

To fill his post as Pastor, Rev. Fr. Wendell Moliski was sent from St. Conrad's Friary in Annapolis, Maryland, arriving just after Fr. Marcellus left. This is Fr. Wendell's first parish. His reaction: "I am glad to have a parish and be able to work with its members."

Since his arrival he has already showed himself to be a person with a strong belief in involvement. He has added to the Mass extra congregation singing led by a parish member, and the dressing of the priest before Mass in the vestibule. At the Offertory, a parish family takes the cruets and chalice to the altar with anything else they wish to offer at the Mass.

He also is involved with a steering committee working on details leading to the formation of a parish council which would assist him in the direction of the many parish activities.

Junior 6th and 7th grade Religion is taught by our pastor. He said he has found the students progressive and is glad to have the chance to teach them. He also is involved with the football team and thinks that the spirit of the entire school is the greatest. (15)

In 1950 Wendell Moliski of Sacred Heart was ordained and celebrated his First Mass at the neighboring parish. Father Wendell returned to the area as St. Joseph's Pastor in the 1960s. (22)

Father Wendell served on an advisory committee to determine the need for a new Central Catholic High School. (19)

Between 1969 and 1970, St. Joseph High School closed and joined with other County Parishes to form Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School. For one year the students attended St. Mary's in Dennison (a temporary measure) until a suitable school building was constructed in New Philadelphia.

The decade had brought a number of changes to our Parishes, all seeking the betterment of our collective Catholic community.

1970--1980

During the time period, 1970 to 1980s, the Pope traveled the world, administering to his flock. The United States was on his itinerary in 1979. Mother Theresa, the Albanian-born nun, won the Nobel Peace Prize for her thirty year's work with the poor in India. Everyone discovered where the Falkland Islands were located. The age of the Cabbage Patch dolls, videos, VCRs and computers was upon us. Terrorism raised its ugly head and all were watching the phenomena of Halley's Comet and hoping to learn from its fleeting appearance.

The new St. Joseph's Church had been the scene of a number of celebrations during its short life. It hosted several twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations. In 1971 Father Antonine Vukmanovich was so honored. He had served as assistant pastor, pastor, and chaplain in several Pittsburgh and Wheeling parishes and in New Philadelphia and Dover as well. (1)

From The Times Reporter, Saturday, June 12, 1971: **"Open house to honor St. Joseph's priest"** Fr. Antonine Vukmanovich, Assistant Pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dover, will offer a mass of Thanksgiving Sunday at 12:15 commemorating the Silver Anniversary of his ordination.

He was ordained June 11, 1946, by the late Most Rev. Bishop John McNamara in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at Washington, D.C.

An open house reception for Fr. Antonine will be held Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5.

Born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, he is a son of Anton Vukmanovich and the late Frances Schreiner Vukmanovich. He attended his hometown parish grade school of St. Mary's from 1924-32 and was a student two years at Altoona Catholic High.

In 1934, Fr. Antonine entered the preparatory seminary of St. Fidelis at Herman, Pennsylvania, graduating from the junior college of that institution in June 1940. He then entered the novitiate of the St. Augustine Province of the Capuchin Order at Sts. Peter and Paul Monastery in Cumberland, Maryland.

He took his simple vows of religion July 14, 1941, and for the next three years studied philosophy at St. Fidelis Monastery in Victoria, Kansas. Fr. Antonine entered Capuchin College in Washington, D.C. in 1943 for four years of theology.

In addition to St. Joseph's in Dover, his assignments have consisted of serving as Assistant Pastor, Pastor and Chaplain in the following parishes and institutions: Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Cumberland, Maryland; Sacred Heart in New Philadelphia; St. Alphonsus in Wheeling; St. Joseph in Hays, Kansas; St. Felix in Freedom, Pennsylvania; St. Joseph Junior Military Academy in Pittsburgh, and St. Francis Hospital, also in Pittsburgh. (18)

From The Catholic Times, Columbus, Ohio, January 5, 1973, by Fr. Bonaventure Stefun, O.F.M., Cap. EDITOR'S NOTE: Father Bonaventure is the pastor of St. Joseph. For 13 years he was editor of the magazine, "Capuchin Challenge."

"Parish has bishop as holiday guest":

Parishioners of St. Joseph, Dover, crowded the church for the regular 6 p.m. Mass last Saturday. They came to welcome Bishop Clarence Elwell and to pray with him. Hundreds stopped to shake hands with their Bishop and to wish him the season's best.

After the services dozens came to the rectory to visit informally with the Bishop. The open house lasted until nine p.m., when Bishop Elwell left to drive himself back to Columbus over rain-wet roads.

After an early roast beef supper prepared by Mrs. Florence Wise, the Bishop presided over the evening liturgy, with Father Perrin Haft, Father Antonine Vukmanovich, and Father Bonaventure Stefun, the three capuchin priests of the parish, concelebrating.

The Bishop wore a new double-knit, white vestment trimmed in crushed velvet of rainbow colors. The parish seamstress who made the vestment explained that "God promised mercy through the rainbows, so we try to remember Him as a merciful Father at our liturgies."

This pastoral visit of the Ordinary of the Diocese accentuated other such points of scripture and theology. All through Advent the people of the parish had been performing special good works and penances.

As one family explained: "We offered the usual Masses and prayers all through the season, and we attended a Holy Hour for the Bishop and a Bible Vigil. Mom and dad abstained from cocktails during Advent. The children did good deeds and we kept our tempers in better control. We all made special visits to the sick and other friends."

Everybody in the parish planned to do something extra for the Bishop and for the Holy Father, realizing that as parishioners they were the Church. If the Church were to grow holier, then they, individually, had to improve. Their main preparation for Christ at Christmas was to be personal growth in holiness.

At the same time, their union with Christ demanded an external sign of unity, the sign of the Church as organization, especially the "local church," their Diocese of Columbus. So the

parishioners offered their prayers for the Holy Father and for the local sign of unity, their Bishop.

Sister Denise Ciafre, the art director at St. Joseph school, made beautiful cards for the Bishop and the Holy Father and inscribed them with the thousands of prayers and good works which made up the spiritual bouquets.

In the spirit of the day's liturgy, commemorating the Feast of the Holy Family, Dover's Jack Fitzgerald Family, with six children in grade school, presented the spiritual bouquet to Bishop Elwell at the Offertory Procession, along with the usual gifts.

The Church was still decorated for Christmas, again, accentuating family concepts, since the trimming was a parish family project. A dozen of the men scrubbed and waxed the church and then hoisted the giant tree, which had been selected from a parishioner's land and then cut down by college students home for the holidays.

The Communion rail, which was covered with greens, was decorated by the children of the parish on Christmas Eve. A hundred and twenty of them gathered around Father Perrin at the altar to hear the Scripture account of Christ's birth. At the Offertory the children decorated the rail with ornaments they brought from home, and in return, they received a stocking filled with gifts before leaving the altar at Communion time.

The main reason for the Bishop's visit was to accentuate such family points of theology, especially the idea of unity. Two hours out of Columbus, St. Joseph and other parishes in Tuscarawas County lose the sign aspect of the Diocese, the unity which is Christ and the Church.

With the newest Central Catholic High School in the Diocese, the county of less than 10,000 Catholics has been struggling to finance the school. That situation, quite naturally, occasioned some hard feelings in the area. The priests of St. Joseph hoped that the Bishop's visit would help erase remaining traces of resentment.

In appreciation for the visit the priests and people of the parish presented the Bishop with a table wine cellar, filled with champagne, made by parishioners. Since the wine cellar was topped by a cheese board, the Bishop was also given a pack of local Swiss cheese, from the "Swiss Festival" spot of Sugarcreek, whose Catholic residents attend St. Joseph Church.

As the largest parish of all denominations in the county, St. Joseph hopes to continue to demonstrate vigorous community. The Bishop's visit was part of the program of making the people aware of the living theology which operates in the parish.

Next Sunday two theologians from Washington, D.C., will speak at all Masses to explain how past religious practices and ideas developed into the present doctrines and teachings.

The following Tuesday night the two priests will conduct a two-hour-long meeting, one in a series of eight, to discuss at more length discernment of spirits and other aspects of pastoral theology. The meetings will continue on through the month of February. (20)

In 1973 Rev. Fr. Pius Kaelin celebrated a priesthood of sixty years. The following article appeared in The Times Reporter, March 8, 1973, written by Ed DeGraw:

"Brown-cloaked Fr. Pius: God's servant 60 years" The pendulum of history swings to the left and to the right, "But in order for it to swing back now it will take a great deal of work on the part of the clergy and the civil authorities...I believe it will be done, I pray that it will."

Thus did Rev. Fr. Pius Kaelin of St. Joseph's Parish in Dover speak on the condition of the world today as he observes 60 years of his ordination to the priesthood. If Fr. Pius has anything to say about it, there will be no special programs, no special services to commemorate this anniversary. "Perhaps if it were 75 years, I might consent to something," he smiled. "By that

time I would be in no condition to observe it anyway.

While he enjoyed his years of seminary teaching of philosophy and theology, Fr. Pius is proud and pleased that most of the years in service to God have been in Dover and Tuscarawas County. The short priest, garbed in his brown hooded cloak and sandals of his order, was an often familiar sight to the many St. Joseph's school children he loved.

Born in Cincinnati in 1888, Fr. Pius will observe his 85th birthday on June 12. (18)

The following article appeared in the "Love Is" section of The Times Reporter, March 24, 1978:

Love is...a mutual feeling between members of St. Joseph's Church in Dover and one of their priests, Fr. Pius.

When the priest was required to retire, he asked to be allowed to remain in Dover because of his love for members of his parish and for the community. As a token of their love and esteem, members of the parish will honor him Sunday in celebration of his 65 years in the priesthood.

"I would rather be here than anywhere else," he states. "I know a lot of people here, both in Dover and the surrounding parishes. I have served First Communion to many of the people in this parish, have seen them grow up and even officiate at their weddings. Unfortunately, I have also seen some of them divorced. I try to tell them not to get married too young. But they do, and then are divorced a short time later. I think this is very sad."

Fr. Pius, who will be 90 in June, is in mandatory retirement and is not happy about that fact. "They suggest that you retire at 65," he explained. "Then at 70 it becomes mandatory. Although I am in mandatory retirement, I continue to perform some of my duties. I still go to the school to talk to the children several times a week, but I do not give the children instructions. And, I say the early Mass each morning. I'd rather be dead than miss saying the early Mass.

I am not keen on retirement, but I realize it is necessary. If the old priests didn't retire, the young ones would never learn their duties. The work of the church has been my way of life. My family were good Catholics and I went to a Catholic school. We were taught by brothers and we learned to love them and admire their work, so it was natural to choose their way of life. I entered seminary at 13 and four years later entered the novitiate. This is a one-year period of trial to give one time to know if he really wants to accept the life of the Capuchin. It is a life of strict discipline but I have not been sorry one day that I chose it."

As the eldest priest in the order at the Dover church, Fr. Pius will celebrate the Mass himself at the observance in his honor, Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. The Knights of Columbus will serve as an honor guard at the service. A reception, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the school cafeteria, will be hosted by the Christian Mothers. (18)

From The Times Reporter, Monday, February 19, 1979:

"Fr. Pius Kaelin is dead at 90" Father Pius Kaelin, who was honored last March by members of St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Dover on his 65th Anniversary in the priesthood, died Sunday in Union Hospital after a two-month illness.

Fr. Pius, who would have observed his 91st birthday June 12, retired at the age of 70, but chose to remain in Dover, where he formed many lasting friendships.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Thursday at 11 in St. Joseph Church with Fr. Brendan Malloy of Pittsburgh, Minister Provincial, as Officiant. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery at Dover. (18)

From The Times Reporter, Monday, October 1, 1973, by Mrs. Guy Sciarini:

"300 greet Bishop Herrman" More than 300 Catholic parishioners in the Northeast Deanery gave Bishop Edward Herrmann of the Columbus Diocese a standing ovation as he entered a reception Sunday in Sacred Heart hall at New Philadelphia.

The new Bishop, who succeeded the late Clarence Elwell, was appointed by Pope Paul VI and installed August 21. He previously was assigned to Washington, D.C.

Msgr. A.L. Freund of Newcomerstown introduced Bishop Herrmann, who expressed his gratitude for the friendly gestures shown him. He told members of the 13 parishes in the deanery that his plans call for visiting all parishes in his Diocese in coming months. "It won't be easy, but I will do my best," he noted.

The prelate asked for the church members' prayers and explained upcoming preparations for the Holy Year in 1975. He said the Pope designates a Holy Year every 25 years.

Fr. Bonaventure Stefun of Dover presented the Bishop with new artistic church vestments, a gift from the deanery, which comprises Tuscarawas and Holmes counties. The vestments were designed and made by Geraldine Sunny of Washington, Pennsylvania.

Among the guests were Fr. Michael Donovan, Vice Chancellor of the Diocese, and Mrs. Lester (Mayme) Stevenson, President of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, both of Columbus. Fr. Robert Shalosky was host pastor.

The Bishop and clergy were served dinner in Tuscarawas Central Catholic High cafeteria, with women of Sacred Heart parish in charge. (18)

From The Times Reporter, written by Jim Eaton, Religion Editor:

"Dover couple's son to be ordained as priest Saturday at St. Joseph's"

The ordination of Rev. Joseph Fete, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Fete of 200 East Front Street, Dover, Saturday (May 25, 1974), at 3 p.m., will be the first held in St. Joseph's Church. The ceremony will be the second since the Diocese of Columbus began ordaining priests in their home parishes in March.

Rev. Fete will be the seventh parish native to enter the priesthood, the last one (Fr. Roger Brisgal) in 1937. Rev. Michael Donovan, Vice Chancellor of the Diocese, who will be Master of Ceremonies at the service, said, "This will be another day of joy in the parish community as another son is advanced to the priesthood."

He added, "There is a sign here of the continuing ministry of the church and how each church participates in this work of vocations."

Rev. Fete attended St. Joseph's grade school in Dover. He also attended St. Charles Preparatory School and studied for three years at its associated college before graduating from Catholic University.

Following ordination, Rev. Fete will be assigned to the Diocese of Columbus. Bishop Edward J. Herrmann, who will conduct Saturday's ceremony, will review the information he gave the personnel review board and interview him before assigning the new priest to a parish. Rev. Fete noted that his method reflects the "more cosmopolitan and corporate spirit," which Bishop Herrmann has brought to the Diocese.

Assisting in the ordination will be Rev. Donald Coleman of San Diego and Rev. Charles Brickner of Norfolk, Virginia. Rev. Nicholas Reveles of Ocean Side, California, will be the cantor. All were classmates of Rev. Fete.

His sister, Jacque, a nun in the Order of Divine Providence in Pittsburgh, will read the

scripture. Mrs. Mary Kay Hamma of Dover will direct the choir, which Rev. Fete trained for the service.

Rev. Fete explained that he had been attracted to the priesthood as a child attending services in St. Joseph's old building on Sixth Street, which was closed in 1962. He listed the example of Fr. Pius Kaelin of the parish and the encouragement of his family among the reasons for entering the priesthood. He also mentioned Msgr. George Wolz, a disciplined scholar at the seminary, who told Rev. Fete and his classmates to study Scripture seriously so that "we would preach Christ and not ourselves."

In preparing for his licentiate, a church degree equivalent to more than a masters degree, Rev. Fete was the only person in a class of 150 to specialize in the study of the Scriptures, a course which required him to learn Greek and Hebrew. This study convinced Rev. Fete that the renewal of the church begun by Vatican II in 1964 "is solidly based on the Word of God."

Although trained in ancient languages, philosophy and theology, Rev. Fete wants to leave room "to meet other people's needs by giving them the help and spirit of Christ." This desire to tell "what I believe to other people" contributed to Rev. Fete's decision to become a priest.

Other family members who will attend the ceremony and the reception which follows include Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Judy) George from Arizona and Mr. and Mrs. Wade (Jeri) Middaugh of Sugar creek, who operate the print shop where Rev. Fete has been working on programs for the service. He has two brothers, Jeffrey and Jonathan, at home.

To emphasize the continuity which the ordination represents, the chalice which will be used is one donated to St. Joseph's by the family of the late Father Angelus Seikel, one of the six priests to come out of the parish. It had been a gift at his ordination. (18)

The Sacrament of Penance was revised in 1974, the Baptistry was converted into a Reconciliation room. This was done to provide the opportunity for face-to-face confession to happen. In the April, 1981, parish newspaper, Fr. Bill Petro wrote: The Liturgy and Spiritual Life Committee of the Parish Council has been working toward another phase of development of the Reconciliation Room. Between now and Holy Week, the Reconciliation Room will be remodeled so as to provide the opportunity for both face-to-face confession, as well as the traditional style. Each penitent, immediately upon entering the Reconciliation room, will be able to choose the style of confessional he/she wants. (13)

From the parish newspaper, July, 1981, by John Polk: **"What is a Vicariate?"**

In 1975 Bishop Herrmann reorganized our twenty-three county diocese into fifteen geographical regions called Vicariates, ours being called the Tuscarawas-Holmes Vicariate Council. Each Vicariate has a Pastoral Council (VPC) made up of clergy, laity and religious women. Each Vicariate has a Vicar, a priest elected by the clergy of the Vicariate. Each parish selects two lay representatives who together with their pastor, or his associate, represent the parish on the VPC. The Vicariate Pastoral Council meets every other month at the different parishes in the area, while the Diocesan Pastoral Council meets the months in which the VPC does not.

The role of the Vicariate Pastoral Council is threefold: 1) To present the concerns of the people of the Tuscarawas-Holmes Vicariate as a recommending body to the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC), the Bishop, or an appropriate person or governing body. 2) To facilitate communications between the parishes within the Vicariate, as well as with the diocesan agencies,

departments and personnel. 3) Serve as a forum for education, study and prayer. (In 1981) -- Our VPC is made up of two lay representatives from each of the thirteen parishes in the Vicariate, the pastors, DCCW representatives, Sister Claudine of Family Services, Sister Ruth McGuire of the Religious Education Department, and Sister Barbara Elliott, who is our Family Life Minister. (13)

The year, 1975, marked the 125th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Parish. Father Bonaventure declared there would be a year-long celebration. An outdoor Mass was held at Trumpet in the Land Amphitheater. Father Bonaventure was the main Celebrant, with Father Antonine and Father Regis as Assistants. Special handmade vestments were fashioned for this occasion. They were beautiful, a little different from those we had been used to--they were ornate but still in good taste. On November 16 a parish banquet was held as part of the festivities. There were a number of speakers and Father Antonine showed his slides of Rome. It was a nice year with many get-togethers, which always enhances a parish. (1)

The following article appeared in The Times Reporter, July 12, 1975, written by Gert Webb: **"Mass vestments handmade"** Fr. Regis Scanlon, newly assigned Assistant Pastor of Dover St. Joseph's Catholic Church, will be one of the three celebrants for Sunday's ecumenical service in the "Trumpet in the Land" amphitheatre.

The Celebrant will wear special anniversary vestments made by Geraldine Sunny of Washington, Pennsylvania. The vestments are gold brocade with a pale blue thread running through the gold and highlighted by a baby blue crushed velvet stole, symbolizing the yoke of Christ, and a hooded collar, which is the Franciscan tradition of the priests of the parish. The ornamentation is a gold fleur de lis, the customary symbol of St. Joseph, patron of the parish. The vestment is lined in pale turquoise satin.

A few years ago if someone had told Miss Sunny she would be designing and sewing church vestments, she would have laughed and said, "Not likely! I have trouble putting in hems." But that's exactly what she does, and St. Joseph's has been the recipient of several of her creations. Gerry is not a professional seamstress. She is a highly regarded reading specialist for the public school system in Washington, (Pennsylvania), where she visits four schools and works with over 1200 pupils. She took up sewing as an economy measure eight years ago when, with borrowed funds, she purchased her first sewing machine. Without benefit of formal instruction, she began making her own clothes. Sewing also proved to be a relaxing hobby, and she began to experiment with draperies and pillow covers.

The ultimate challenge to her sewing expertise came when she chanced to hear, from her pastor, of the need of a new pastor. Fr. Bonaventure Stefun had been recently assigned to St. Joseph's in Dover, and he was having difficulty finding suitable vestments to replace some of the parish's worn ones. In particular, he was anxious to find one to be used at Easter and for funerals. He felt such a vestment should symbolize how we share in Christ's resurrection.

From this brief description came Gerry's first effort--a resurrection robe of white double knit featuring a gold glory cross on a stole of rainbow colored crushed velvet, symbolic of God's promise of forgiveness. She made a funeral pall to match.

Her next effort was a complete set of Sunday vestments which so impressed Bishop Edward J. Herrmann on his pastoral visit to Dover that he inquired about a set for the Cathedral in Columbus. Gerry was honored to oblige and St. Joseph's presented them as a gift to the

Bishop.

Last year, with the 125th anniversary approaching, Miss Sunny once again put her talents to work. She spent many months of searching for suitable fabric and trying to find the right combination of color and texture.

Father Bonaventure personally visited 15 fabric stores within a radius of 85 to 100 miles of Dover. Some 80 hours of sewing time went into this special vestment, and the velvet hooded collar was resown 16 times until it satisfied the seamstress. Miss Sunny is pleased that the vestment turned out so well. "I've always felt that church vestments should reflect the fact that we are supposed to be spiritually beautiful people," she said. The St. Joseph's 125th Anniversary vestment reflects just that and is an example of the beauty and love going into the many celebrations of the anniversary year. (18)

Program of the 125th Anniversary Celebration (1850 to 1975):

125th Anniversary Celebration--St. Joseph Parish, Dover, Ohio, 4:30 p.m. July 13, 1975 -- a bicentennial, ecumenical, anniversary service together with sister parishes and fellow Christians at Trumpet in the Land Amphitheater, Tuscarawas County.

Concert of Hymns....Trumpet Chorus

Sketch of Moravian Church History...Rev. David Wickman

Liturgy of the Word:

Entrance Hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"...Congregation and Adult Choir

Procession...Ministers of Worship and St. Joseph Altar Boys

Gloria (In Latin)...St. Joseph Adult Choir

Scripture Readings...Rev. William Archer, Mrs. John (Barbara) Lauer, Rev. Robert Schneider

Response "Psalm 89"...St. Joseph Folk Choir

Gospel Acclamation "Glory to God"...St. Joseph Adult Choir

Homily and Festive Address...Rev. Bonaventure Stefun

Responsorial Prayer... Rev. Gerald Schuessler

Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Offertory Gifts...Members of Church Women United--Mrs. Francis Hazard-Flag; Mrs. Lydia Braun-Liberty Bell; Mrs. Earl Beitzel-Holy Bible; Mrs. John Kelker-Army Medal Award; Mrs. Mary Lee Tate-Scales of Justice; Mrs. Herbert Zollar-Eagle of National Freedom; Mrs. Paul Ziegler-Wheat of Prosperity; Mrs. Joseph J. Contini-Water and Wine and Altar Breads for Mass

Offertory Hymns "Ave Verum" "In Remembrance"...St. Joseph Adult Choir

Mass Celebrants...Rev. Bonaventure Stefun, Rev. Antonine Vukmanovich, Rev. Regis Scanlon

Hymn "Holy, Holy"...St. Joseph Adult Choir

Proclamation of Eucharist...St. Joseph Folk Choir

Great Amen-Psalm 150...Congregation and Adult Choir

Lord's Prayer-Gregorian Chant...Congregation and Adult Choir

Peace Song "Let There Be Peace on Earth"...St. Joseph Adult Choir

Communion Hymns Handel's "Alleluia Chorus"...St. Joseph Adult Choir
"I Will Arise"...Congregation and Folk Choir
Meditation Reading "Declaration of Independence"...Brother Rich Zelik
Pledge of Allegiance and National Hymns "God Bless America" "National Anthem"...Congregation (8)

From The Times Reporter:

"Dinner party highlights 125th year for parish"

Among the activities in observance of the 125th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Church in Dover was a dinner party Sunday night (November 16) at the Holiday Inn. More than 200 parishioners, friends and guests attended the celebration of 125 years of religious education in Dover and Tuscarawas County. Fr. Brendan Malloy, Order of Franciscan Monks, Capuchin, Provincial of Pittsburgh, was guest speaker and pointed out the progress made by the parish including the construction of the new church ten years ago and the more recent completion of Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School.

Fr. Antonine Vukmanovich gave the benediction and showed slides of his recent trip to Rome. Guests were introduced by Fr. Bonaventure Stefun, Church Pastor, who also recapped the progress of church life and the activities celebrating the anniversary. Music was by the St. Joseph and Sacred Heart choirs. Herman V. Weigand was Master of Ceremonies. The church's history was given by Mrs. Joyce Schilling. (18)

From booklet: **"St. Joseph Church Parish Banquet, 125th Anniversary, Sunday, November 16, 1975, Holiday Inn"**

Dedication, 125th Anniversary, 1850-1975--The Bells of Saint Joseph's Church are ringing in Jubilee for over 125 years of Service to God and Country. We humbly dedicate this work to Saint Joseph, Patron of our Parish, under whose inspiration and divine aid early Catholics of Tuscarawas County, Priests and People, organized and developed Saint Joseph Parish, and to whom, the present generation, and the generations of the future will always look for your guidance.

PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Bonaventure Stefun

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Antonine Vukmanovich

Resident Priests at Friary: Rev. Fr. Pius Kaelin and Rev. Fr. Ernest Horning

Principal: Sister Rose Michele

PROGRAM: Sunday November 16, 1975, Holiday Inn:

Social: 5:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Musical Selections: St. Joseph Choir; Sacred Heart Choir; Pianist, Mary K. Hamma;
Director, Loren Wallace

Pre-Dinner Selections: Sound of Music; You'll Never Walk Alone; America the Beautiful

Dinner: Master of Ceremonies, Herman V. Weigand; Benediction, Fr. Antonine;

Introductions, Fr. Bonaventure; Parish History, Mrs. Joyce Schilling;

Remarks, Fr. Bendan

Choir Selections: Hymn of Thanksgiving, Give Me Your Tired-Your Poor, Hallelujah-Amen;
The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Slide Pictures of Rome: Fr. Antonine

Menu: Roast Prime Rib or Roast Sirloin of Beef, V-8 Juice, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Mixed Salad Greens-Choice of Dressings, Rolls, Butter, Beverage, Sherbet Ice Cream (9)

While Father Bonaventure was at St. Joseph's, he celebrated his Silver Jubilee. Each guest at the dinner, reception, and Mass received a booklet of poems entitled "Names I Give My Brothers and Sisters," written by the good father. He served as Pastor from 1971 to 1977. (1)

From The Times Reporter, Wednesday July 14, 1976:

"1000 expected at mass, dinner-reception St. Joseph priest marking anniversary"

Parishioners of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dover will rejoice with their Pastor Thursday on his 25th Anniversary of Profession as a Capuchin-Franciscan. Fr. Bonaventure Stefun and confreres from Denver to Washington D.C. will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving with a congregation of family, friends and parishioners at 6 p.m.

"As Franciscan Capuchins," Fr. Stefun explained, "we pledged to live the gospel after the beautifully human experience of St. Francis. Everyone was his brother or sister because, as he put it, 'the Lord of majesty became our brother.' St. Francis died 750 years ago in 1226, but it took the recent Vatican Council to bring the church up to the Spirit of Francis in living gospel community."

Fr. Stefun, baptized Joseph by his parents, took the name Bonaventure when he entered the Capuchin Order, one of the spiritual brotherhoods within the Catholic Church.

Thursday, the church's feast day of St. Bonaventure, the friar will renew his vows as a Capuchin, the vows he first made at Annapolis, Maryland, in 1951. Forty confreres will join him in pledging poverty, chastity and obedience. Then the group will epitomize their pledge by singing the peace prayer of St. Francis, put to music by one of the brothers.

The Pastor's nephew, Fr. Emmett Schuler, also a Capuchin, will come from Baltimore to preach for the occasion. Two more nephews now in the seminary will serve the Mass, along with Brother Rich Zelik of St. Joseph's, who will be Master of Ceremonies.

The Jubilarian will wear vestments made of various shades of Franciscan brown, with decorative symbols of the knotted cord, the cross or tau of Francis and the arms of Christ and Francis crossed in identity. Geraldine Sunny of Washington, Pennsylvania, who made last year's 125th Anniversary vestments, designed and created the set commemorating Franciscan brotherhood.

Both parish choirs will combine talents for the Jubilee Mass. The adult mixed choir will sing selections from Beethoven, Palistrena and Handel, while the folk choir will sing more recent compositions. Brother Joe Quinn, Folk Choir Master for the summer, composed some of the hymns being used.

"The blending of the two choirs is typical of the gospel fraternity at St. Joseph's," commented the Jubilarian. "The Holy Spirit is breathing through our parish, and the people are responding with a growing sense of cooperation and sharing of the Lord's love."

Then the pastor went on to explain that "the best celebration is a pledge of living more fully the gifts we have already received. We Capuchins profess that we are brothers. We want to share brotherhood with our people as much as Jesus shared it with us."

As part of that sharing, the brothers are preparing dinner for all the guests and

parishioners. First, Fr. Stefun is preparing dinner today for all the Capuchins coming from out of town. Along with dinner he will present each of the brothers with a gift from among the art mementoes friends have given him over the years.

Thursday, about 30 of the brothers will prepare the Jubilee Dinner.

Friends first will greet Fr. Stefun in a reception line at the school cafeteria. The handshake of brotherhood will extend and dramatize the more formal sign of peace at the Mass. From the reception line, guests will proceed to a salad bar, supervised by Sister Rose Michele and Sister Maureen, who are part of the parish's visitation team for the summer. The salad bar also will feature antipasta of local cheese, salami and garlic bread.

After tending to the salad, the people will be directed to an outdoor charcoal pit, where the brothers will serve roast beef, beans with mushroom sauce and baked potatoes. Approximately 1000 guests are expected at the reception dinner.

Dessert will be made by three of the pastor's sisters and friends. The women are baking up to 2000 nut rolls, after the manner of the Slovak culture.

The suggested gift for the Jubilarian at the reception is a cash contribution toward a trip to Alaska. Fr. Stefun has two brothers in Alaska. He plans to visit them in the spring, once the Alcan Highway is open to travel.

To begin the reception, each guest will receive a booklet of Fr. Stefun's poetry. In keeping with St. Francis, he calls snowflakes sister and a piece of coal brother. He titled his book of 35 poems "Names I Give My Brothers and Sisters."

The book of poems was printed by the Capuchin Press in Pittsburgh, the printing establishment Fr. Stefun supervised when he edited the public relations magazine called "Capuchin Challenge." Some of the poems are published in the magazine. Another, "Talitha Cumi," was published in Insight, a magazine dealing with religion and psychiatry... "Talitha Cumi" expresses what a person experiences when going through the process of psychological counseling.

A square dance on the school playground, where various booths and tables will have been assembled for the parish festival Friday, Saturday and Sunday, will conclude the brotherhood celebration.

"Here, again," the pastor explained, "we have a beautiful example of the family spirit in our parish. Five hundred parishioners will work at the festival, and not one will complain. We don't just make money at our summer festival, we celebrate what our parish community is all about."

Four sisters and a brother from Pennsylvania and Maryland and many nephews and nieces will celebrate with Fr. Stefun. Because at 86 his father, John Stefun of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, did not feel up to a three-hour trip by car to Ohio, Fr. Stefun visited with him two weeks ago in anticipation of his Silver Anniversary. (18)

Father Bonaventure Stefun served as pastor of St. Joseph's from 1971 to 1977, during which time he established the St. Joseph Elementary School Board. (19)

In 1978 Pope Paul VI died in August. Albino Luciani became Pope John Paul I, but died within two months. (U.S. News and World Report, September 27, 1999)

Fr. Marvin Justi served as pastor only two years, from 1977 to 1979. He is an accomplished pianist and had the grand piano moved into the church. He reestablished Parish Council under the direction of Sr. Suzanne Donovan. Fr. Marvin and Sr. Suzanne met and organized the council in its present form. The council meets the fourth Monday of each month and consists of the Pastor and Associate Pastors, the school Principal and another member of the religious order, thirteen appointed members to fill the needs of representation of the entire parish. (13)--(April, 1981) His next assignment was as a teacher of St. Fidelis, Herman, Pennsylvania. He was replaced by Father Roch Raible who also stayed for two years. (1) Fr. Roch was responsible for expanding St. Joseph's ecumenical role in the community and originated the idea for the new parish hall. (19)

In 1977 the staff of St. Joseph's parish saw a need for providing some kind of instruction for parents who were wanting to have their children baptized into the faith that the Catholic Church professes. A Baptismal Preparation Program was initiated and required. (13) April, 1981, by Fr. Bill Petro

From parish records: June 9, 1979-- **"St. Patrick priest marks 25th year"** **"St. Joseph Church loosing Father Justi":**

Upcoming events in the Catholic community include a 25th anniversary celebration of the ordination of Father Andrew Homan of St. Patrick Church in Mineral City, and the departure from St. Joseph Church in Dover of its Pastor for the last two years, Father Marvin Justi, and several other staff members.

The Pennsylvania Province of Capuchin Friars has announced that Father Justi will be assuming a position as Vice Principal and teacher of Latin and music at St. Fidelis Seminary in Herman, Pennsylvania. His new assignment becomes effective June 29, as do those of Father Justi's associates, Father Antonine Vukmanovich, who will become Chaplain of Wheeling Hospital in Wheeling, West Virginia; Father Guy Golden, who will become Pastor of St. Wendelin Church in Carbon Center, Pennsylvania, and Father Ben Regotti, who was to be ordained today and has been assigned to a seminary in Papua, New Guinea.

Their replacements will be Father Roch Raible, who will assume the duties of Pastor after serving at the St. Wendelin parish; Father Ward Stakem, Associate Pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Wheeling, and Brother Richard Deakin from Washington, D.C. Brother Daniel Cardiff, a theology student from Capuchin College, Washington, D.C., also has joined the parish for an internship.

In addition, Sister Rose Michele Siebert, Principal of St. Joseph's elementary in Dover six years, also is leaving to take a similar position in Wheeling, while Sister Mary Jane Kiley, who has taught at St. Joseph's two years, will assume a teaching post in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the departing staff will be celebrated Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Dover church, followed by a reception in the school cafeteria.

The celebration for Father Homan will be held in the Mineral City church hall Sunday at 4. A covered dish dinner is planned and friends of Father Homan are invited. (19)

From church records: **"Ordination is June 9 for Br. Ben Regotti"**

Brother Benjamin Regotti, who has spent the last year serving his internship at St. Joseph

Catholic Church in Dover, will be ordained a priest June 9, 1979, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Augustine Church at Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Regotti of Monroeville, Pennsylvania, he attended St. Bernadette Church there and St. Fidelis Seminary High in Herman, Pennsylvania. He received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Fidelis College in 1973. He received his master's degree in theology from the Washington, D.C., Theological Union in 1977.

A member of the Capuchin Order, Br. Regotti specialized in religious education and has been assigned to the Capuchin mission in Papua, New Guinea.

He will offer his first Mass as Fr. Regotti, June 10, at 2 p.m. in the St. Bernadette Church and will offer another Mass at 12:30 p.m. on June 17, in the Dover church. The Pastor, Rev. Fr. Marvin Justi and visiting clergy will concelebrate and a reception for friends and parishioners will follow in the school hall. (19)

Deacon Ron Fondriest was ordained August 19, 1979:

The following article appeared in The Times Reporter, August 18, 1979:

"Doverite to be ordained" It took three years, but Ron Fondriest of 321 East 2nd Street, Dover, finally is becoming the first Deacon of a Catholic parish in Tuscarawas County.

Fondriest will be ordained August 19, at 12:30 in St. Joseph Cathedral at 212 East Broad Street, Columbus.

An employee of the sales office of Greer Steel at Dover, Fondriest said preparing for his ordination took years of weekends spent in pastoral duties at Sacred Heart Seminary in Shelby or Josephinum Pontifical College in Columbus.

The Permanent Diaconate Program was begun in the Columbus Diocese several years ago and now is directed by Fr. Robert Shalosky, former Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in New Philadelphia.

Fondriest said the program is designed to provide "service among the lay people. We are not intended to provide replacement for the priests, but to open up time for priests to deal with needs of their ministry. We also teach and can do Holy Communion.

"We provide ministry to the elderly, hospital visitations and are pretty well able to do most of the services offered by the church. Of course, we can't hear Confessions or say Mass, but we can perform Marriages and Baptisms."

Fondriest added, "It was really something I wanted to do, and I did it more or less without actually sitting down and looking into it. I saw a portfolio about it in the church, and I picked it up and started reading it, and here I am three years later."

He said he has been looking forward to his Ordainment. "It's the duty of the Deacon to live the word and preach it from gospel testament," he said. "It's something I really have a feeling inside about. I felt a great need, and I want to do it."

He and his wife, Sue, have six children, and he said he will be serving primarily in the St. Joseph Parish at Dover. "Of course if the Bishop wants me to go, I'll go to other parishes, but I will still live here and serve my home parish," Fondriest said. (18)

Taken from the October, 1983, parish newspaper, by Jim Karlowitz, **"Deacons in the Church"** The order of Deacon originated at the very dawn of the Christian era. The Apostles ordained the Feast of the Order of Service: Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas.

The Church later assigned ministerial duties to men in several other orders as: Subdeacon, with specific duties in liturgical worship, especially at Mass; Acolyte, to serve in minor capacities in liturgical worship, a function now performed by Mass servers; Exorcist, to perform services of exorcism for expelling evil spirits, a function which came to be reserved to specially delegated priests; Lectors, to read scriptural passages during worship, a function now generally performed by lay persons; Porter, to guard the entrance to an assembly of Christians to ward off undesirables who tried to gain admission, an order of early origin and utility, but of present insignificance.

It became evident that those positions had fallen into general disuse, and in 1971 the Holy See started a revision of the orders. Pope Paul VI completed the revision on September 14, 1972, by ordering the abolishment of the orders of Porter, Exorcist, and Subdeacon, stating that laymen, as well as candidates for the Diaconate and Priesthood, can be installed.

The Diaconate, up to this point having been a stepping stone in the hierarchy of the Church prior to becoming a priest, had therefore been transformed into an independent order in its own right to carry on the expanding ministries of the Church. Thus the term--Permanent Deacon--the position that Ron Fondriest holds and exercises.

The Pope's document provided that qualified unmarried men 25 years of age or older may be ordained. They cannot marry after ordination. Married men 35 years of age or older may be ordained as well. The consent of the wife of a prospective Deacon is required. A married Deacon cannot remarry after the death of his wife. (13)

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From the parish newspaper, September, 1981, by Joy Polk:

"Spotlight on...Sister Barb,"

St. Joseph's Vicariate Family Life Minister is Sister Barbara Elliott. She is a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. A native of Chicago, she brings to us an insight to Family Life. Her programs in our Vicariate cover all of the parishes in both Tuscarawas and Holmes counties, with her main goal as that of strengthening family life through the Church. Her programs include six basic areas: 1) pre-married and singles, 2) developing families 3) parenting 4) single again 5) senior citizens and all married couples and 6) families in general. (13)

From the parish newspaper, November, 1981, by Joy Polk:

"Spotlight on...Sister Claudine,"

Sister Claudine Smith is a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, whose Mother house is in Manitowac, Wisconsin. In 1966 she was asked to work for the Catholic Social Services Office in Zanesville, Ohio, and in 1967 Tuscarawas, Coshocton and Holmes counties were added to her case load. She was literally a traveling Sister especially when four additional counties were given to her to cover. It became apparent that the case load was much too large, and because the professional people in Tuscarawas County saw a need for Social Services, Personal Family Counseling was started, and Sister Claudine worked for them part time and part time for Catholic Social Services. Her work falls into three different areas: adoption, individual and family counseling, and problem pregnancy. (13)

Another Silver Anniversary took place at St. Joseph's in 1980--when Mary Kay Hamma (Bazzoli) was honored for her twenty-five years as Music Director. She had followed her father, Carl Brisgal, who had served thirty-eight years. What a history of service--and Katie still serves our parish with her beautiful music. (1)

From The Times Reporter, Saturday, November 22, 1980, "Love Is..."

"Silver bells to ring for Mary Kay Hamma," by Chris Hopkins, Localife Editor:

The name of Mary Kay Hamma (Bazzoli) is synonymous with music. And she has used her musical talent the last 25 years as Music Director of Dover, St. Joseph's Church.

In honor of the Silver Anniversary occasion, Mrs. Hamma, a life member of the church, will be honored by the congregation at a reception Sunday in St. Joseph's school cafeteria following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Hosting the event will be Fr. Roch Raible, the church staff and the combined church choirs. During the Mass, she will receive a plaque for her service.

Mrs. Hamma assumed the directorship in 1955 following the death of her father, Carl J. Brisgal of Dover, who served in the same capacity for 38 years. In fact, it was her father who taught her to play the pipe organ. She also studied piano for eight years.

In 1955, the church was located on the present site, but was a stone edifice which later was razed and the present church constructed in 1965.

She began taking piano and voice lessons at the age of 10 and often sang at early Masses which began at 6:30 a.m. She said she did more singing at that time than playing, and later studied in New York at Julliard and The Manhattan School of Music. She studied with Richmond Gale, who was a pianist with John Charles Thomas, who sang with the New York Metropolitan Opera. She studied voice with Frederick Schoor, who also was a member of the Met.

During her childhood, she studied locally with Elmer Mathias for eight years, who was a vocal teacher, and piano with Mrs. H. E. Reed of Dover and Grace Penniman of Canton. At the age of 11, she was featured vocalist with radio station WLW in Cincinnati for a winter concert.

Today she herself gives piano and voice lessons to some 30 students.

She says she finds changes good in the church. In 1965 the services went from Latin to English, and she was busy organizing a mixed choir which formerly had been an all male choir. She also assists with two folk choirs. In addition she is a 25-year member of MacDowell Music Study Club and the Christian Mother's Organization of the church. She also assists at the school with teaching children the liturgies and is a volunteer worker for the Tuscarawas County Cancer Society.

This summer she played the organ for the Tuscarawas County Little Theatre production, "The Sound of Music." "It was the first time I'd played for them and I loved it," she said.

Mrs. Hamma, who sang with the Tuscarawas County Philharmonic in 1945, played the organ for the production of "Elijah!" which was presented by the Philharmonic last year in St. Joseph's Church.

"My father composed music, and we still use some of his selections in the church in his honor," she said. "He died in (the month of) November, and we use a lot of his music around this time of the year." Her friends in music club also have used his works.

One of four daughters born to Carl and Rose H. Smith Brisgal, who also is deceased, she will present a Christmas program at the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve in the church, where she has done so since she was 10. This year, however, she will not sing, but will only play the

organ.

"I like change in the church. I think if you accept it you're fine." she said. "I love music. I think it's just a part of me. Everything for me has been kids and music." (18)

From the Easter/April, 1983 parish newspaper by Joy Polk: **"Spotlight On...Mary Kathryn Bazzoli,"**

Katie married Robert Hamma, after which they lived in New Jersey for a while and then returned to Dover. Over the years they had six children, and if that weren't enough to keep her busy her father encouraged her to start on the organ as he thought he would retire. So in 1952 she began playing the three daily Masses and singing them in Latin for St. Joseph's. In the late 1950s she organized a Young Boys' Choir, which gave her much pleasure, and upon her Father's death worked with the Men's Choir. In 1965, Katie organized the mixed choir, under the direction today of Loren Wallace.

In 1973 her husband Bob died after a long illness, and in 1974 her daughter Patty died. The music in her life and her other children helped her over this rough time in her life. In 1981 she and Edward Bazzoli were married, and lived on Walnut Street, which made it necessary for her to drive to church to play. Fortunately, she no longer has three Masses a day. (13)

"Music Ministry/A Family Tradition" One of the highlights of St. Joseph Parish is the music ministry. In large part, this is due to the Brisgal family who have directed and developed the liturgical music program for much of the twentieth century.

Carl Brisgal was organist from 1917 until his death in 1955. Though lacking in formal training, Carl played a number of instruments including the oboe, organ, and piano. A haberdasher by trade, he supplemented his income by giving music lessons.

His brother, Francis, who was a violinist, was the first director of the Men's Choir in the parish, and their sister, Kate, was the assistant organist. Their mother, Anna Gruber, is believed by the family to be a relative of Franz Gruber, the composer of "Silent Night."

When Carl died of a heart attack in 1955, overnight his daughter, Mary Kathryn Hamma, better known to the parish as Katie, became the Organist. Until then, Katie's training focused on her beautiful voice. Piano lessons began at age ten and continued until she left for New York to study vocal music.

As Director of Music, Katie Hamma Bazzoli oversees a parish music department which includes an Adult Traditional Choir and an Adult Contemporary Choir. In addition to choir members, there are cantors and organists to assist with the weekend liturgies. In 1988 an assistant was added to the staff to help coordinated the musicians and to coordinate the children's liturgies.

At the present time, four descendants of Carl Brisgal and the daughter of Francis Brisgal are members of the music ministry of St. Joseph Church. (19)

"Musical Notes" by Joyce Cecil: The Folk Choir leads the congregation each Sunday at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. They also extend their ministry to performing at local nursing homes when invited.

The Traditional Choir (also known as "The Robes") are under the direction of Loren Wallace and lead the singing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. (19)

Brother Leo returned to St. Joseph's in 1980. The following is from the parish newspaper, June, 1983, by Liz DeMonte: **"Br. Leo, Bloom Where You Are Planted..."**

It isn't hard to notice the change in the appearance of the church the last few years, with the beauty of new flowers and the restoration of the shrubs. And this is all because of the help of one man: Brother Leo!!!

Brother Leo was born in Pittsburgh on April 19, 1913. He was third in line of nine children, one of whom was Fr. Roch Raible, former Pastor of St. Joseph's.

He studied in seminary in Herman, Pennsylvania, but decided not to become a priest. He felt he didn't have the calling as his two brothers, Roch and Francis did. He felt his mission in life was to be a Brother.

Brother Leo served previously at St. Joseph's from 1951 to 1958. He then had the job of being cook and chauffeur, both of which he enjoys. But, he was needed in Pittsburgh, so he returned there.

Now, in 1980, he has rejoined our parish with a different job, gardening. He enjoys gardening very much, and as one can see, is very good at it. He says gardening is relaxing and peaceful, and he does it because he likes to. "When gardening gets to be labor," he said, "it becomes a profession you should get paid for." But his relaxing hobby has beautified the church.

Brother Leo stated that he likes Dover and the friendliness of the town. He thinks St. Joseph's is a very involved, progressing parish with a lot of heart. (13)

Father Fred Krause was Associate Pastor of St. Joseph's in 1981. He left for Rome that year as a delegate to the International Conference on Religious Life. This lasted for five weeks. Father Fred had come to our parish from Washington, D.C., where he served eleven years on the faculty of the Washington Theological Union. Father Roch suffered a heart attack and had to be hospitalized. Father Fred became our new Pastor. As Pastor, he supervised the building of St. Joseph's new parish hall and also the renovation of the school buildings. (See St. Joseph's School Section) (1) He had authored books on Vatican II Liturgy Principles, which he adapted to St. Joseph. He developed a strong Parish Council and established the parish newspaper in 1981. (19)

From The Times Reporter, Saturday, February 7, 1981:

"Priest at St. Joseph's delegate to Rome confab"

Fr. Fred Krause, Associate Pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dover, will leave for Rome February 15 to serve as a delegate to an International Conference on Religious Life.

The five-week conference, sponsored by the Capuchin-Franciscan religious order which staffs the Dover parish, will deal with methods of training candidates for religious life and church ministry.

Prior to coming to St. Joseph's last June, Fr. Fred served for 11 years on the faculty of the Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C., a graduate school that specializes in training members of religious orders for ministry in the church. This background, Fr. Krause explained, led to his selection as a delegate to the Rome conference.

Known as a Plenary Council of the order, the conference will bring together approximately 35 delegates from North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe.

Along with Fr. Charles Chaput of Kansas City and Brother Ignatius Feaver of Toronto, Fr. Krause will represent the approximately 1300 Capuchin-Franciscans of North America.

Sessions will be held at the International College of St. Lawrence in Rome. Simultaneous translation equipment available there will enable delegates to speak in any of six major languages and be understood by everyone.

On his way to Rome, Fr. Krause plans visits to Germany and Austria. He will return to Dover during the second week of April. Fr. Marius Elsener, a retired Capuchin-Franciscan priest from Cleveland, will assist at St. Joseph's in Fr. Krause's absence. (18)

For many years there had been a need for a vehicle of communication that was wider in scope than the weekly Sunday bulletin. Various parishioners and members of the staff expressed a desire to see "something" that would inform the parish, as a whole, about what was happening at St. Joseph's. The result of all the searching was our own parish newspaper-- "News and Notes from St. Joseph's." Content would center around Parish Council and its committees, explanation of changes in Church practice and policy, communication about local matters of concern, feature articles on special events in the parish, introduction of new staff members and new parishioners, columns by parish priests on timely topics, and an open forum for parishioners through guest articles and letters. (13) April, 1981. (Father Roy Schuster served as the coordinator for the new newspaper.)

From the April, 1981, parish newspaper, "News and Notes from St. Joseph's"...**"Spotlight on...Steve":**

As a regular feature of our newspaper, we will spotlight one person or persons from the parish each issue. For our first issue (1981) we are delighted to SPOTLIGHT Steven M. Lanza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lanza, brother of Jim Lanza and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sandy.

Steve graduated from Dover High School in 1972, and while in high school was extremely active in Thespians. After high school, he attended Northwestern University and graduated from there in 1976 with a degree in Political Science and Education. While at Northwestern, Steve became active at the Newman Center. He followed up his college years by teaching religion at Central Catholic High School in Aurora, Illinois, for one year.

Steve then decided that he wanted to enter the seminary, which he did at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Illinois. While in the seminary he was one of the five chosen to be a server during the visit of Pope John Paul II, and was personally presented to the Pope.

In May of 1980, Steve was ordained a Deacon and spent the summer working as Assistant Chaplain in a hospital in San Francisco as part of his training. After receiving his Diaconate, he served as Deacon at St. Mary of Vernon Church in Vernon Hills, Illinois.

On May 13, 1981, Steven M. Lanza was ordained a priest by Cardinal Cody at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois. Steve celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at Northwestern's Newman Center for his friends and returned to Dover to celebrate his first Mass at St. Joseph's on June 13 at 6:00 p.m.

In the parish newspaper, July, 1981, Kathleen Thomas wrote, "The liturgical worship for this Mass centered on the theme personally chosen by the new priest from Psalm 84: "Blessed are they whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion." St. Joseph's Parish rose to the occasion of celebration as it traditionally does, for the church was resonant with a capacity congregation who came to participate in this honor of a native son. Mrs. Katie Hamma planned the music to convey the solemnness and prayerfulness of the occasion. Both the adult choirs

participated. The members of concelebration were Fr. Roch, Fr. Fred and Fr. Marcellus. From the Chicago area came Fr. Cameli, Fr. Finnegan, Fr. Fischer and Fr. John Krump. Steve's parents presented the offertory gifts, and Angie Schilling and Nikki Stofan, friends of the Celebrant, were Lectors. (13)

From the July, 1981, parish newspaper: The parish said goodbye to Assistant Pastor, Fr. Bill Petro, who would become the Pastor of St. John's parish in Belle, West Virginia, as of June 30th. It welcomed Brother Michael Cummings. In the September, 1981, parish newspaper, Felicia Floyd wrote that Brother Mike came to St. Joseph's with previous parish experience at St. Alphonsus, Wheeling, West Virginia, with more recent experience at the House of Ruth, a refuge for battered women, located in Washington, D.C. (13)

After serving twenty years as a missionary in New Guinea, in 1981 Fr. Roy Schuster arrived at St. Joseph's parish to serve as an Assistant Pastor until 1985. The following article appeared in The Times Reporter, written by Ed DeGraw: **"Missionary for 20 years, Dover pastor re-learning own culture all over again"**

Fr. Roy Schuster, Assistant Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, is "learning to live again as a normal human being," thanks to the people of the Dover parish, but he will never forget his missionary experience.

Fr. Schuster arrived in Dover in October, 1981, after spending 20 years "living in grass huts, reading by kerosene lamps and walking in the mud, dust and vegetation of a Stone Age civilization" in New Guinea, north of Australia.

"Missionaries receive six-month leaves every five years," Fr. Roy said, and "on my way home the last time I realized I had reached the time for decision-making. Either I would return permanently to the United States or I would return to New Guinea, never to see civilization again."

"At a traffic light in Hawaii," he recalled, "I actually was afraid to cross the street. I finally walked across behind an older woman. I would go into a store and purchase hastily, not wanting to bother the clerk. I was afraid and insecure in even a small group of people."

"Here I was, a mature man (born in 1933 in Pittsburgh) who had talked in simple terms for so long that I had forgotten words in my vocabulary and was really unable to cope."

"When I departed New Guinea I was certain I was going back. When I arrived in the United States, I knew I needed help in choosing my future direction."

On the wall behind the desk in his office at St. Joseph's is a large painting of a young St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan Order. It bears a question that was much on Fr. Schuster's mind: "Lord, what would you have me do?"

He said he prayed for guidance and talked with friends and superiors before finally requesting permission to stay in the United States. After he declined an offer to attend a two-month school to aid him in readjusting, he was assigned to the St. Joseph's parish.

"I realize I still have much work to do," Fr. Schuster said. "I still have to be updated on my own culture. For example, my sermons, I believe, are too simplistic. But my problems are falling away. Every time a parishioner tells me my sermon was appreciated, it helps. I even find myself suddenly recalling a word formerly in my vocabulary, and I use it as soon as possible."

"But my main help from God is the people of the parish, all gracious, kind and understanding. And a few weeks ago I had occasion to meet the city officials of Dover. You

know, I had an inferiority complex, but they also were kind."

Fr. Schuster believes part of his current mission is to describe the work of the "modern missionary," and he does it very well.

The young Pittsburgh native was still in college, after making his decision to become a priest, when news came in 1954 that a hitherto unknown "civilization" of 250,000 Stone Age people had been discovered in New Guinea.

"I was young and full of zeal, and it immediately struck my fancy to work there," he said. The first Catholic mission was established there in 1955. Fr. Schuster arrived in 1961, after his ordination. It was not until 1962, however, that the Australian government declared the entire area peaceful enough for missionaries.

"There is a great misconception in the states concerning the work of the modern missionary," he said. "It is true that many years ago there were so-called 'rice-Christians' who were given rice to attend church, but that practice is no longer followed.

"The modern slogan is: 'Give me a fish today and I won't be hungry today, but teach me how to fish and I will be hungry no more.' You cannot convince a person who is hungry or sick to pray."

The area in which Fr. Schuster worked corresponds to the distance between Dover and Cleveland. In that area, 13 different languages are spoken, with variations from village to village. He learned three of the languages, calling it "very difficult, but exciting and fascinating." He said the languages have verb conjugations and word structures, and the natives, in their own way, pay more attention to the grammatical rules than do some Americans.

After 25 years, there has been progress in many ways, "but Christianity is still only skin deep," he said. "It will take 200 years or more to make a true Christian. Superstition and fear, born of ignorance, is too great. We have educated some 20 percent of the population, but even among the educated the old superstitions remain. You don't fight this with preaching alone. You must give them the Christian example and improve their health, education and economic welfare."

Fr. Schuster tells many fascinating stories, but he shakes his head sadly as he tells two of his favorites.

One is of a young man who was particularly well liked because he had shown intelligence and promise. He had finished the educational courses provided and was seen as a good prospect for going into a profession.

"We already have graduated airline hostesses, engineers," Fr. Schuster said, "and our school is now staffed by educated native teachers--and that is progress."

When the older brother of this promising young native died of natural causes, Fr. Schuster said he immediately went to him to comfort him. He asked the young man if he understood natural causes of death and the many illnesses and ailments that could be involved. The young man said he did, but he continued to maintain that "my brother was poisoned."

"Anytime there is an unexpected or unexplained death in the entire area of natural causes, it is always attributed to poison by another," Fr. Schuster said. "We diligently sought the sources of this alleged poison, but were never able to find it. We asked everywhere we went if anyone could make it. The reply was always, 'No, but a neighbor can.'"

The other sad story is that of "pig-bel," an ailment fatal to many children, which the missionaries have been forced to fight in a peculiar way. "Sweet potatoes are the main staple of the diet morning, noon and night, 365 days a year," Fr. Schuster explained. "The people also

raise pigs but, instead of following our advice to kill one a week, for example, they wait until all the pigs are large. Then they kill them and the entire village has a feast.

"Incidentally, the blood of the pig is used in a ceremony supposedly to keep away the spirits of the dead which hover overhead.

"Always following these pork feasts a half dozen or so children would die. We (the Catholic mission) thought the meat might be bad for one reason or another and sought professional medical opinion.

"It was not bad meat, we learned. Instead, we were told, because of the vegetarian diet of potatoes, most of the children had not built up enough of the necessary enzymes to properly digest the large amounts of pork. We tried educating the people, but the custom held," Fr. Schuster said. "We finally solved the problem to some extent by introducing chickens. Families now raise chickens and eat them along with the sweet potatoes. This builds up the enzymes in the children so that when the pig feast comes along their bodies are ready. Unfortunately, not all of the natives are now raising chickens."

Fr. Schuster smiled at the conclusion of the interview and said he apparently is continuing a tradition in reverse at St. Joseph's. Fr. David Dressman and Fr. Ben Regotti, former Pastors there, are now serving as missionaries in the same general area where he spent 20 years. (18)

From The Times Reporter, June 6, 1984: **"Rev. Schuster marks 25th anniversary as priest Sunday:"**

Rev. Roy Schuster, Assistant Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church at Dover, will celebrate his 25th anniversary as a priest with a liturgy of Thanksgiving Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the church.

Rev. William Weithorn, First Counselor of the Province of Saint Augustine of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars at Pittsburgh, will be the homilist. A reception will follow from 2 to 6 in the parish hall. Friends in the area are welcome to share in the Mass of Thanksgiving.

Schuster, a son of Mary and John Schuster of Castle Shannon, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh, was ordained June 6, 1959, by Bishop McNamara. He celebrated his first Mass on June 14, 1959, in St. Anne at Castle Shannon. Bishop Firmin Schmidt was the homilist. Following his ordination, Schuster pursued graduate studies in Canon Law for Missions at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. In 1961, he began his ministry in Papua, New Guinea.

From 1962 to 1974, he served as Assistant and then Pastor of Queen of Friars Minor in Kagua, Papua, New Guinea. During that time he was a member of the Ecumenical Commission. In 1974, Schuster was appointed Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Church at Det, Papua, New Guinea, where he served until 1981, when he assumed his present ministry at St. Joseph.

He also has a sister, Mary, who lives at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (18)

From the November, 1981, parish newspaper:

On September 13, 1981, the Liturgy Committee of St. Joseph's Parish Council sponsored the second annual Parish Mass and Picnic. Approximately 250 people were in attendance for the event held at Deis Hill Park.

On Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 25, at 7:30, St. Joseph's hosted the annual ecumenical Thanksgiving service sponsored by the Dover Ministerial Association. Presiding at the service was Major Walter Douglas of the Salvation Army. Pastor William Haggis of Grace Lutheran Church was the Preacher. Members of all Dover area churches were urged to participate. (13)

From the parish newspaper, Easter, 1982, by Al Kopec: **"New Lighting"**

During the first two weeks of March, new lights were installed in St. Joseph's Church. Horn Electric installed the new fixtures and made the necessary changes in wiring and circuits for the project.

The idea of new lighting, long discussed in the parish, finally was adopted and included in the 1981-1982 budget by the Parish Council. The Administration Committee was assigned the task of determining the kind of lights to install and to obtain bids for the project.

A principal consideration in selecting the new fixtures was the desire to match the decor of the stonework behind the altar and crucifix. A contemporary Gothic design was judged the most appropriate lights to be selected. Members of the committee also visited several area churches to study their lighting systems before making the final selections.

Increased lighting capacity was the primary advantage sought from the new lights. The old lights generally produced about 10 foot candles in the pew area, the new lights measure out at 25-30 foot candles. The total wattage is about the same as before, but there is greater control to enable better sectional lighting for weekday Masses and other occasions when the church is not full. With "up" and "down" lights in the system, it is also possible to have the entire church, or any part of it, lit more dimly on occasions when the amount of light necessary for reading is not needed.

In conjunction with the new lighting, Gundy Corporation was hired to paint the ceiling area where the lights were removed. They also installed the necessary molding along the beams and painted the beams. (13)

During the years 1981-1982, Father Roch Raible's health improved and he took up duties as Associate Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Cumberland Maryland. (13)

"From the desk of: Father Fred" the parish newspaper, November, 1982:

At the close of the convocation of all the priests in the Diocese in September, Bishop Herrmann announced that his request to retire as Bishop of Columbus had been accepted by Pope John Paul. This announcement was greeted by a combination of surprise, sadness, and admiration.

There was surprise because the submission of the request had been an exceptionally well-kept secret. There was sadness because Bishop Herrmann is loved and respected by the priests of the Diocese. There was admiration because of the voluntary nature of the retirement and the reasons given for it.

Bishop Herrmann indicated three reasons for requesting to retire as Ordinary, or Chief-Bishop of Columbus. First, he said, as he gets older he finds he has less energy and vigor than before. With many needs facing the Diocese, he feels that a younger man could do the job better, and he doesn't want simply to "hang on" until mandatory retirement age. Secondly, when a priest turns seventy in the Diocese, he is given a choice of retiring altogether or of stepping down as Pastor and becoming an Assistant Pastor. Bishop Herrmann indicated that as he approached seventy, he would like similarly to be relieved of the responsibility of administration and be allowed instead to assist another Bishop as best he can. Finally, it is the policy of the Diocese that a Pastor serve no more than ten years in one parish. While this rule does not really apply to the bishop, Bishop Herrmann thought it a good example to follow the same principle as he comes to his tenth year as Bishop of Columbus. (13)

From "In His Footsteps," Parish Newsletter, December, 1996: Vincent Bernard, carved the beautiful oak candle holders which he presented to the parish in 1981. The candle holders have graced the altar since then. (10)

The following articles appeared in March, 1982, parish newspaper:

Early in the year of 1982, Eucharistic Ministers began taking communion to shut-ins.(13)

Beginning with Saturday night Mass on March 13, 1982, and continuing through the week of March 14, two visiting priests from the Passionist Community, Fr. Alfred Pooler and Fr. Ronald Corl, lead a Parish Mission. The Parish Mission covered a variety of areas. From Sunday through Thursday, a nightly talk was given either by Fr. Pooler or Fr. Corl. A different topic was designated for each night--Sunday, "God's call to life"; Monday, "How we need Jesus"; Tuesday, "We can reach Jesus"; Wednesday, "God's unconditional love"; and Thursday, "Living in Christ's Body." (13)

Make Your Voices Heard, by Br. Mike Cummings:

Sidney J. Harris wrote: "Nuclear war is inevitable, says the pessimist; nuclear war is impossible, says the optimist; nuclear war is inevitable unless we make it impossible, says the realist" I consider myself to be a realist and I am scared. Considering 'first strike capabilities' and 'limited nuclear wars' it seems to me that nuclear war has become more possible rather than less and that scares me. Maybe I'm just a coward at heart or maybe just love my mom and dad, brothers and sisters and friends so much that I don't want them obliterated in a nuclear holocaust. I also wonder who is more the coward, the one who is armed to the teeth so as to fear no one or the self-possessed person who goes about unarmed for fear that he or she may harm another human being.

We must make nuclear war an impossibility and the only way to do that is to stop the Arms Race. Simply freeze it right here and now. No more researching new methods of destruction. No more manufacturing of bombs. This is what the Nuclear Freeze Petition is all about. This petition asks the Ohio General Assembly to support S.J.R. 33, which calls for an immediate nuclear weapons freeze by the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. and calls both countries to negotiate a permanent moratorium on nuclear weapons. This would be a bilateral, verifiable agreement.

In 1976 the Holy Father wrote, "The armaments race is to be condemned unreservedly. It is an act of aggression which amounts to a crime, for even when they are not used, by their cost alone, armaments kill the poor causing them to starve." These are strong words and as long as we sit here and do nothing to halt the arms race, we are accomplices in that crime. If we allow our elected officials to perpetrate this crime against the poor then we are to be found guilty and our silence is evidence which convicts us. We must make our voices heard!

Signing the Nuclear Freeze Petition would be a first step. Will you sign? There will be petition forms on hand to sign and/or take with you for your family (over 18) and friends to sign. We will also have petition forms in the back of church for the weekend of March 20 and 21. If anyone would like more information concerning the Nuclear Arms Race, please feel free to contact Br. Mike or any member of the Social Concerns Committee. (13)

From The Times Reporter, Wednesday, March 23, 1983, by Norm Singleton:

"Bishop Griffin to follow Herrmann's lead"

The more than 10,000 Catholics in Tuscarawas County can expect to see their new Bishop fairly regularly, following a pattern that has been set the past 10 years by Bishop Edward Herrmann.

"I don't know if I can match Bishop Herrmann's pace," said Bishop James Griffin. "He's set a brisk one."

Bishop Griffin and Herrmann were at Dover St. Joseph Church to meet with priests and lay leaders from each parish in the county to kick off the Bishop's Annual Appeal Drive.

The sixth in a series of sessions that began three weeks ago, the programs have provided Bishop Herrmann an opportunity to say farewell and at the same time introduce Bishop Griffin.

Griffin, who now lives in Lorain, will be installed as the 10th Bishop of the Columbus Diocese April 25. Bishop Herrmann, who announced plans to retire last September after heading the sprawling 23-county Diocese since June 26, 1973, plans to return to the Archdiocese of Washington.

The transition process, Bishop Griffin observed, has been taking place since the public announcement of his appointment was made Feb. 9. Bishop Griffin, 48, said when he was named to the post that he wanted to have a chance to meet the people and have the people meet him. He said he will be traveling extensively throughout the Diocese to do just that in the first six to nine months.

Fr. Fred Krause, Pastor of St. Joseph, pointed out that the Bishop will be at Sacred Heart Church in New Philadelphia, May 8, for a combined Confirmation program at the noon Mass involving the Sacred Heart and St. Joseph parishes. A prayer service is planned at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph followed by a reception in the school cafeteria. That night, Bishop Griffin will be in Millersburg.

Griffin also said he plans to build on the leadership role that Bishop Herrmann has taken in the ecumenical movement.

A native of Fairview Park, a Cleveland suburb, Griffin was ordained to the priesthood May 28, 1960. He has a bachelor's degree in philosophy, a licentiate in canon law from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome and a law degree from Cleveland State University. He passed the Ohio Bar and is a licensed attorney.

In January, 1978, he was appointed as Vicar General of the Cleveland Diocese and Administrator Pro Tem of St. John Cathedral. In April of the same year, he was appointed Pastor of St. William Parish at Euclid. He has been Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland since August 1, 1979. (18)

From The Times Reporter, Monday, May 3, 1983: **"Bishop Griffin conducts prayer service in Dover"**

Bishop James A. Griffin, making his second visit to Tuscarawas County since being named to head the 23-county Columbus Diocese, Sunday afternoon reaffirmed his love for the people during a half-hour prayer service at Dover St. Joseph Church.

Griffin told those attending the service he felt at home with them and would be available whenever he is needed. He added that his mission is to lead them closer to God so that all would be deeply rooted in Christ.

Following the service, the Bishop greeted everyone at the church vestibule and later mingled among the crowd during a reception in the St. Joseph School cafeteria, stopping at each

table to visit.

The reception was hosted by the Tuscarawas-Holmes Council of Catholic Women, with representatives of area Catholic women organizations serving as hostesses. The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is headed by Anne Mears, a member of Dennison, St. Mary's Church.

Prior to the prayer service and reception, Griffin attended a combined Confirmation Program at the noon Mass at Sacred Heart Church involving the parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph. (18)

St. Joseph's sponsored its second week-long Lenten Mission beginning the weekend of March 12 and 13, 1983, and continuing until the following Friday, March 18. The speaker for that year's Mission was Father Scott Seethaler, a Capuchin friar from Pittsburgh. Beginning with the weekend, Father Scott preached at all the Masses using the theme for the week, "Lent is a Time for a New Heart." The evening services were as follows: Sunday, "How to survive the tensions of the 80's"; Monday, "Pray always and never lose heart"; Tuesday, "Let go and let God"; Wednesday, "God cannot be outdone in generosity"; Thursday, "Forgiveness is the key to holiness"; and Friday, "St. Joseph was just a man." (13)

From the Easter/April, 1983, parish newspaper, by Fr. Fred Krause:

"Br. Bob...A Welcome Addition to the Staff!!"

Quiz time! Please state what the following have in common: the improved singing at Sunday Mass; the more consistent presence of the parish staff at St. Joseph's School; the rearranged furniture in the rectory living room; the renewed enthusiasm of the youth group; the stepped-up visiting of the sick at home and in the hospital; the less weary look on the faces of Father Fred and Father Roy.

Give up? What these all have in common is that they result from the coming of Brother Bob Herrick to our parish.

Brother Bob's journey to St. Joseph's began twenty-eight years ago in Imperial, Pennsylvania. He is middle in age of six Herrick children, all boys. Bob attended St. Fidelis High School and College in Herman, Pennsylvania, and it was there that he decided to join the Capuchins as a brother.

At the end of his novitiate year in Annapolis, Maryland, Brother Bob made his initial Profession of Vows as a Capuchin in 1978. He was then assigned to St. Paul's Shrine Parish in Cleveland. Besides assisting in the general parish ministry, Brother Bob also worked on a special housing project to assist the poor in the inner city.

For the last 18 months, before coming to St. Joseph's, Brother Bob served in the Capuchin provincial office in Pittsburgh as assistant to the Executive Secretary of the province. To our good fortune as his work there was coming to an end, we were in line to receive additional staff help.

Brother Bob sums up his impressions of his work at St. Joseph's after three months like this: "The people here are extremely friendly, and there seems to be a real willingness to build a parish community." (13)

In the June, 1983, parish paper: "Resplendent in red vestments, James A Griffin entered St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus under the crest of the Griffin family and was installed as

Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus. This appointment is the latest in an already prestigious career that promises much more in the future." (13)

Also in the June, 1983, parish newspaper: **"From the desk of: Fr. Fred"** Herman, Pa., May 19, 1983:

When the first issue of our parish newspaper was published in the Spring of 1981, I was in Rome attending an international Capuchin meeting on religious life. My first column for the newspaper was written in Rome and described that meeting.

Now, a little more than two years later, I find myself again away at the time I must meet my deadline for the next issue. While the place this time is a bit less exotic (I am in Herman, Pa.), the meeting is no less important. I am attending a "provincial chapter" of my province of the Capuchin order. (Our "province," by the way, consists of the Capuchin Friars working in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, and D.C., plus missions in Puerto Rico and Papua New Guinea. All together this group totals 234 men.)

A provincial chapter meeting occurs every three years and is attended by about forty superiors and elected delegates. The chapter has a two-fold purpose. The first is to elect the superiors who will govern the province for the next three years. These are the "provincial minister," the overall superior, and a body of four consulters as "definitors," who advise the provincial minister on policy matters and together with him are responsible for the personnel assignments of all the friars, the second major task that effects the lives of all the Capuchin of the province.

The provincial chapter is the highest governing body of the province, and the provincial minister and the definitors must carry out the policies and decisions it makes. Several major decisions are on the agenda for this chapter. We must decide the fate of several large properties on which the buildings are under utilized. The largest of these is the place we are holding the meeting--St. Fidelis in Herman. At one time St. Fidelis was a high school and college seminary with over 300 students. Today, both the high school and college are closed, and the retreat program conducted here barely can cover the basic costs of maintaining the buildings. Another major decision concerns the theological school attended by our Capuchins preparing for ordination to priesthood. We must decide whether to continue an arrangement which commits us to send all of our students to one school, the Washington Theological Union, or whether to end this arrangement and be free to use a variety of schools. (13)

Appearing in the October, 1983, parish newspaper was the following paragraph, taken from **"Parish Council News,"** written by Mary DeBois:

Parish Council had a visit from Mrs. Gorman from St. Peter's Church in Millersburg. She is a member of a committee appointed by the Priests' Council to study the future shortage of priests. She has been collecting information and ideas from area parishes. Some of the suggestions have been to cluster parishes that share one priest; to use volunteers more in visitation to the hospital and the sick; having young people dedicate a year or two of service in the church. The shortage is a fact and these are ideas that will definitely need to be looked into if the church is to stay alive. (13)

From the November, 1983, parish newspaper: **"From the desk of FR. FRED"**

This issue of our newspaper features a number of ways St. Joseph Church is involved

with other churches of the county at this time of the year. These particular activities: stocking the county food pantry, participating in the CROP Walk (a walk to assist the hungry), holding the Thanksgiving services, working together in marriage preparation, scouting, or Share-a-Christmas, all are part of the "ecumenical" thrust of our parish.

The term "ecumenical" comes from the Greek word that means "universal" or "worldwide." We called Vatican II an ecumenical council because all the Bishops of the world were invited. When we speak of ecumenical activities in the context of our parish, however, we refer to areas of cooperation among Christians of different churches. The long-term goal of such cooperation is to end centuries-old divisions and to fulfill Jesus' vision of "one flock and one shepherd." The short-term goal is to remove the scandal caused by the inability of people who profess the same Lord to get along with each other.

For many years, we Catholics refused to work cooperatively with Protestant churches. The fear then (and some Catholics still have this fear) was that we would lose our sense of identity and the strength of our traditions. In asking Catholics to become more involved ecumenically, the Bishops of Vatican II stressed that we must always preserve all that is good and true in our own heritage as Catholics. But we must also be open to see the good in other Christians and in other churches.

The Council suggested three steps in the process of ecumenism: 1) that we eliminate words, judgments, or actions which do not treat members of other churches with truth and fairness; 2) that we engage in honest dialogue aimed at understanding one another better; 3) that through this each of us genuinely renew our own faith and commitment to Christ.

Since coming to Dover I have cherished the opportunity to meet and work with other ministers through the Ministerial Association, T-4-C, and the Chaplaincy Committee at Union Hospital. In return, I have found that other churches look to us for leadership, and that they are grateful for what we have to share with them. (13)

From the March, 1984, parish newspaper:

During the week of March 24 to 30, 1984, Fr. Scott Seethaler returned for Lent as the speaker for the parish's week-long "Mission of Renewal." His six talks all touched upon the integration of gospel values into family life. The topic of each talk: Theme--The Natural and the Spiritual Family: Celebrate Life in My Personal and Parish Family--Evening topics: Sunday, "The Changing Family;" Monday, "The Communicating Family;" Tuesday, "The Praying Family;" Wednesday, "The Ministering Family;" Thursday, "The Forgiving Family;" and Friday, "The Celebrating Family." (13)

From the March, 1981, newspaper: **"From the desk of: FR. FRED"**

On Tuesday, January 17, 1984, Bishop Griffin again visited our Parish. His purpose in coming was to meet with all the members of religious orders--men and women--who work in this part of the Diocese. Accompanying Bishop Griffin was Sister Noreen Malone, O.P., the Vicar for Religious of the Columbus Diocese. Perhaps a description of this meeting will be of interest, since our Parish is served both by men and women religious; we Capuchin friars and the Sisters of Divine Providence.

The roots of this meeting lie in a request from Pope John Paul II to the Bishops of the United States, asking them to study and prepare a report on the state of religious life within our country. To help implement this request in the Columbus Diocese, Bishop Griffin chose eight

locations for regional meetings with men and women religious working in the Diocese. At these meetings, he said, he wanted to listen and learn from those who actually lived in religious life as sisters, brothers, or religious priests.

Attending the meeting at St. Joseph's were the six Capuchin friars who work in Dover, Mineral City, and Roswell; the sisters who serve at St. Mary's in Dennison, at Sacred Heart, at St. Joseph's, and at Central Catholic; Sisters Claudine and DeCarmel from Catholic Social Services; Father Anthony Migoni, C.P.P.S., from St. Paul's in Midvale, and two sisters from Columbus.

After an opening prayer service, Bishop Griffin began the meeting by sharing with us about his recent visit to Rome--particularly the parts of his meeting with Pope John Paul that concerned religious life and his meeting with officials of the Sacred Congregation for Religious.

The Bishop indicated that he and the other bishops from Ohio and Michigan who accompanied him especially wanted to convey to these officials in Rome the great contribution that members of religious orders make to their dioceses. In turn, they found the church officials in Rome interested in the way religious life has changed in the United States in recent years--especially because of new ministries undertaken by sisters and because of declining number of members.

When our turn came to speak about our own experience, the dominant feeling expressed was that most changes in religious life have been for the good. Among the points highlighted were: 1) A great humanization of religious life that enables us to relate better to the experience of people we serve, and that fosters maturity and personality development among religious; 2) Greater responsibility for vocational decisions by religious, including decisions about life-style and types of ministry; 3) Greater emphasis on and freedom for both private and communal prayer; 4) Greater participation by religious who are not priests in the ministries of the church, bringing with it a greater sense of belonging to the parish community; 5) A greater degree of interaction between men and women religious in a way that is enriching for both. (13)

From the April, 1984, parish newspaper, by Joseph M. Dennison: **"Seventh Annual Diocesan Assembly,"**

On April 7, 1984, the Seventh Annual Diocesan Assembly was held at DeSales High School in Columbus, Ohio. Sponsored by the Diocesan Pastoral Council, another Diocesan Committee for Implementing the Peace Pastoral, the assembly's theme was "A Call to Be Peacemakers."

The keynote speaker was Maryknoll Father Edward B. Killackey, Director of Maryknoll's Washington, D.C., Office of Justice and Peace. Father Killackey's presentations were lively, informative, and liberally sprinkled with humor. He described the pastoral as a challenge to the formation of community conscience as well as a call to personal conversion. Stressed by Father Killackey was his belief that the greatest potential tragedy facing the Pastoral would be for the faith community to accept excerpts from the Pastoral instead of fully reading it.

Franciscan Sister Rosemary Lynch of the Franciscan Center, Las Vegas, Nevada, shared her experiences as coordinator for the Lenten Desert Experience. The Desert Experience was first held last year and is becoming an annual peaceful demonstration against nuclear testing at the Nevada Test Center.

Charity Sister Paula Conzales, futurist, educator, and biologist from Cincinnati, Ohio, spoke on the proliferation of nuclear weapons and their cost effect in terms of people and social

issues.

The Assembly presented the Pastoral as both a call to individuals and the community to become aware of the issues of war and peace, and the unique problems presented by war in our nuclear age.

Regardless of individual views or approaches, we are called together to become aware of the Pastoral's content, to allow for those individual differences, and to strive towards the Peace of God's Kingdom. This is a peace not found in empty words without actions, but rather it is found in the pursuit of a spirituality grounded in peace. To each of us there exists the responsibility of choosing our own response to this challenge of faith. (13)

From the October, 1984, parish newspaper, by Paul Harry: **"New Faces at Mass...Our Visiting Priests"**

On August 21, 1984, Father Roy Schuster left to begin his 3 ½ month renewal program at Notre Dame University. Three Capuchin Friars from Borromeo College in Cleveland are filling in for Fr. Roy at weekend liturgies this fall.

Father Bill Fey, 42, was ordained in September, 1968, and has a doctorate in philosophy from Oxford University. Father Bill is Director of Seminary Formation for the Capuchin province. Father John Petrikovic, 30, was ordained in June of 1981. He teaches religious studies at Borromeo. Father John Pavlik, 34, was ordained in January, 1978, and teaches English literature at Borromeo.

Presently there are one hundred and twenty students at Borromeo discerning their call to priesthood. Twenty-eight of these students are under the spiritual direction of our visiting priests. (13)

From the December, 1984, parish newspaper: **"From the desk of: FR. FRED"**

In the fall of 1983 with a burst of ambition that proved to be without good judgment, Father Roy, Brother Bob, and I set out to call every family or individual registered in the parish--a total of more than 1,450 telephone calls! The purpose of these calls was to be twofold: to bring our registration lists up to date, and to see if our conversations might reveal better ways for us to serve the parish and to draw people into fuller participation in parish life. We hoped to finish the project by Easter, 1984. Nine months later, with Father Roy leaving for his sabbatical at Notre Dame, we found ourselves still 1,000 calls short of our goal! We simply had miscalculated how much time this project would take.

Accordingly, we turned to an alternate plan. On Sunday, October 7, we asked parishioners to fill out a new registration form. On one side of these forms was space for the basic information we needed about each person--name, address, phone number, etc. Children under twenty-one were to register with their parents; single persons over twenty-one to register as individuals even if they still lived with their family. The other side of the form offered people an opportunity to express interest in various parish organizations, activities, or lay ministries.

When "Census Sunday" was completed and we had waited a few weeks for late forms to come in, we found that about 800 of the 1,450 families or individuals previously registered had responded. In addition, we found we had about sixty new registrations. Approximately 120 persons expressed interest in some kind of additional involvement in the parish. These names were given to the leaders of different organizations or ministries who would contact them.

Next we turned our attention to the "missing 650." We classified these into two groups: