



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Home School Association of Our Lady of Lourdes School, Raleigh, are (from left to right) Bob Ferrone, vice president; Mrs. Larry Martens, secretary; Mrs. John R. Otto, treasurer; and Ed Hollowell, president. (Photo by Ed Chabot.)

Lay Mission Groups Aim at Cooperation

Glendale, Ohio — (NC) — Delegates of some 25 organizations sponsoring or employing lay volunteers in U.S. mission work took steps here toward mutual cooperation and help.

About 50 representatives of the organizations met (June 28-30) at the Glenmary Home Missioners' seminary here for a "mission seminar."

After discussion of recruiting, screening, field supervision, clergy-lay relations, publicity and finances, they formed a seven-member committee to "begin a rudimentary central clearing house for information and coordination of the home mission effort."

FATHER JOSEPH O'DONNELL of Glenmary was named chairman of the committee. Other members are Msgr. Edward W. O'Rourke, executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference; Father John J. Sullivan, director of Extension Lay Volunteers; Sister Mary Anne of the Glenmary Sisters; Marilyn Riehle of Glenmary Lay Volunteers; Kenneth Farrell

Faithful Scribe. A. Brower and R. A. Evers were named inside and outside guards respectively. The trustees are P. B. Edelen, H. W. Clody and R. F. Booth. The Bishop McGuiness Council covers most of eastern North Carolina from Durham to the coast

of Christian Family Movement Volunteers; and Father William McMahon of the Rockford, Ill., diocese, also associated with the Christian Family Movement.

Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati opened the seminar with an address on the general principles of the lay apostolate.

NOTING THAT THE Second Vatican Council may adopt a statement on the subject, he predicted that nothing basic will be changed by it.

"The lay apostolate is as old as the Church itself," he declared. "all who are baptized have an equal responsibility to work for the extension of Christ's kingdom on earth, according to their state of life."

HE CITED THE need for "screening" candidates for lay mission posts and providing them with information. A lay volunteer, he said, ought to be "a normal person with more than average intelligence and knowledge of the Faith, and with zeal for bringing the faith to others."

The Glenmary Home Missioners sponsored the seminar as an event in their year-long observance of the 25th anniversary of their founding by the late Father W. Howard Bishop. Glenmary is a society of secular priests and Brothers dedicated to work in the American mission field — particularly the "no-priest land" of the nation's priestless counties.

Conference Told

Catholic Schools Merit Support by Protestants

New York — (RNS) — Roman Catholic schools are "in some sense a public venture in education" and should be supported by Protestants, a Christian education specialist said here.

Dr. Robert Lynn, associate professor of Christian education at New York's Union Theological Seminary, suggested to the first National Study Conference on Weekday Religious Education that local Protestant churches could lend their Sunday school classrooms to overcrowded Catholic schools.

"If the Sunday school hour is not the most wasted time of the week," he said, "then at least the Sunday school building is doubtless the most wasted building space in America."

DR. LYNN told participants in the conference, sponsored by the NCC's Department of Church and Public School Relations, that Protestants must explore a variety of ways to support "public ventures in education."

These could include, he said, tutoring and remedial reading programs, academic summer camps for children in rural and slum schools, pupil exchanges between suburban and inner-city schools, guidance counseling services and weekday religious classes designed

to supplement the public school curriculum.

ROMAN CATHOLIC critics of parochial schools often have maintained that the subject of religion is less effectively taught than other courses, Dr. Lynn said. "We may have something to share with the Catholics here," he added, "because we have some of the same difficulties. I would like to see local groups of Roman Catholic and Protestant educators conversing about how they teach religion."

Bishop McGuiness Assembly Elects Slate of Officers

Raleigh — Sir Knight Abdalla J. Abdalla, of Smithfield, has been elected Faithful Navigator of the Bishop McGuiness General Assembly of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus.

Meeting on the third Sunday in June, the Assembly also elected the following to office: J. F. O'Sullivan, Faithful Navigator; P. J. Beenen, Faithful Captain; C. E. Thackston, Faithful Pilot; and Walter S. Booth, Faithful Comptroller and Purser.

John J. Norkus was chosen

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