

Diocesan Appointments



Father Richard Beligotti, from parochial vicar, St. Michael's, Newark, to sabbatical, The American College of the Catholic University of Louvain, from January 15 to June 30, 1987.

Father Robert Beligotti, from parochial vicar, St. Anthony, Rochester, to sabbatical, The American College of the Catholic University of Louvain, from January 15 to June 30, 1987.

Monsignor George Cocuzzi, from diocesan sabbatical assistance to temporary administrator, St. Columba, Caledonia, and St. Patrick, Mumford, from January 29 to June 30, 1987.

Father Ronald Gaesser, from pastor, St. Columba, Caledonia, and St. Patrick, Mumford, to sabbatical at the North American College in Rome, from January 29 to June 30, 1987.

Father Daniel Hogan, from diocesan sabbatical assistance to temporary parochial vicar, St. Michael, Newark, from January 15 to June 30, 1987.

Father Charles Manning, from chaplain, SUNY College at Geneseo, to associate director of Youth Ministry for Youth Retreats and Family camp, effective June 30, 1987.

Father Eugene Sweeney, from pastor, St. Patrick, Seneca Falls, to sabbatical at Notre Dame Institute for Clergy Education, from February 1 to June 30, 1987.

Father Eugene Weis, from sabbatical at Notre Dame Institute for Clergy Education to temporary parochial vicar, St. Stephen, Geneva, from January 2 to February 1; then to temporary administrator St. Patrick, Seneca Falls, through June 30, 1987.

Father James C. Enright, as temporary administrator of Sacred Heart Church of Auburn and St. Ann's Church Society, Owasco, effective December 31, 1986. Father Enright will also continue as chaplain of the Auburn Correctional Facility.

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an important part of our role."

Among the most rewarding aspects of family ministry for them was the link with state and national family life directors.

"That was a tremendous inspiration and challenge in seeing what was possible in the area of family life," she said. "They are a powerful group of people. Through them, we felt very much linked to the broader Church."

"I would really like to see someone back at the state level," she added.

Currently, Maurice Tierney, associate director for Catholic Charities at the Office of Social Ministry, is fulfilling the planning duties of the family ministry director in addition to

his regular workload. "We're trying to carve out our destiny over the next three to five years," he said.

But Tierney and other social ministry officials agree that family issues need stronger representation both within and outside the diocese than he is able to provide.

"There certainly seems to be a need for better comprehensive planning for services," said Father John A. Firpo, diocesan director of Social Ministry. "Based on that need, we are looking forward to filling the (family ministry) position."

Whether or not the post is filled this year will depend in part on the outcome of the current Thanks Giving Appeal, Father Firpo said. It will also hinge on what other priorities emerge from the division's decision-making process. "If it's given a weighted priority, we

might have to revise our current funding," he said.

Unless a family life director is hired or that intermediate link is replaced in some other way, the diocese may quickly find that it has lost touch with the rapidly changing character and needs of families.

Already, Kessler believes that the diocesan Church has missed out on a change for the better. "Families have become more collegial. We haven't looked at that and really taken advantage of that model," she said. "We have been making small inroads, but families are the core of the Church. To be making small inroads is a sin."

On the other hand, Gallo pointed out that the family today has more stress on it than ever before. "I think it's the Church's job to do things for the family that unite and enhance it rather than divide it," she said.

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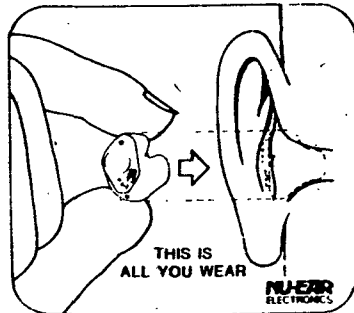
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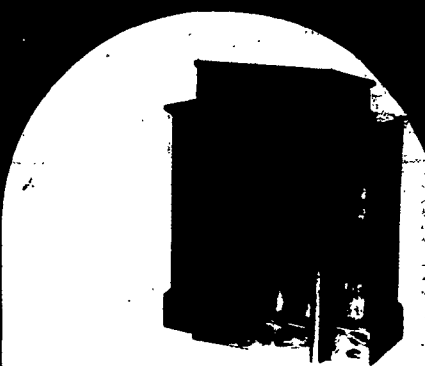
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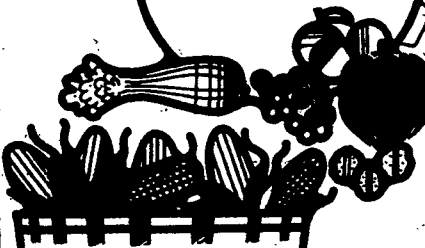
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