer, Edward Weston, to prepare "Knowing and Loving," originally broadcast in

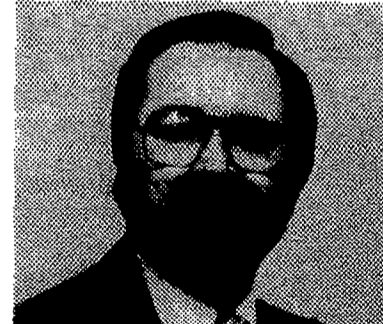
for broadcast and to syndicate Bishop Sheen's "Life Is Worth Living" series on cable television.

The Friends of the Sheen's Archives was organized in 1978 by Jeremiah Hickey and former Sheen curator, Father Jasper Pennington. For several years, the major undertaking was the cataloging and inventory of the archives, including many rare and out-of-print books. With the signing of the contract

with Weston, the second major task, upgrading the audio and video materials, is under way.

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