

Campus

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prelate's works. One of the most intriguing aspects of Cardinal Newman's philosophy, he said, is "delicateness of conscience and authority."

"Newman was extremely loyal to teachings of the church, but equally candid with the need for development," Father Ondrako said.

In Part VII of Cardinal Newman's *Apologia*, for instance, the cardinal stated, "The energy of the human intellect does, from opposition, grow - it thrives and is joyous, with a tough elastic strength. It is necessary for the very life of religion."

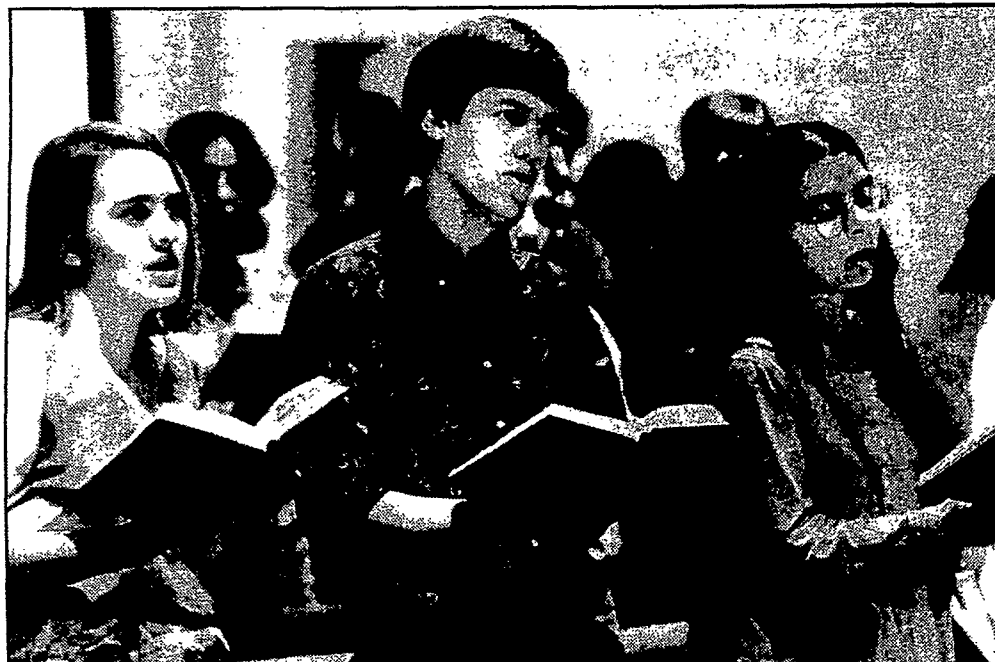
Father Ondrako, a chaplain and theologian-in-residence in the Cornell Catholic Community at Cornell University, acknowledged that the cardinal's words are quite pertinent for Catholics at the Ivy League college.

"When you're in a place like Cornell with an intense, intellectual vigor, you need to be able to convey that tension is not a bad thing in the church," Father Ondrako said.

In an Aug. 27 homily at Cornell, Father Ondrako issued seven challenges - based on Newman's teachings - for a Catholic beginning university life:

- Learn to cultivate habits of mind.
- Learn to cultivate habits of virtue.
- Learn to make right judgments.
- Learn to listen to the voice of conscience.
- Take time to make prudential judgments.
- Take time to clarify beliefs and convictions.
- Learn to be sensible contemporary apologists for the Catholic faith.

This past Sunday, Sept. 10, Father Ondrako lectured on those seven points



S. John Wilkin/Staff photographer
(From left) Judy Currano, Richard Andre and Pauline Alama sing with the Newman Community folk group during Sept. 3 Mass at the University of Rochester.

when he represented the Rochester diocese in Washington, D.C., for the Catholic Campus Ministry Association's 150th-anniversary celebration of Cardinal Newman's conversion.

The first collegiate Newman organization was begun at the University of Pennsylvania in 1893 to honor Cardinal Newman, who had died three years earlier. Newman communities remained a rather isolated entity on secular campuses until the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s encouraged the development of ecumenical relationships.

In the Rochester diocese, only three campuses - University of Rochester, Brockport State and Geneseo State - refer to themselves as Newman communities. However, Catholic campus ministries do exist at most colleges in the dio-

cese. With the exception of smaller colleges outside Monroe County, they're staffed by at least one part- or full-time priest or lay chaplain - either on campus or at a nearby church.

Regardless of the titles, Father William D. Lum said U.S. Catholic college ministries owe to the same basic influence.

"Newman is still the inspiration for campus ministry - for his great insight into the relationship between religion and culture, church and higher education, theology and life," said Father Lum,

pastor of Greece's Our Lady of Mercy Church. He was also chaplain at the University of Rochester from 1975-90, and diocesan director of campus ministry from 1977-80 and again from 1984-90.

Father Tyman pointed out that campus ministry affords chaplains the opportunity to work extensively with a specific segment of the Catholic population.

"We can meet (students') needs, while the traditional parish doesn't have that luxury," he said.

Yet campus ministry is also not limited to the student population. At Brockport State's 10 a.m. Mass, for instance, most of the regular parishioners are families from the village of Brockport.

"In a way, we're running both a parish and a ministry here," campus minister Vicky Edwards said.

Sandra Shields, who shares campus-ministry duties at Brockport State with Edwards and Father Auble, thinks the blend is a healthy one.

"If you are too much one thing and exclude others, you don't have the richness," Shields said.

Even those of other faiths can lead an active life in Catholic campus ministry. Jennifer Czekas, 24, a Lutheran, attended Mass regularly while a student at the University of Rochester. And even though she earned her master's degree last spring, she continues to come to the Interfaith Chapel on Sundays.

"They let me know I'm welcome here," she said. "The big thing is being part of the community; being able to have that personal relationship with everyone."

The following is a list of contacts for existing Catholic campus ministries in the Rochester diocese. (Information furnished by the diocesan Office of Human Resources):

Cornell University, Ithaca - Father Michael J. Mahler, 607/255-6013.

Eastman School of Music, Rochester - Father Daniel McMullin, 716/388-0400.

Elmira College, Elmira - Father Severine Yagaza, 607/735-1824.

Finger Lakes Community College, Canandaigua - Staff of St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua, 716/394-1220.

Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva - Monsignor Gerard C. Krieg, 315/789-1124.

Ithaca College, Ithaca - Father Thomas J. Valenti, 607/274-3184; and Gloria (Clark) Litwinowicz, 607/274-1117

Keuka College, Keuka Station - Father Charles F. Mulligan and Father Peter A. Deckman, 315/536-4411.

Monroe Community College, Rochester - Joan Ann Kirkeby-Prosser, 716/292-2558.

Nazareth College, Rochester - Sister Kathleen Weider, SSJ, 716/586-2525, ext. 331.

Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester - Father Michael A. McHale, 716/475-2136; and Sister Marlene Vigna, RSM, 716/475-2138.

Roberts Wesleyan College, North Chili - Staff of St. Christopher's Church, North Chili, 716/594-1400.

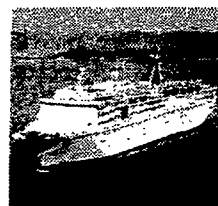
St. John Fisher College, Pittsford - Father Paul F. English, CSB, 716/385-8368.

State University of New York College at Brockport - Sandra Shields, Victorine Edwards and Father Theodore J. Auble, 716/637-5036.

State University of New York College at Geneseo - David Desmond (acting), 716/243-1460.

University of Rochester - Father Gary L. Tyman and Sister Marie Susanne Hoffman, SSJ, 716/275-4322.

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