

DPC elects executive committee; welcomes new members

The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) last Saturday marked the end of its 12th year as a consultative body by adopting a new statement of its role and mission in the diocesan church.

A dozen years to the day after the council was formally established by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan on June 13, 1975, members voted unanimous approval of the following as its new mission statement:

"The Diocesan Pastoral Council is a consultative body which represents the people of God and is called together to participate in identifying needs, recommending priorities, and proposing actions for the Diocese of Rochester. This is accomplished by the members sharing their gifts and faith insights (and those of their regions and

ministries) in open dialogue with the bishop."

Members of the DPC's executive committee — along with Cathy and Tom Frantz, representatives of diocesan renewal movements — developed the statement from reflections of fellow DPC members collected during the March 28 meeting.

The statement was introduced at a timely moment for seven new DPC representatives who attended their first meeting Saturday at St. Mary's School in Canandaigua. Also recognized were eight members who completed their three-year terms of service this year.

DPC members also elected seven representatives to serve on the executive committee during the coming year. Ronald Jodoin, a

southeast region representative, was elected to a second term as chairman of the council. Carolyn E. Shulte of the northeast region was chosen vice-chairman. Other members elected to serve on next year's executive committee are: Brian McNulty, ecumenism representative; Garrett Mundelein, youth representative; Eileen S. O'Neill, Yates/Ontario/Wayne region; Jeanne M. Puceta, northwest region; and William Spohn, southwest region.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark presented the DPC with a summary of the Five-Year Financial Planning Process Task Force Report, which was issued last month. Compiled by a 20-member committee, the report called for a major fundraising campaign to support such long-term needs as ministerial training

for lay people, a pension fund for religious and Catholic education. The report also called for further consolidation of Catholic schools and simplification of pastoral center administration.

During the bishop's forum segment of the meeting, Bishop Clark also reported on the work of the U.S. bishops' committee, which is drafting a pastoral letter on women in the Church. After spending the early part of last week in Pittsburgh with fellow committee members, the bishop said that he has been pleased by the committee's accomplishments to date, but also impatient at the pace of its progress.

"I believe God's Holy Spirit is in this issue, and we'll be led in it, but we have a long way to go," he said.

Family Life

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grow over the months and some of the parents' attitudes change for the better."

Greece resident Arnie Serotski had equally high praise for the sessions he attended with his wife and two 12-year-olds.

"The design of the project was very good, in that it allowed kids to get a chance to

identify things they wanted to deal with in the sessions," he said. "Each session was relevant to the needs of the people in the group, as opposed to some pre-determined agenda set up by the counselors.

"It was designed to meet current needs — to provide not just answers, but the self-esteem and communication skills to work through whatever problems this modern world presents kids with," he added.

"I was really upset," MacGregor said. "I'm grateful that it was there for me. It's

just too bad it's not going to be available for us any more, or for anybody else. There's a real need out there."

Through the Catholic Family Center, Sinicropi will continue trying to meet that need by offering individual family life education workshops.

"We considered trying to continue the program independently," she said, "but the cost was way beyond what (any one agency) could absorb."

Meanwhile, if the district court's decision

is upheld, all 100 or more Family Life Demonstration Projects throughout the United States could be canceled.

Even if the ruling is eventually overturned, Girtman isn't optimistic about reviving the project locally.

"The staff has other jobs lined up, and the momentum with the families just isn't there any more," she said. "It would really be difficult to put the pieces back together again, and the longer it goes, the more difficult it gets."

Swim party planned in Palmyra

Parents (custodial, non-custodial, separated, divorced or widowed) of boys and girls, 12 years and younger, are welcome to attend an outdoor swim party this Saturday, June 27, at

Family day offered at Darien Lake

The Diocesan Education Division is sponsoring a family and youth day at Darien Lake on Monday, July 20. All-day, unlimited passes available at \$8 (regularly \$13.95) will be on sale from Monday, July 13 to Friday, July 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester. Children under 13 years of age will be admitted free. All sales are for cash only. Tickets are good only through July 20 and are non-refundable.

1 p.m. Afternoon activities will take place at the home of Ted Bertot, 4058 Route 31, in Palmyra.

Swimming, soccer, outdoor games and a marshmallow roast will be on the agenda for the day. A time for parents to chat over coffee will also be provided. Those attending are asked to bring towels, swimsuits, snacks or marshmallows, and pop or fruit juice.

The event is being sponsored by the CHEERS group, which was organized to serve the interests of single-parent children 12 years old and younger who lives in Ontario, Yates, Wayne, Seneca and Cayuga Counties.

Call (315) 597-6679, (315) 585-6034 or (315) 789-2686 for information.

National March for Justice set in Montgomery, Alabama

The National March for Justice in Montgomery, Alabama, which is sponsored by the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, is scheduled for Saturday, July 4. The group is demanding an end to the im-

'Drop' in social scheduled

The Separated, Divorced and Widowed groups of the Finger Lakes region will sponsor a "drop-in" social on Saturday, June 27, after 8 p.m. at the home of Joan Nimeh, 20 Delancey Dr., Geneva.

Those who attend are asked to bring a snack to share.

Call Joan at (315) 789-6396, Patti at (716) 526-5625 or (315) 789-2686 for information.

prisonment of Johnny Imani Harris and is requesting that the U.S. government take action to end racist and anti-Semitic violence.

Call John Kelsey at (716) 232-4089 for information.

Correction

Due to misinformation provided to the Courier-Journal by the school, our Graduation '87 supplement (June 4) incorrectly identified the valedictorian and salutatorian of Bishop Kearney High School. Mary Lou Halstead was valedictorian, and Daniel J. Mack was salutatorian.

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