

Ministry

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spent a portion of his career working with prisoners in various institutions in Massachusetts and Texas. He also spent several years as an Air Force chaplain in Texas during the 1980s.

As the new jail ministry director, he succeeds Sister Barbara A. Moore, RSM, who left the position last November after serving in that capacity for 10 years.

Like his predecessor, who once noted that much of her work involved fundraising, the Rev. Fields pointed out with a laugh that he plans to spend most of his time "begging."

"Seventy-five percent of my time is spent in developing funds," he said, adding that the remainder of his hours are devoted to office management and public

speaking.

Such work is a new challenge for the minister, who has spent most of his time in prison ministry — counseling inmates in one-on-one situations, working with their families, and developing support programs for both parties. Prior to heading Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, he was a chaplain at a federal correctional institution in Otisville.

The Rev. Fields took up inmate ministry after a fellow minister pointed out his capacity for dealing with people. Persuaded by his colleague to apply for a prison chaplaincy position, the young black minister was hired in 1978 as the first minority person in Massachusetts history to hold a full-time chaplaincy position in the state penal system.

Initially, he recalled, white and black prisoners alike saw him solely as the servant of the minority inmate population.

Yet, he said, he eventually won the trust of white inmates by treating all prisoners with an equal amount of dignity.

"We are all children of the creator," the Rev. Fields said. "Basically, by respecting both cultures' differences, I had no problems in institutions."

The minister extended the scope of his respect and caring to encompass the families of the inmates he served. After introducing himself to an inmate's family, he would often tell them: "You've got a fine son — your support makes a difference in his stay."

Such support is exactly what most prisoners yearn for when they meet with a prison chaplain, the RIJM director said. "Most of them will ask for prayer," he said, adding that the prisoners generally request help from God for their situations.

Prison ministry faces its own dilemmas today, the Rev. Fields asserted, citing

more financial assistance and a larger volunteer pool among his goals for RIJM. To meet those objectives, the director said he plans to approach minority community's churches and congregations for assistance.

"As big as Rochester is, we can do 30, 40, 50 times better than we're doing," he said, adding that he hopes to attract the attention of businesses and community groups interested in prisoner rehabilitation. Such organizations can help alleviate the problem of a growing prison populace by hiring ex-offenders and providing volunteer tutors in various disciplines, he said.

EDITORS' NOTE: Those interested in assisting Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, Inc., or in making a donation to the organization, may call 716/325-1942, or write RIJM, 121 North Fitzhugh St., Rochester, N.Y. 14614.

Dalai Lama

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effect in the Ithaca area, Deacon Hankey acknowledged.

The deacon observed that interfaith efforts in Ithaca "are somewhat spotty," and that the Dalai Lama's visit provided one of the first opportunities for the various faith communities to work together.

During the planning sessions for the service, Catholics had offered to remove crucifixes from the church and to avoid references to Jesus Christ out of sensitivity to the other faith traditions, Deacon Hankey recalled.

But representatives of the other faiths rejected this offer, Deacon Hankey said, noting that since they were not being asked to gloss over any of their beliefs that might be troubling to others, Catholics should not be asked to do so.

"I felt such overwhelming support for what we were doing and what we as a faith believed," Deacon Hankey said.

"It's rare in Ithaca that we have interfaith gatherings of that sort," observed the Rev. Robert Johnson, director of University Ministries at Cornell. "I think it's important not to blur the differences, but to share. I think this (interfaith service) opened some doors."

The Rev. Johnson noted that the Dalai



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
Father Bernard Carges, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, shares a happy moment with the Dalai Lama.

Lama encouraged such sharing of beliefs through his willingness to talk. "The man clearly has charisma and exudes spirituality," he added.

Father Carges likewise commented on the Dalai Lama's spirituality.

"He is a man of deep faith," Father Carges said. "He's a peaceful man. I don't know how you can oppose a man like that, a man who's so obviously spiritual."

Contains material from a Catholic New Service report on the Dalai Lama's appearances at Cornell.

Convocation

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Many of these topics were suggested by priests attending previous convocations, noted Father Gary Tyman, a member of the ministry to priests team. The topics were also selected "with an eye toward the upcoming synod," Father Tyman added.

The current synod, the seventh to be undertaken in the diocese, is scheduled to conclude in October, 1993, to coincide with the 125th anniversary of the diocese.

The convocation — which all active diocesan priests are required to attend — is intended not only to provide information, but also to foster a sense of community and mutual support among the priests, Father Tyman said.

As part of the convocation, participants will also renew with Bishop Clark their vows as priests, Father Tyman said,

describing the annual renewal as "a very moving and prayerful experience."

In explaining the decision to hold the convocation in Corning this year, both Fathers Tormey and Tyman pointed out that the first four gatherings had been in Rochester, and that for several years committee members have been looking for sites in other areas of the diocese.

By holding the convocation in Corning, Father Tormey added, the diocese is able to tap the talents and resources available in the Southern Tier region. The decision, he added, emphasizes the fact that "the diocese is bigger than Rochester."

In addition to active diocesan priests, retired priests and religious-order priests serving in the diocese are invited to attend the convocation. During the absence of diocesan priests from their parishes, however, many of the retired and religious priests make themselves available to help in parishes, Father Tyman noted.

Lacrosse

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fielder Scott Cottier, who graduated last June and is now attending John Carroll University.

But Levin isn't worried with an attackman like Rob Warren on his side.

Levin is also counting on senior attackman Steve Paul to propel the Knights to a winning season. Paul led the team in scoring last year with 21 goals and five assists.

Junior defenseman Rich Rund will anchor the defense this spring, according to Levin. The McQ noted that Rund will draw the toughest defensive assignments this spring.

Senior Ben Hirokawa gives the Knights experience in goal. First-year goalie Noah Doolittle may also see occasional action between the pipes, but the bulk of the work will go to Hirokawa.

"This is Ben's team, for better or for worse," remarked Levin.

Adding that he will also be expecting some big plays from senior defenseman Frank Fee, Levin said he is pleased with

the mixture of talent on his squad.

"We don't have any really big stars, but a nice blend of kids," the Knights' coach said.

McQuaid finished with a 3-12 record last year, beating only Medina once and Bloomfield twice. But Levin said this year's Knights are "absolutely improving."

"We are vastly improved from last year. How many wins that will be I don't know," he said.

This year, the Knights will play all the Monroe County League teams except Irondequoit. The Knights are not in the same class as the Indians, Levin admitted.

McQuaid will also battle Geneva — last year's Section 5 Class B champions — and Bishop Kearney this spring.

"We have a tough schedule, but we play tough," Levin said. "Last year we considered it successful if we were a better team in the last game than we were in the first game. But we do need to win some more games because that's how the kids measure success."

The Knights' season-opener is at Waterloo on April 5 at 5 p.m.

Sister M. Daniel Sullivan, former BK teacher

Sister M. Daniel Sullivan, SSND, who taught at Bishop Kearney High School from 1964 to 1968, died on March 2, 1991, in the Lourdes Health Care Center in Wilton, Conn. She was 92 years old.

Born Feb. 3, 1899, in Roxbury, Mass., Sister M. Daniel entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame from her home parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Roxbury.

Sister M. Daniel was a professed member of the order for 71 years, serving as an elementary and high school teacher throughout the Northeast for 54 years. She began her teaching career at St. Leo's School in Baltimore in 1916.

After teaching at St. Raphael School in East Meadow, Long Island, for one year,

Sister M. Daniel arrived at Bishop Kearney in 1964. She left Kearney in 1968, to take a position at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover, N.H.

Sister M. Daniel retired from teaching in 1970, and moved to the order's motherhouse in Wilton.

Mass of Christian Burial for Sister M. Rosarita was held on Wednesday, March 6, in the motherhouse chapel. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Bethel, Conn.

Donations in memory of Sister M. Daniel Sullivan may be made to the SSND Development Fund, 345 Belden Hill Road, Wilton, Conn., 06897.

Sister Rosarita Knipfer, served in Rochester

Sister M. Rosarita Knipfer, SSND, who served at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Rochester from 1944 to 1957, died on March 2, 1991, in Lourdes Health Care Center in Wilton, Conn. She was 89.

A native of Kirchenwinn, Bavaria, Germany, Sister M. Rosarita was born Aug. 9, 1901. Her home parish at the time of her entrance into the order was St. Jakobus in Munich, Germany.

Sister M. Rosarita performed community service for the sisters in New York, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania throughout her 62 years as a professed member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Before coming to Ss. Peter and Paul, she

served at St. Joseph's Church in New York City from 1938 to 1944. After 13 years in Rochester, Sister M. Rosarita moved back to New York City, where she served at Holy Redeemer Church from 1957 to 1961.

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Newark youth

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commented Zielinski, who was recently named a Hands of Christ Award recipient and will be acknowledged at Bishop's Day on April 14 for her example to others and her commitment to serve.

Even though Zielinski is now back on her feet again, she still remembers what it was like to suffer. She now reaches out to others who are experiencing the pain she remembers all too well.

Whenever a young patient is having a difficult time dealing with a diagnosis of Hodgkin's disease, one of Zielinski's doc-

tors asks her to talk to the patient.

"I still turn to (my faith) a lot in regard to everything. Some of my friends at treatment are still ill and (my faith) helps me deal with that, too," explained Zielinski.

This fall, Zielinski said she plans to attend the State University College at Potsdam. She plans to major in music.

Although the energetic youth said she is very excited about going away to college and is beginning to feel "back to normal" again, Zielinski said she still subscribes to a motto that helped get her through the bad days.

"Things could be worse," she said. "I say that all the time."

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