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Downtown Raleigh Diocesan Offices



Services in the field of social work, communications of radio and TV and information were opened in the Cathedral city last week. Bishop Vincent S. Waters (right) opened the new facility with the Rt. Rev. Michael A. Begley, supervisor of social services, and Miss Mary J. Mulcahy, office receptionist. It is located in the Branch Bank & Trust Co. Building, Fayetteville Street.

Diocesan Offices Of Social Service, Information Open

RALEIGH — New Diocesan offices of Catholic Social Service, Communications and Information, were opened here on April 6 in the new building of the Branch Bank & Trust Co., with a prayer and blessing of the Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, D.D.S., Bishop of Raleigh.

Attending the invocation were the Rt. Rev. Michael A. Begley, director of Social Services, and Miss Mary J. Mulcahy, receptionist of the new facilities.

In addition to the Social Service office there are headquarters for Diocesan Information with the Rev. Jesse L. Creel, director, and the Diocesan Communication Office for Radio and Television with the Rev. George W. Fleetwood, director.

The offices are located on the 12th floor of the building, in Room No. 1215. There is a reception area from which are the three offices furnished in complete modern decor. They will be open daily from noon to 4 p.m. The office telephone is 832-7500 and 832-7509 and the address is: 333 Fayetteville Street. The building is located opposite the Sir Walter Hotel, corner Fayetteville and East Davie Street.

Miss Mulcahy, a member of Our Lady of Lourdes parish here, has been associated with the Federal Government finance offices.

BISHOP NAMED TO VULGATE COMMISSION

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has named Bishop Jean Julien Weber of Strasbourg, France, a member of the commission for the revision of the Vulgate.

Catholic-Lutheran Meet

Better Understanding On Eucharist Seen

By Doris Peters

New York — Roman Catholic and Lutheran theologians agreed here after their fourth meeting that "many misunderstandings had been overcome" on the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper — Holy Eucharist — but that further examination is necessary.

The doctrinal consultation (April 7 to 9) held at the headquarters of the Lutheran Church in America was the fourth in a series sponsored by the Bishops' Committee for Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the U.S.A. National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation.

MAIN THEMES discussed at

the three day meeting were the Lord's Supper as sacrifice, the manner of Christ's presence in the sacrament, the import of the concept of transubstantiation, and the "relation of these issues to the concrete worship life of the Church."

In a prepared statement released at the conclusion of the closed meeting, the group noted that in contrast to topics discussed at the first two meetings — the Nicene Creed and Baptism — "there have been historically serious disagreements between the confessions concerning the Eucharist."

"All participants," the statement added, "agreed that many misunderstandings had been

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Discuss Area Needs

Diocesan Bishops at Province Meeting

MIAMI — (NC) — Bishops of the province of Atlanta have given priests in the six-diocese area permission to hear confessions in the entire province and also asked the National Conference of Catholic Bishops to consider restoring the permanent diaconate in dioceses that want it.

The two decisions were announced after the bishops held their annual meeting in Miami.

Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta said it is customary for priests to receive their faculties from their own diocese and they have been restricted to use within that diocese. Effective immediately, all priests in good standing may now hear

the confessions of penitents in the Atlanta archdiocese and the dioceses of Savannah, Ga.; Charleston, S.C.; Raleigh, N.C.; Miami and St. Augustine, Fla.

A majority vote approved the recommendation asking the NCCB to open up the possibility of a permanent diaconate in dioceses where bishops wish to restore the early apostolic practice. Such deacons, married or not, would baptize, preach, distribute Communion, conduct the first part of the Mass, the "liturgy of the word," witness marriages and probably have permission to anoint the sick.

It would still be the role of priests to absolve in the sacrament of Penance and to offer

Senate of Priests Meets With Bishop To Discuss Agenda

RALEIGH — Fourteen members of the Senate of Priests of the Diocese met on April 6 with the Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, D.D., and Auxiliary Bishop Charles B. McLaughlin, to discuss in an advisory capacity a six-point proposed agenda.

This was the first meeting of this clerical group with the Bishops as outlined in the "Norms for Implementation of Council Decrees."

The manner of voting representation on the Diocesan Pastoral Council was presented as the initial subject of discussion by the Very Rev. Michael A. Carey of Raleigh.

He proposed that each parish board elect a member to a deanery level group. Proceeding from the deaneries' elections to the diocesan board would be made by the selection of vote by one clergy and one of the laity. The religious Sisters would have a representation of five on the diocesan level also by vote, membership coming from the cloistered, nursing, teaching, catechetical and social service fields. The Bishop would appoint seven additional members by his choice.

In all there would be about 38 members — clerical, lay and religious, as members of the Advisory Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Substantially this was the recommendation made by the committee of Father Carey assisted by Bishop McLaughlin and Father Charles J. O'Connor. This system of selection was recommended by the assembled priests.

Spiritual Welfare
Proceeding to the second phase

of the meeting, Msgr. Charles J. Gable cited essential virtues to be found in the "Spiritual Apostolate of the Priests." Fathers J. Paul Byron and Donald F. Staib, associates on the subject proposed methods of implementing clerical relations. Following the recommendations of the committee the senate voted on a three-fold program to promote the general welfare of the clergy.

The first was given as "Personnel" — a means by which a member of the clergy may make personal suggestions for his welfare and satisfaction in relation to his particular clerical assignment, Fathers Michael A. Carey, Charles O'Connor and Msgr. George Lynch were elected to this group. For the internal welfare of the clergy a Liaison Pro-

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Diocesan Clergy Meet to Discuss Communications

GREENSBORO — All the clergy of the diocese were invited to an informal meeting last week by eight of the priests to give expression to the need of fraternal as well as priestly communications with one another.

They also discussed the need of in-service training by lectures and conferences to become better acquainted with the applications of the recent Vatican Conciliar recommendations.

The meeting began at noon with a lunch here at the Holiday Inn. The priests also expressed a need of mutual sharing of practical experiences in the reforms which are periodically advised in the fields of religious instruction, the liturgy, parish and parochial school management and other pastoral obligations.

The need of semi-annual meetings during the Advent and Lenten season were also discussed.

The invitation to the meeting was issued by Fathers Edward Beatty, Paul Byron, Gerald Lewis, Robert E. McMahon, H. C. Mulholland, Roderick O'Connor, Kenneth I. Parker and Donald Staib.

Editor's Desk

For the first time in many years, we did not give our "report cards" last week. This special visit of the pastor is one of the truly grand experiences of the parish school.

Forewarned, the children eagerly awaited the knock on the class room door and "Good morning, Father" 35 voices in chorus tone would greet you. The reply, "Good Morning, Sister, and boys and girls, please be seated," was always accompanied by the homey shuffle of closed books and the clearing of the desks.

Sister or Mrs. Alvarez or Mrs. Finneran, teachers, would have the cards already neatly arranged on her desk. After a complimentary comment on the "art work" decorations around the room, the priest would be seated and begin, all eyes as big as saucers on him as the first names were called.

Usually the grades were good
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