

Parish council

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After months of discussion, the council narrowed the scope of its response to the document to three areas — the relationship between the Church and the world, the roles of laity and clergy/religious, and tensions between the Church and modern culture.

For the past several weekends, parish council members have asked parishioners at St. Paul's to contribute their thoughts on those areas via surveys distributed at each Mass.

Within the next several weeks, the parish council plans to assimilate parishioners' responses into a single letter. Copies of the letter will be sent to Vatican officials as well as to the American Catholic Lay Network and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on the Laity.

Council members chose to respond as a parish rather than as individuals on the theory

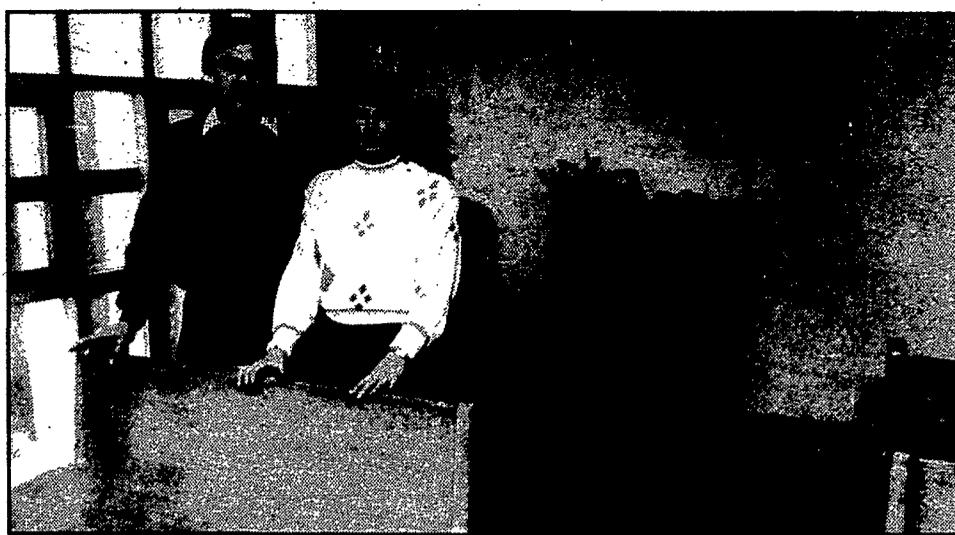
that, in John Hart's words, "a silver bullet would be more effective than a shotgun."

Judging by the lack of response to letters they have sent to Vatican officials in the past, the Harts realized that they and fellow council members may never know whether their views have been heard or whether their efforts will bear fruit.

"We're not hopeful that anyone's going to say, 'Hey, come on over and let's talk about this,'" John Hart said. "But you would like to at least know it's been received. It's very frustrating, because I'm sure all of our input on the synod will go into a black box and never come back out."

As for the synod's outcome, the Harts hope that the direction established by the Lineamenta is completely reversed in the Instrumentum Laboris, or working document, due to be issued next month.

"This (document) is the worst-case scenario," John Hart concluded. "Any modification from that is an improvement."



John and Margie Hart, chairmen of the parish council at St. Paul's in Webster, have spearheaded efforts to consult their fellow parishioners in preparation for the 1987 World Synod of Bishops. Delegates to the synod will meet in Rome this fall to consider the role and mission of the laity.

Hymn festival, workshop set for Sacred Heart, Nazareth

The diocesan Office of Liturgy, in cooperation with the music department of Nazareth College, is sponsoring a hymn festival and music workshop with Dr. Fred Moleck. The hymn festival will take place on March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Dr. Moleck will be assisted by Dr. J. William Greene, cathedral organist and faculty member at Nazareth College. The music workshop, entitled "Music for the Eucharist and the Rites," will take place on March 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Wilmont Recital Hall, Nazareth College.

Dr. Fred Moleck serves as minister of music and liturgy for St. Bridget's Church in Richmond, Virginia. He also contributes the column "Roundelay" to the Church music periodical, *Pastoral Music*, and has served as text editor for the third edition of *Worship*,

a new hymnal for Roman Catholic parishes. This hymnal features three selections by two Rochester hymn writers, Dr. Thomas Troeger and Dr. Carol Doran of the Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer faculty in Rochester.

The hymn festival is free and open to the public, while the workshop has a registration fee of \$15 per person. For more information about both of these events, contact the Office of Liturgy, (716)328-3210.

St. Patrick's dance set for Auburn

People who are separated, divorced or widowed are invited to a St. Patrick's Day dance in the Lyceum Hall of St. Mary's Church, 15 Clark St., Auburn on Saturday, March 7.

Call (315)834-9775, 479-3006 or 789-2686 for information. All are welcome to attend.

Monthly breakfast planned for Canandaigua restaurant

Widowed people are invited to a monthly, informal breakfast scheduled for the Town and Country Restaurant, 245 S. Main St., Canandaigua on Saturday, March 7, at 9 a.m.

Widowed people from Ontario, Yates, Wayne and Monroe counties have joined together as a support system and are hosting the breakfasts.

For information call (716)394-3445, 657-7246 or (315)789-2686.

Women's club sets flea market

The St. Philip Neri women's club will sponsor a flea market in the school hall on March 7. Dealers may rent tables for \$10 each. The flea market's hours will be 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Franciscans to host Mass of reparation for abortions

The glory of Yahweh Franciscans have scheduled a Mass of reparation for abortions, the Mass will be at St. Augustine's Church, 410 Chili Ave., Rochester on March 6, at 7:30 p.m.

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