

Cayuga Team Gives Progress Report

Six months after the appointment of the new Cayuga Team Ministry, Sister Brigid Quinn RSM has given a report on the subsequent progress of that effort.

It was announced May 9 that Bishop Clark had approved a new ministerial team approach to be developed in the Finger Lakes region, on the east side of Keuka Lake.

In making the announcement, Father Charles Latus, director of diocesan personnel, said the development was a direct local result of the national phenomenon of a decrease in the ranks of ordained clergy.

The plan consisted of clustering two groups of parishes: St. Bernard's in Scipio Center and St. Isaac Jogues in Fleming, both under the pastorate of Father Paul Cloonan; and St. Joseph's in Cayuga, St. Michael's in Union Springs, St. Patrick's in Aurora, and Our Lady of the Lake in King Ferry, under the pastorate of Father William Spilly, who is also coordinating the entire ministry.

Other members of the team are Deacon John Prave and Sister Brigid Quinn RSM.

At present, Father Spilly lives in Aurora, Deacon Prave oversees the work in

Union Springs, and Sister Brigid, lives in Cayuga. King Ferry does not yet have a resident, Sister Brigid reported.

She noted that the team hopes to have the services of another woman religious and another priest as the ministry develops.

Already, she said, the team members meet as staff and coordinate and share services.

Sister Brigid cited the Confirmation program in the area as an example of coordinated and shared services. There will be two confirmations, but the instructions and preparations for the rites are being shared, and are "all pretty well organized."

In other developments, Sister Brigid reported the progress being made in establishing a parish council for the King Ferry community. Ultimately, it is hoped, representatives from all of the autonomous parish councils in the area will meet for common discussion of issues, she said.

All in all, she said, "I think there's a good rapport and sharing. Each parish has its own autonomy, but they are working on how to share with each other and how to cooperate with their neighbors."

Father Spilly now says six

Masses on weekends, Sister Brigid said. Father Spilly is occasionally able to tap the help of priest friends, she noted, but the team is looking to find a priest to help part time, and a second woman religious.

Should a second Sister join the team, Sister Brigid said, new living accommodations would also have to be sought. She is presently living in a fine apartment established in her parish, but it isn't large enough for two people, she said.

In the next six months, she reported, "we will know a lot more than we know now" about the progress of the team ministry.

"We try," she said, "to divide up the responsibility so it falls on all shoulders." The parishes are encouraged in their own autonomy and traditions, she noted; and also are encouraged to "co-operate as neighbors and as friends."

To that end, she said, Sister Lisette O'Brien, also of the Sisters of Mercy, and pastoral assistant at St. Jerome's Church in East Rochester, has designed individual parish logos for the cover of a common parish bulletin. That bulletin also "has a unifying effect," Sister Brigid said. "There's always a cross-invitation."

The team has also "tried to identify shut-ins, and visit them on regular visits; and to make hospital visits, particularly at Auburn Memorial and Mercy Rehabilitation Center in Auburn," she said.

The weekend Mass schedule for the team is, she reported, "Aurora at 4:30 p.m., Saturday; then Cayuga at 6 p.m., then we have supper; then Aurora 8 a.m., King Ferry 9:30, Union Springs 11, and noon in Cayuga. It's like a kind of circuit. And once a month at Wells College. And then there are baptisms on Sunday afternoons." In between times on the schedule, she reported the team engages in "explaining the meaning of sacraments, and calls, and

the rest of that sort of stuff." Finally, the team has initiated an envelope system. Three of the parishes will receive envelopes in January and the rest will follow later,

she reported. One of the effects already evident, she said, is the expansion of Church vision from the parochial to something wider.

The common "bulletin is a real unifying factor for them. You look at the Church as more than a parochial structure. There are tie-ins all over the place."



The Cayuga team includes, (left to right) Sister Brigid, Father Cloonan, Father Spilly and Deacon Prave.

DEATHS

Sister Ann William Bradley DC, Led St. Mary's Modernization

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 21 for Sister Ann William Bradley of the Daughters of Charity who died at 44, Dec. 19, 1984 after a five-year bout with cancer.

Sister Ann William was chairman of the board and past president of St. Mary's Hospital. Under her administration, the St. Mary's Hospital modernization program was planned, approved and funded. The \$40 million program will be completed early this year.

A native of Boston, Sister Ann William joined her congregation in 1961. She was a graduate of Catherine Laboure School of Nursing in Boston. She continued her studies at St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg, Md., where she earned her bachelor's degree in nursing. In 1973, she earned a master's degree in hospital administration from St. Louis University.

Prior to her Rochester assignment, Sister Ann William served as nursing instructor at Providence Hospital in Washington, D.C.; as clinical supervisor and coordinator of patient care at Our Lady of Lourdes



SR. ANN WILLIAM

Hospital in Binghamton; and as administrative resident at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She was missioned to St. Mary's in 1973 as administrative assistant. She served as assistant administrator from 1974-1976, as associate executive director from 1977-1978, as president from 1978-1984, and as chairman from February 1984 until her death. She resigned the presidency in February last year.

In August, the board of trustees resolved to name the new ambulatory/surgical wing as the Sister Ann William Bradley Wing.

Among her professional associations, Sister Ann William belonged to St. Mary's Hospital Medical Board, St. Mary's Health Care Foundation Board, DePaul Mental Health Services, Upstate Health System, Inc., Rochester Area Hospital Corporation, Catholic Charities, St. Mary's Hospital in Troy, Aid-to-Hospitals, and the Rochester Area Health Maintenance Organization, Inc. In addition, she was a member of the Monroe County Bar Association's Professional Performance Committee.

A Sister Ann William Bradley Endowment Fund has been established at the hospital.

Sister Ann William is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bradley of Dorchester, Mass.; and brothers, Richard and Robert Bradley of Braintree, Mass.; as well as her religious community.

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