

World Vocation Day Programs Scheduled

Pope Paul VI has asked that Good Shepherd Sunday, April 28, be recognized as World Vocation Day.

The prayers of the faithful on that day will be directed to request guidance and help in the present priestly vocation crisis.

The Diocesan Vocation Committee has planned a series of Youth Masses at regional centers throughout the diocese in response to the Holy Father's suggestion. The Mass will be held at the principal Church in the morning with appropriate music and liturgical actions.

Later in the day Appreciation Dinners are scheduled in eighteen of the largest cities in the State. The guests of honor at these dinners — or picnics — will be the priests and religious serving in the local community; all the laity are invited to attend.

THESE DINNERS will provide an opportunity for parents and young people to meet with priests in a non-formal, social, atmosphere.

Priests throughout the diocese have been requested to make Religious Vocations the sermon topic for Good Shepherd Sunday. On or before that date arrangements have been made for a priest to speak to all 6th, 7th and 8th Grade students about the life of a priest or sister and the procedures and requirements for entering that life.

There will be no one ordained for the diocese of Raleigh this Spring. This is the first Spring in more than 25 years in which no young man has stepped forward to be ordained and commissioned to labor for life in the Diocese of Raleigh. There are only five seminarians in theological studies (the last four years of priestly training) for the diocese at the present time.

THIS SAD NOTE reflects the status of priestly vocations throughout the United States. The recently issued Catholic Directory for 1967 indicates that enrollment in major seminaries has decreased 5,543 over the previous year.

Bishop McLaughlin, head of the Diocesan Vocation Committee, solicits the prayers and suggestions of all the people of the diocese. The vocation crisis is not to be regarded as the private concern of Bishops and pas-

Province Meeting of Priests Councils

Twenty-three priests representing four dioceses attended a province meeting of priest senates and associations in Atlanta on Friday, April 20.

Proposals and revisions for the Constitution of the National federation of priests' councils were discussed; the constitutional convention for the National Federation will be held on May 20-21 in Chicago.

As a preliminary to future efforts at cooperation and assistance on a Provincial basis, the delegates agreed to an exchange of all publications and notices issued by the individual Senates and associations.

The dioceses of Atlanta, Charleston, Raleigh and Savannah were represented, missing were St. Augustine and Miami.

The North Carolina Priests' Association was represented by the Very Rev. Francis M. Smith, Revs. H. C. Mulholland, Roderick O'Connor and Ronald McLaughlin.

tors; it is a responsibility for all the people of God.

Appreciation dinners and vocation programs will be held in the following cities and directed by the priest indicated.

Asheville — Fr. John Wall
Charlotte — Fr. Joseph Kerin
Concord — Fr. Richard Allen
Elizabeth City — Fr. James Robinson, S.S.E.

Fayetteville — Fr. James Flavin, O.M.I.

Havelock — Fr. Leo McIlrath
Greenville — Fr. James Waters

Greensboro — Fr. Edward Waters

Raleigh — Fr. John Richardson

Rocky Mount — Fr. Justin Pechulis

Shelby — Fr. James Keaney

Southern Pines — Fr. John Harper

Wilmington — Fr. Eugene Livelsberger

Winston-Salem — Fr. Edward Sheridan



For the first time in more than twenty-five years there will be no one ordained for the diocese of Raleigh this Spring. There are presently only five seminarians in Theological studies. Pope Paul VI has declared April 28, World Vocation Day. Special Youth Masses and Appreciation Dinners are scheduled in 18 cities throughout the diocese to encourage suggestions and prayers from all Catholic in North Carolina.

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Editor's Desk

"This is something for the segregationists and integrationists to work upon," was our first thought when last week we saw three Catholic churches, two side by side, all three on the one side of the street and all within the space of one block. And they were not small mission chapels but good sized Gothic buildings. Of course, they were built to meet the language barriers of the various national groups who emigrated to this country just before and about the turn of this century.

It seemed to us that the job of integrating these national groups would have taken place 25 years ago when all of us were patriotically waving the American flag during the era of World War II.

However, by sheer coincidence we met a member of one of these parishes. This person, in her late 60s, who may have resided within her American community for possibly 50 years, still needed the assistance of her daughter as an interpreter for our conversation.

I INQUIRED if the television did not have an influence upon the English language facility of the people of her generation. I was told by a priest of the area that these people are not interested in TV or radio. No doubt the national language parishes of many areas of the northern states will continue in their linguistic function for another 25 years, especially now that the liturgy may be offered in various vernacular languages.

It was a real experience to see these churches lined up in a row. Our problems are not as great as we hope racial parishes will sooner reach the end of their usefulness as the national ones and the perfect ideal of the family of a territorial parish will be Catholic in every respect.

Sands of Time
The April 30, 1948, edition of this newspaper tells that Mercy See Editor's Desk, page 4A

Three in Diocese Honored With Title of Domestic Prelates

Raleigh — Bishop Vincent S. Waters announced this week that His Holiness Pope Paul VI has raised three priests of the Diocese and named them to the honor of Domestic Prelate with the title "Right Reverend."

The date of the investiture is set for April 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral here.

The clergy to receive the Papal honors are the Rt. Rev. Micale Andrew Carey, pastor of Our

Lady of Lourdes Church, Raleigh, and State chaplain of the Catholic Daughters of America. He is also Vicar Forane of the Raleigh Deanery.

The Rt. Rev. Francis Joseph Murphy, pastor of St. Thomas More Church at Chapel Hill and Officialis of the Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal. He holds the degree of Doctor of Canon Law from the Catholic University of America.

The Rt. Rev. Peter Martin Denges, pastor emeritus of St. Elizabeth's Parish at Elizabeth City and past Vicar Forane of the Elizabeth City Deanery. He will retire shortly to Maryland.

MONSIGNOR CAREY, a native of Pittsburgh, spent his youth at Wilkesboro, Pa. He attended Duquesne University Prep School in Pittsburgh and St. Vincent's College at Latrobe, Pa. He was ordained in June, 1933, after completing the seminary course at St. Francis at Loretto, Pa.

Early pastorates were at Waynesville, Elizabeth City and Swananoa. In 1943, he was assigned to Hamlet with Laurinburg as a mission. Later he assumed residence at Laurinburg and became the first resident pastor there of St. Mary's Parish.

In 1948, he was director of the Mission Apostolate. Returning to the pastoral administration, he was attached to parishes at Asheville and Shelby in that capacity. In 1957, he was appointed pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish at High Point and three years later to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Raleigh.

Monsignor Carey is a diocesan consultant and two years ago was named Vicar Forane of the Raleigh Deanery.

MONSIGNOR MURPHY, a native of New York City, graduated from Fordham Prep and University. He completed seminary studies at St. John's, Little Rock, Ark., and was ordained on Dec. 21, 1943, in the Cathedral See Monsignors, page 4A

Fewer Seminarians, Students

47 Million Catholics Reported in Nation

NEW YORK — (NC) — Catholics in the 50 United States, including families of defense forces at home and abroad, and of diplomatic and other services abroad, now number 47,468,333, according to the 1968 Official Catholic Directory issued here by P. J. Kenedy & Sons.

The new total represents an increase over last year of 603,423, and a ten-year increase of 11,444,356 or 31.7 percent over the 36,023,977 in 1958. Converts during 1967 numbered 110,717, a year's decrease of 6,761 and the lowest annual number of converts since 1953.

A decrease of 89 in the number of the clergy, brings the total of ordained priests to 59,803 — including 37,453, or 582 more, diocesan clergy and 22,350 religious community priests, a decrease of 671. Two archbishops, seven bishops, one abbot and 943 priests are listed in the Necrology. Professed Religious personnel include 12,261 Brothers, a decrease of 278, and 176,341 Sisters, representing a decrease of 330.

The directory reports 17,500 parishes with resident pastors — a year's increase of 125 — and 564 parishes without resident

clergy, a record total of 18,064 Catholic parishes in the 50 states. Also listed are 4,346 missions, 1,404 stations and 12,694 chapels, a decrease of 155 places where Mass is celebrated regularly.

Fulltime teaching staffs of all educational institutions under Catholic auspices, have increased by 1,272, to a record total of 206,959, comprising 11,915 priests, 841 scholastics, 5,532 Brothers, 98,605 Sisters, and 90,066 lay teachers. There are decreases of 193 priests, 356 scholastics, 430 Brothers, and 4,977 Sisters, but an increase of 7,228 lay teachers, over a year ago. During the past 10 years, lay teachers have increased by 46,321 (106 percent), while the Religious have increased by 4,522 (4 percent) — 50,843 additional teachers.

During 1967 there were in operation one more diocesan and 15 less religious community seminaries. The 124 diocesan seminaries report enrollments of 22,232 seminarians, a decrease of 2,061, while the 437 novitiates and scholasticates of the religious communities have 17,604 students or 3,482 less,

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The Entrance Examination for St. John Vianney pre-Seminary will be held on Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. The exam will be administered at 12 major cities throughout the diocese. Students in the 8th through 11th grades are eligible. Please contact your pastor for the site most convenient.