

Department of Development 1984-85

The subject of wills is not one that many people like to discuss. But Development Director David Scholl of the Diocese of Rochester performs the service of informing people in the diocese about wills -- dispelling misconceptions, fears, and confusion.

Will Seminars stress the concept of personal stewardship -- that a person should take care of his or her own personal finances so that after the person dies, the family will not have to make decisions in a time of uncertainty and grief.

"It's a matter of treating your family properly and making sure they will be cared for when you're no longer with them," said Scholl. "People without a will have no concept of the heartache they will leave behind for the family."

Will Seminars are available to parishes throughout the diocese. The Development De-

partment will provide format, presentation materials and coordination of speakers to include a local attorney, trust officer and estate planner for any parish desiring to sponsor a will seminar.

The development director is in charge of deferred and planned giving, which can mean either wills or giving that can actually produce lifetime income for the donor.

The diocese has now established the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, Incorporated. The foundation is working on plans for deferred giving -- will bequests, and gifts -- that will produce income for the donor. The development office aims to help people discover ways to give to charity that provide a net increased economic benefit to the giver.

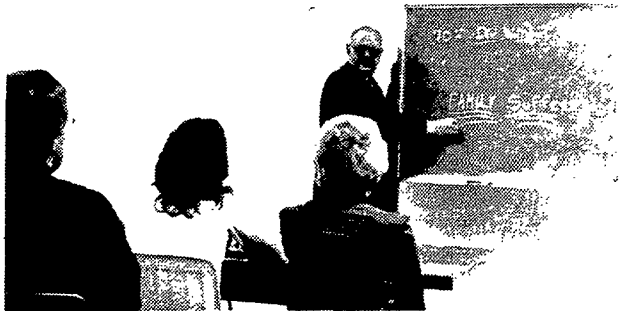
In the sessions, many of the problems families encounter with wills are stressed. Some of the problems frequently mentioned by attorneys include:

- If a person dies without a will -- if there is more than one child, one-third of the properties and holdings go to the spouse; two-thirds to children to be held until they are 18 years of age.

- Many people marry and make wills; if they have children later in life and future children are



David Scholl, development director.



Scholl leads a Will Seminar for a parish group.

not mentioned in the original will, the will becomes subject to challenge.

- If a person becomes divorced, his or her will becomes subject to challenge.

- Many people will write wills early in life, and then years later as their family, personal and financial circumstances are changed, forget to change their will accordingly.

"As we plan these Will Seminars, we try to figure out problems families may encounter -- their frustrations, worries and responsibilities," said Scholl.

Promotion of personal responsibility, family unity and human charity are the primary purposes of Will Seminars. Such seminars by their very nature remind us of our ability to substantially address, possibly for the very first time, the financial needs of our parish and the good works of the greater Church.

Women in Church Need Patience, Persistence, Dr. Eugene Tells WOC



Dr. Eugene

Cleveland (NC) -- Patience and prayerful persistence are the keys for women to

Frazer, Goosley Honored by Knights

Thomas Frazer of Spencerport and John Goosley of Brockport were selected Knights of the Month for September and October, respectively, by Pope John XXIII Council 7707, Spencerport, according to Arnold Schockow, past grand knight, activities chairman.

Frazer, who serves as council warden and membership director, and Goosley, who is recorder and lecturer, were both active in this year's fundraising efforts. "Their selection," Schockow said, "is in recognition of their commitment to the ideals of the Knights of Columbus, their service to the council and their in-

volve in other community affairs."

Frazer is a graduate of Aquinas Institute and the University of Toledo. He and his wife Pat have six children and are communicants of St. John the Evangelist in Spencerport.

Goosley is a graduate of the University of Scranton. He and his wife Alice have four children and are communicants of the Church of the Nativity in Brockport.

Focus Rites

Focus on the Eucharist will open with Evening Prayer, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6, at St. Nicholas Church.

ety and black church studies at Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. A woman must be "willing to risk not being well-liked, and today we call that 'inappropriate role behavior,'" she added.

"We need to admire the spirit of a woman who did not play games. She did not play to the judge, but neither did she demean him. She simply persisted in bothering him into doing his job which was to grant justice."

Dr. Eugene was one of five women named to serve as consultants to the bishops' committee headed by Bishop Joseph L. Imesch of Joliet, Ill. Bishop Matthew H. Clark also serves on the committee. The pastoral is scheduled to be completed in 1988.

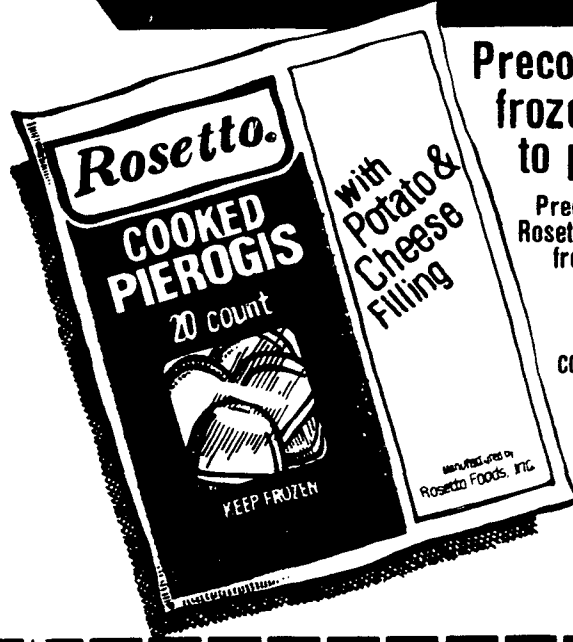
Although the relationship between the advisers and the bishops is very collegial, Dr. Eugene said, "it is the bishops who are responsible for the content, the scope and the conclusion of the letter."

She urged women and women's groups to write letters to the advisers and the bishops "reflecting their experience and their faith in the church, and their need for the church to recognize their gifts and their pain."

It is the responsibility of women to let the bishops know what they think "and if they don't take us for what we have to say, then that is their responsibility. But it is an engagement of brothers and sisters in the church together," she said.

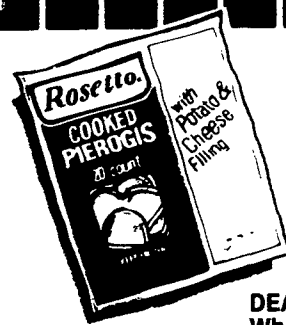
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