



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 31, 1994

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR WALSH
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council of the recent appointment of Reverend Richard Mehm as Pastor of St. Andrew Parish, Forest Hills, by Cardinal Bernard Law, effective January 12, 1994; and

WHEREAS: Reverend Mehm was ordained to the Priesthood at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in May, 1977 by Cardinal Humberto Medeiros and was then appointed associate at St. Rita Parish, Haverhill, serving there until 1982, when he was appointed an associate at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Lynnfield; and

WHEREAS: Reverend Mehm served as Parochial vicar at St. James the Apostle Parish, Arlington from 1987 through 1990 and was then appointed to a similar position at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Beverly; and

WHEREAS: Reverend Mehm, a native of Lynn, is known to many in the Archdiocese as a member of "The Singing Priests", now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Reverend Richard Mehm on his recent appointment and wish for his success throughout his Pastoral Ministry; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Reverend Richard Mehm on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council January 31, 1994.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Cardinal Names Four New Pastors In Roxbury, Forest Hills, Medford And Lynn

By JOSEPH NOWLAN
PILOT STAFF

BRIGHTON — Cardinal Bernard Law has appointed four new pastors to archdiocesan parishes — St. James, Medford; St. Mary of the Angels, Roxbury; St. Andrew, Forest Hills; and St. Joseph, Lynn.

Rev. Paul Franz

Rev. Paul Franz has been named pastor at St. James Parish, Medford, effective on January 18, 1993. Since 1992, Father Franz has been chaplain at Lawrence General Hospital, Lawrence.

He was ordained in May, 1966, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, by Cardinal Richard Cushing. Following ordination, he was named assistant at St. Joseph Parish, Medway, serving there until 1971 at which time he became assistant at St. John the Evangelist Parish, North Chelmsford.

In 1979, Father Franz was appointed an associate at St. Andrew Parish, Billerica, until 1986, when he was named parochial vicar at St. Rita Parish, Lowell. From 1988-92, he served in a similar capacity at St. Cecilia Parish, Ashland.

"I'm very grateful that I've been called to this pastorate and look forward to serving the people of St. James," Father Franz told The Pilot.

Rev. John Fagan, SJ

A native of Brighton, Father Fagan earned his M.Div. from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California. He was ordained in June, 1983, at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, by Bishop Bernard Flanagan, then Bishop of Worcester.

Following ordination, Father Fagan served for four years as parochial vicar the St. Ambrose Parish in Dorchester's Fields Corner section.

Since 1987, Father Fagan has studied and worked extensively in outreach programs involved with Spanish-speaking communities both in the U.S. and abroad.

He has done pastoral work in spirituality programs in Mexico And Honduras. He has served with Casa Maria, an educational and religious outreach program of Holy Cross College in Worcester. In addition, Father Fagan served at Sacred Heart Parish in Holyoke, Diocese of Springfield.

Rev. Richard Mehm

Parochial Vicar at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Beverly, since 1990, Rev. Richard Mehm will become the pastor of St.

Andrew Parish, Forest Hills, effective January 18, 1994.

He was ordained at the Cathedral in May, 1977, by Cardinal Humberto Medeiros. He was then appointed associate at St. Rita Parish, Haverhill, serving there until 1982, when he was named an associate at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Lynnfield.

From 1987-90, he served as parochial vicar at St. James the Apostle Parish, Arlington. In 1990, he was appointed to a similar position at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Beverly.

A native of Lynn, Father Mehm is known to many in the Archdiocese as a member of "The Singing Priests."

He told The Pilot that, initially, he was "shocked" at the appointment, he laughed. But added in a more serious tone, "I was also humbled, to tell you the truth, that the cardinal thought of me for St. Andrew's. It will be a new page in my life, being stationed in the City of Boston. But it's a challenge I'll look forward to."

Rev. James Gaudreau

On Dec. 21, Rev. James Gaudreau became pastor of St. Joseph parish in Lynn. He had been technical assistant in residence there since 1984. At the same time Father Gaudreau was responsible for the Spanish Apostolate in the City of Lynn, a role he will continue as pastor.

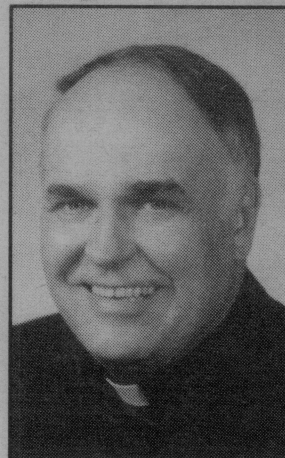
Father Gaudreau was ordained in May, 1969, at the Cathedral by Cardinal Richard Cushing. Following ordination, the Haverhill native was named assistant at St. Patrick Parish, Roxbury, where he served until 1975. At that time he was named associate at St. Rose Parish, Chelsea.

Father Gaudreau earned a master of divinity degree from St. John Seminary in 1969 and a master of religious education degree from Emmanuel College in 1973.

"For years now, I have been impressed by both the English and Spanish speaking communities here in Lynn," he told The Pilot. "I'm looking forward to continuing my relationship with both groups and seeing them move even closer together."



Pilot photo by Jack Pickell
Rev. Richard Mehm



Bachrach photo
Rev. James Gaudreau

Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council Issues Statement to Cardinal Law

BRIGHTON — The Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Boston issued a statement late last week apologizing to Cardinal Bernard Law for remarks attributed to some pastors in a Boston Globe article.

"What was said was inappropriate, inaccurate and unrepresentative," said the statement which was unanimously approved by the council at a Friday, Dec. 17 meeting.

The article, by Globe reporter James Franklin, quoted several unidentified pastors as criticizing Cardinal Law's request that the parishes make a voluntary payment of two percent of their annual parish income, or one percent in the case of parishes with a school or other large expenses, to help fund archdiocesan activities. The request was made at a meeting Dec. 9 with pastors from the Archdiocese's 400 parishes.

The Globe story reported

that some pastors viewed the cardinal's request as a "tax" and expressed concern about how the funds would be used. The article alluded to reports that the Archdiocese is a major contributor to the building of a new cathedral in Managua, Nicaragua. The reports have been categorically denied by the Archdiocese. (See Pilot editorial, Dec. 17).

"This council reiterates its support and appreciation to the cardinal for his wise and compassionate leadership during this difficult time," the statement added.

The Presbyteral Council is composed of 40 priests, diocesan and religious, elected by their peers as a consultative body to the cardinal archbishop. The role of the council is "to aid the bishop in governance of the diocese according to the norm of law in order that the pastoral welfare of the People of God...may be promoted as effectively as possible."

Archdiocesan Housing Program Honors Bank of Boston And Ira Stepanian

SPECIAL TO THE PILOT

BOSTON — The Housing Program of the Archdiocese of Boston presented its first annual Appreciation Awards to the Bank of Boston and its chairman Ira Stepanian in ceremonies held recently at the Sheraton Boston Hotel.

Rev. Michael Groden, executive Director of the Archdiocesan Planning Office for Urban Affairs, praised Stepanian and the Bank of Boston for their substantial commitment of talent and resources to make Lowell Square a reality.

Lowell Square is expected to be the last and critical chapter in the effort to redress the effects that urban renewal had on the Old West End neighborhood of Boston. A plaque honoring the chairman and his bank will be permanently installed at Lowell Square.

In addition, each of the speakers for the evening made significant announcements, assuring that the leadership of the City of Boston, the Federal Government, the Commonwealth and Labor will see this important development through.

Cardinal Bernard Law used the event to announce that within the next 90 days, the AFL/CIO Housing Trust will finalize their \$13.5 million in permanent financing.

Senator John Kerry was also



Photo by Shawn G. Henry
Ira Stepanian

in attendance as was Boston Mayor Tom Menino. Menino announced the long awaited commitment of two million dollars in Home Funds, a financial commitment which guarantees that Lowell Square will be completed.

The black-tie dinner helped raise more than \$150,000. The event was chaired by Thomas and Jacqueline O'Neill. Patrons and sponsors included Shawmut Bank; Loomis & Sayles & Company; Bank of Boston; Fleet Bank of Massachusetts; Boston District Council of Carpenters; J. F. White Contracting Company; TAD Technical Services Corporation; New England Telephone; Maloney Properties; The Architectural Team; Thompson Steel and Mr. & Mrs. James A. Daley.

Marriage Is Forever

By REV. ALFRED MCBRIDE, O. PRAEM

"God is the author of marriage."

Catechism, 1603

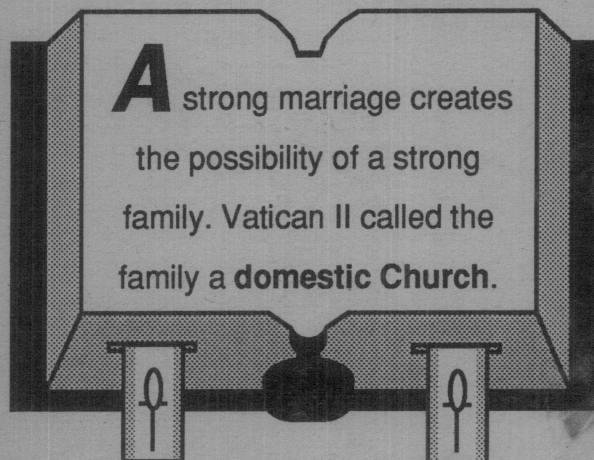
The Book of Tobit tells the story of Sarah whose first seven husbands all died on their wedding night; they wanted sex without love. Young Tobit became her eighth husband. He understood that sexuality should be ordered to conjugal and procreative love. Tobit and Sarah abstained from sex the first week of their marriage. They centered themselves on a prayerful reflection of the true purposes of marriage. Their temporary celibacy saved the life of Tobit and their marriage. Abstinence made their hearts grow fonder.



The Catechism teaches that Christ's graces in the sacrament of marriage protects three blessings or goods: unity/

indissolubility, the fidelity of conjugal love, openness to fecundity and the good of children.

The goods of unity and fidelity are destroyed by divorce. In obedience to the sixth and ninth commandments and to the very nature of marriage itself, the Church teaches that these goods require that sexuality be confined to marriage. Hence adultery and fornication are forbidden. The bond between unitive and



procreative love is inseparable. Hence acts not open to creating new life such as artificial contraception and homosexual behavior violate the bond.

A strong marriage creates the possibility of a strong family. Vatican II called the family a **domestic Church**. "In the family, the parents are, by words and example, the first heralds of faith for their children...They should foster the vocation proper to each child, especially a religious one." (Church, 11)

"The home is the first school of Christian life and a school for human enrichment." (Modern World, 48) In this domestic Church one learns love, the joy of work, perseverance, how to forgive, how to pray and to participate in divine worship by the offering of one's life.

Jesus clearly blessed married life. He also blessed virginity. Jesus is the center of every Christian life. The bond with Christ preceeds all other bonds, whether of family or society. The bonds of flesh do not constitute the family of Christ so much as doing God's will. (Mark 3:31-35) From the beginning of the Church, men and women have renounced the good of marriage to follow the Lamb wherever He goes. (Revelation 14:4) Jesus Himself modeled this calling and invited certain people to follow Him on this path. (Matthew 19:12)

Consecrated virginity and celibacy do not devalue marriage. In fact the fidelity of married people encourages celibate commitment and, conversely, faithful celibate witness enriches marital fidelity.

The sacrament of marriage offers to the spouses the grace of Christ. Jesus abides with the spouses. He strengthens them to follow Him in taking up their crosses, to rise after their falls through the grace of forgiveness, to forgive each other, to bear each other's burdens and fulfill the Gospel of Christ. Such couples blossom in the sunlight of fidelity and love. Marriage becomes one of life's greatest satisfactions and a foretaste of the marriage feast of the Lamb in heaven.

Reflection.

1. What are the three goods of marriage?

The three goods of marriage are unity and indissolubility, the fidelity of conjugal love, and openness to fecundity and the raising of children. Catechism, 1644, 1646, 1652

2. Why is the Christian home called a domestic Church?

The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. This is why the family home is called the domestic Church, a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and Christian love. Catechism, 1666

3. How does the grace of the sacrament help spouses?

The grace of the sacrament of marriage perfects the human love of the spouses, affirms their indissoluble unity and sanctifies them on the path to eternal life. Catechism, 1661

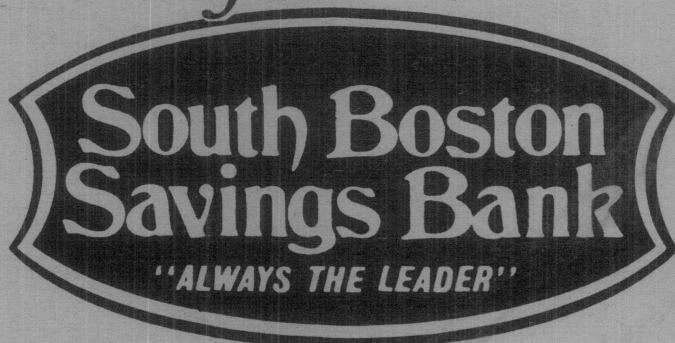
Prayer

Jesus, bridegroom of the Church, enrich married couples with the blessings of marriage. Strengthen their fidelity to each other. Crown their love. Envelop them in prayer. Give them joy in each other and in the children. Lead them to heaven.

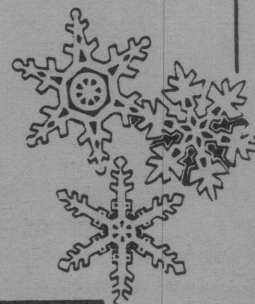
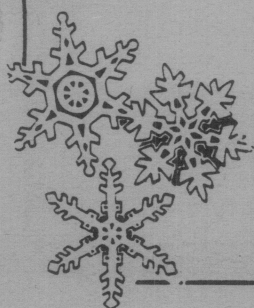
Resource Catechism, 1666



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Consent Order #1

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