

Committee will direct plans for junior high

ROCHESTER — The Northeast Quadrant Governance Board has appointed a transition team to oversee preparations for opening a junior high on the premises of Bishop Kearney High School in September, 1990.

The 14-member team will oversee student recruitment, development, and facility preparation for the new school, which will be called Northeastern Catholic Junior High. Between 300 and 325 students are expected to enroll at the school, according to Sister Kathryn Wahl, RSM, transition coordinator for the Monroe County Catholic School System.

Sister Wahl noted that the transition team will meet with the northeast's governance board on Dec. 6 at St. Andrew's Parish to discuss plans for the junior high, including establishment of curriculum, programming and staffing needs.

The transition team includes several teachers and two parents of students from northeast quadrant schools, and the principal of Blessed Sacrament Junior High,

which will close in June, 1990.

The new junior high will serve as a central school for the quadrant's seventh- and eighth-grade students. Five northeast elementary schools will have been closed by next June under the current reorganization, and the remaining seven schools will house students in kindergarten through grade six.

After Thanksgiving, Sister Wahl said, she will meet with Father John Mulligan, vicar general of the diocese, and Brother Brian Walsh, superintendent of schools, to discuss renovations of Kearney's A wing, where the new school will be housed.

The A wing's bathrooms may be renovated, she explained, and some rooms may be converted to office space. The wing's entrance would also have to be redesigned, Sister Wahl said, noting that the cost of such renovations has not been determined yet.

Members of the transition team are: Sister Dorothy Meisenzahl, St. Ambrose principal; Mary Bartholomay, Penfield



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This unoccupied classroom, which is located in the A-wing of Bishop Kearney High School, will be the future venue for one of two science labs in the Northeastern Catholic Junior High School.

Middle School teacher; Kathleen Francis, Seton Junior High teacher and northeast quadrant board member; Thomas O'Neil, board member from St. Margaret Mary; Joseph Holleran, Blessed Sacrament Junior High teacher; Dolores Holz, St. Cecilia's teacher; Sister Mary Ann Kosakoski, Blessed Sacrament teacher/counselor; Deborah

Nicholas, St. Thomas the Apostle; Sister Elizabeth Snyder, Blessed Sacrament principal; Sister Mary Smith, St. Stanislaus teacher; Father Robert O'Neill, Annunciation pastor; Marilyn Van Lare, Christ the King; Sister Mary Alice O'Brien, St. Andrew's principal.

— Rob Cullivan

Council to assist bishop in wide range of concerns

ROCHESTER — Bishop Matthew H. Clark announced Thursday, Nov. 16, the formation of a new Bishop's Stewardship Council which will be chaired by Daniel E. Gill, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Bausch & Lomb.

The council's role will be to assist Bishop Clark in addressing a broad range of concerns, establishing diocesan policies and priorities, monitoring the implementation of diocesan programs, and assuring that diocesan resources are available when needed, and are managed and invested well.

The 25-member council is also intended to help Bishop Clark reach a wider and better understanding of the diocese's role in the community, and to generate and maintain lay support for the mission and efforts of the diocese.

Bishop Clark said council members bring with them a broad spectrum of experience in business, finance and community involvement, and represent different regions of the diocese.

In addition, Bishop Clark noted, the members have contacts in their respective communities, and would be able to draw other community leaders into involvement with the council and with diocesan activities. "The council will help to build bridges, to establish connections, to bring

groups together," he said.

Gill described the council's role as "a counselor to the bishop on those non-religious kinds of matters that cover a whole range of issues."

Although many of those issues will be financial in nature, the council will also provide input into other decisions. "We're sort of the financial/administrative arm that provides oversight," Gill said.

"I think as the council — and given the fact that we are a diverse group of business and civic leaders — we can listen to

these various proposals as they come to the bishop and we would have an ability to give him our collective opinion," he added.

The new council will combine the functions of the board of directors of the Catholic Foundation, and a canonically mandated financial advisory committee. The council will also oversee the diocesan development office and the Thanks Giving Appeal — which is now included in the development office.

The exact relationship between the de-

velopment office, the foundation and the new council, and the council's involvement with the diocesan portfolio have yet to be defined, Bishop Clark acknowledged.

The initial meetings of the council — Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 — will delineate the scope and nature of the body, Bishop Clark said. "We will seek ways to shape out how they would like to carry out their mission," he explained.

Gill said that one of the council's commitments "is to do the very best we can to

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DPC meeting focuses on bishop's pastoral visits

By Lee Strong
Staff writer

HENRIETTA — Bishop Matthew H. Clark's participation in the recent National Conference of Catholic Bishops and his future pastoral visits to parishes dominated discussion at the Nov. 18 Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting, held at Guardian Angels Parish.

In addition, DPC members took part in an evaluation of the diocesan deacon program, and received a list of questions designed to guide discussion in January about diocesan ministry to families. A report on the topic has been scheduled for release in December by the diocesan Family Ministry

Task Force, headed by Sister Juliana O'Hara, SSI.

The business portion of the meeting began with Bishop Clark's open forum, the first of two meeting segments set aside for him.

Bishop Clark first spoke about the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' meeting in Baltimore, Nov. 6-9.

During that conference, Bishop Clark was elected chairman of the standing committee on Women in Society and the Church. As a chairman, he also became an ex officio member of the administrative committee of the bishops' conference.

The committee will hold its first meeting in February, Bishop Clark said. He also reported that the ad hoc writing committee — of which he is a member — charged with drafting the pastoral letter on women in the church and society had nearly completed its second draft.

Unless major revisions are needed, Bishop Clark predicted, the letter will be ready for submission to the NCCB administrative committee by mid February.

The bishop also spoke about the newly formed diocesan Stewardship Council, which he unveiled Nov. 16. The 25-member panel will replace the diocesan Financial Advisory Council and serve as the board of directors for the diocesan foundation.

The new council will serve as an advisory body "with a view toward being as pastorally responsive as we can in rapidly changing circumstances," Bishop Clark explained. The council will also help with establish contacts throughout the diocese in both the business world and in the broader community, he said.

In addition, Bishop Clark noted that listening sessions for the proposed diocesan synod had been completed. He said he will evaluate reports from those sessions during the coming weeks and would most likely announce a decision about the synod in January.

In the afternoon portion of the meeting, Bishop Clark requested that DPC members suggest activities he could engage in while visiting parishes. Each member was polled for such suggestions, which ranged from informally popping into parishes during his travels throughout the diocese to occasionally becoming just "Father" Clark and substituting for short periods in parishes.

The session on the permanent diaconate included a brief presentation by Deacon Steve Graff, acting director of the diocesan permanent diaconate program, who noted that the nature of the diaconate had changed since the first group of deacons had been ordained in the Diocese of Rochester in 1982.

Originally, he said, the role of deacon had been seen as one of direct service to the poor. Increasingly, however, deacons have been taking on more sacramental and administrative roles. In addition, the growth of such problems as drug addiction and cross addiction to drugs and alcohol, had

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