



DIOCESE OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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The Right Reverend
HERMAN
Bishop of Philadelphia

**ADDRESS OF THE RULING BISHOP TO THE VENERABLE
CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES TO THE 22ND ASSEMBLY
OF THE DIOCESE OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

Venerable Fathers and Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST!

It is with great joy that I greet and welcome all of you who have gathered for the 22nd Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. May God look down upon this Assembly and grant us wisdom and understanding that we may learn His holy will; warm our hearts in love for Him and for our neighbors; guide us on the way of truth and righteousness, keeping our hearts from all evil; unite us in one mind and in one heart, and let mutual brotherly love abide in our midst; bless us for doing good and useful actions. Grant us peace and serenity, a unity of spirit, concord and fruitful action, and all those things needful for the building up of our diocese and His Holy Orthodox Church.

Recently, and most unexpectedly, it became necessary for me to be hospitalized for five days to receive treatment for a bleeding ulcer causing a brief interruption in my schedule. At this time, once again, I offer my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many prayers and expressions of love and concern extended to me by the clergy and faithful of our diocese during my illness.

In reviewing the vital statistics of our diocese, we find the following:

1. OFFICIAL CENSUS

A. Membership

Clergy: 1 bishop; 33 full-time priests, 4 part-time priests; 2 priests on leave of absence, 3 retired priests; 1 Proto-deacon and 1 deacon

Laity: 6054 adults; 1225 children

B. Parishes: 30 viable parishes; 7 non-viable parishes, 1 mission parish

C. Deaneries: (3)

Frackville: 8 viable parishes; 2 non-viable parishes (Centralia, Lykens)

Philadelphia: 9 viable parishes; 1 non-viable parish (Buckingham)

Wilkes-Barre: 13 viable parishes, 4 non-viable parishes (Dallas, Dundaff, Stroudsburg, Uniondale)

1 mission parish (Elevation of the Holy Cross - Williamsport)

2. APPOINTMENTS, RE-ASSIGNMENTS, TRANSFERS, RELEASES:

A. Appointments: Marie Hudock to Department of Insurance

B. Re-assignments: Fr. John Kowalczyk from Philadelphia to Jermyn

C. Assigned: Fr. Jason Kappanadze to Pottstown (Acting Rector)

Fr. John Onofrey to Shillington (Acting Rector)

Fr. Dionysius Swencki to Dundaff and Uniondale

Fr. John Udics to St. Mary's Church, Phila. (Acting Rector)

- D. Released: Fr. James Jadick to Diocese of New York
Fr. Vasile Prisacarou to Romanian Archdiocese
Fr. Mark Shinn to Russian Patriarchal Jurisdiction
- E. Ordinations: Priesthood: Frs. Jason Kappanadze, John Onofrey,
Stephen Karaffa
Deacon: Michael Prevas
- F. Retirement: V. Rev. Vladimir S. Borichevsky (effective 8/31/85)
- G. Celebrations: St. Tikhon's Monastery (80th Anniversary)
St. John the Baptist Church, Edwardsville (75th)
Holy Annunciation Church, Berwick (75th)
SS. Peter and Paul Church, Minersville (75th)

DIOCESAN INSURANCE FUND: On February 12, 1985, Mr. Russell Dugan was released from his position of Administrator of the Insurance Fund and Marie Hudock was appointed to fill his vacancy. On behalf of the Diocesan Council and the faithful of the Diocese of Eastern PA we extend our heartfelt thanks for his many years of dedicated service to the Insurance Fund and appoint him as a Consultant to this Department.

SENIOR CITIZENS: During the conference which was held in July, 1985, the Senior Citizens expressed their desire to investigate the possibility of building a retirement community at St. Tikhon's Monastery. A committee shall be appointed to investigate these possibilities.

COURT LITIGATIONS: The appeal filed by the dissident group of St. Basil Church in Simpson, PA has been transferred from the Superior Court to the Commonwealth Court. We await further word from the attorney. All briefs have been filed in the case involving St. John the Baptist Church in Mayfield, PA and we await a decision from Judge Cottone.

EIGHTH ALL AMERICAN COUNCIL: The Council will be held in Washington, DC. All parishes are reminded to elect the lay delegate and make arrangements to have representation at the Council in August, 1986.

CHRISTIAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND EGYPT: Your diocesan bishop will be on pilgrimage from September 16-29, 1985. During my absence, should a need arise requiring diocesan attention, please be in touch with the Diocesan Secretary, Archpriest Daniel Donlick.

My message, entitled, "Sharing in the work of the Lord", which appeared in the last issue of our diocesan publication, "Your Diocese Alive", introduced the theme for our 22nd Diocesan Assembly wherein all of us, clergy and laity, were reminded of our obligation to share in the work of the Lord. Led by the light of the gospel and the mind of the Church and motivated by Christian love, we are called to bear witness to goodness and truth for the building up of the Holy Orthodox Church.

The theme for the 8th All American Council of the Orthodox Church in America to be convened one year from now in Washington, DC will be "Evangelization in our Time." To evangelize is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, to announce the good news that the eternal life of the kingdom of God is with us, here and now, in the life of the world.

Once again, with sorrow, we must acknowledge that according to the most recent census of our diocese, the adult membership has been decreased by 63 people. It is time for all of us to consider very seriously the problem of declining parish membership with which we are confronted today. We must be willing to not only ask ourselves the question, are we doing our share in the work of the Lord, but also to take positive measure to correct the situation. As individuals, are we reaching out to our own people to keep them within the Church and are we fulfilling our responsibility to preach and teach the Word of God to those outside the True Church. Surely we will all agree that through the dedicated efforts and examples of bishops, priests, church school teachers and the dedicated Orthodox faithful who try to live the gospel, more and more people can be touched by the Church and restored to their rightful place within the Body of Christ.

In addition to the good Christian education and atmosphere that must be found in each home, teaching the Orthodox faith must always be one of the most important activities of the parish. Whether the parish be large or small, much time and effort must be exhausted in order to provide the best quality programs possible. The faith must be experienced and expressed in every area of human life and the goal should be Total Parish Religious Education -- Adult, Teen and Children's Programs.

The liturgy and religious instruction are two of the most central activities for any Christian community, and thus are among the most effective ways of promoting spiritual growth.

From the departmental reports that will be presented to you, it is evident that on the diocesan level much work is being done for the spiritual growth of our diocese in every area. In addition to the programs that are offered in the parishes, the diocese sponsors retreats for the clergy, children, teens, women; conferences for altar boys, senior citizens, choir directors, church school teachers and adult lecture series. No one is left out. Also our publication, "Your Diocese Alive", ranks among the best in offering useful information and educational material.

What is discouraging is that many of the clergy and laity offer their volunteer services and sacrifice much time and effort to establish good programs which could be more fruitful but at times are not, because of the lack of participation by the parishes. Too often there is more enthusiasm and participation from those outside of the diocese rather than our own.

Over the past two years I have had the opportunity to meet with the clergy and faithful of all of our parishes. In almost all of them, the same concerns are echoed: our parish is decreasing in membership, there is a lack of active church participation by the youth and teens, we don't always receive the financial support that is needed from some of our parishioners and that the elderly and shut-ins have difficulty in attending the church services. This is usually followed by the question, what programs are available from the national church or the diocese, or another parish, that could possibly help us with our problems.

As was mentioned earlier much work has been accomplished and continues to be done on a parochial, diocesan and national level. This support is available to all of the parishes. The problem is the hesitation of the parishes to take full advantage of the programs that are offered and to implement them.

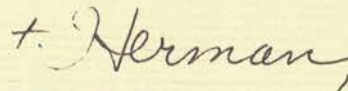
Usually my archpastoral visitations are made on a weekend and it is difficult to meet with the pastors and parish councils to discuss the full life of the parish. However, I am most willing to visit parishes during the week and to participate in the parish council meetings when all areas of parish life could be examined and discussed. Arrangements could also be made for representatives of our various departments to visit the parishes.

We must all share in the work of the Lord. Without persistence, that is, striving day in and day out to increase in virtue and to come closer to God; we shall fail. We must persevere and be loyal to Christ and His Church. "He who stands firm to the end" says our Lord, "will be saved." To give up is to give up on Christ.

As an evangelizing people, we must not only know and accept the gospel of God, we must also know and accept the people whom we are attempting to evangelize. We must have a clear and sound insight into the spiritual conditions of those to whom we preach. We must find the right words and the right methods of approach. For this to happen, we must be prepared, as the apostle Paul has borne witness, to make ourselves the slaves for all "for the sake of the gospel," so that by becoming "all things to all people" we might "by all means" save some. (1 Cor. 9:19-23)

May the Lord our God, look with mercy upon this Diocesan Assembly and send down into our hearts, our minds and our lips the Spirit of wisdom, of understanding, of godliness, and of His fear; enlightening our minds with the light of His gracious understanding, that we may be adorned with all good works for the glory of His most holy Name; and the benefit and glory of His Holy Church.

Respectfully submitted,



+HERMAN,
Bishop of Philadelphia
and Eastern Pennsylvania

17 August 1985

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY TO THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The intent of this report is to outline the highlights of the Diocesan Council Meetings held since the last Diocesan Assembly at St. Tikhon's Monastery/Seminary Complex, South Canaan, Pennsylvania on Saturday, September 22, 1984.

89th DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 8, 1984, SOUTH CANAAN, PENNSYLVANIA

Minutes of the Diocesan Assembly held on Saturday, September 22, 1984 were read and approved by - MOTION of Mr. David Brauchalski to accept the minutes as presented and a SECOND by the V. Rev. Vladimir Petorak - Motion carried.

The Very Reverend Daniel Donlick presented the Treasurer's report noting the following:

<u>Balance</u>	August 31, 1984	\$23,270.70
<u>Income</u>	August 31 to October 31, 1984	\$30,793.73
	October 31, 1984	Checking Account Balance
		\$54,064.43
<u>Expenses</u>	August 31 to October 31, 1984	\$42,569.12
<u>Balance</u>	October 31, 1984	\$11,495.31

Diocesan Center Assessment Report - November 6, 1984

Parish Assessments paid in full	= \$166,905.96
Parish Assessments - partial payments	= \$ 39,389.00
Total Income to date	= \$206,294.96
Parish Assessments Due	= \$ 18,571.00
Total Anticipated Assessment	= \$224,865.96

MOTION by the Very Reverend John Kuchta to accept the Treasurer's reports as presented and a SECOND to the motion by the Very Reverend Daniel Geeza - motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BISHOP

His Grace gave a complete and comprehensive report on the activities of the Diocese and other pertinent matters. Noted in his report was the Consecration of Bishop Nathaniel in Detroit, to which Bishop Herman attended followed by his visit to St. Herman's Church in Wallingford, Pa.

On the matters of the litigation, he advised that the case regarding Mayfield is scheduled for December 17, 1984. and that Fr. Meyendorff and Chancellor Hubiak would also be in attendance.

Reference the Simpson matter, no decision has been reached on the Appeal, we will just sit and wait for the results.

Insurance - The CPA has received the proper documents up to the year 1982 and find them in good order, a full report for fiscal years 1983 and 1984 is forthcoming. Monies realized are invested through the E.F. Hutton Corp. In the future all premium payments will be made directly to the Diocesan Center.

Your Diocese Alive - The December issue is ready to go to print at this time. His Grace advised \$500 has been received to date in response to the Xmas Greetings, which will be published in the December issue.

Committees - Bishop Herman advised that a committee will be appointed to serve as a Finance Committee, which will include the Budget. Appointed by His Grace to chair the committee is the Very Reverend Daniel Geeza. His Grace and the Chairman will meet to gather all pertinent figures and information prior to the first meeting of the Committee. A report will be published in the Diocese Alive as soon as it is completed.

Winter Encounter -for the Youth will be held the last week of December, 1984

90th DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 25, 1985, SOUTH CANAAN, PENNSYLVANIA

The minutes of the 89th Diocesan Council Meeting were accepted as read by:

MOTION: The Very Rev. Daniel Geeza moved to accept the minutes as read.

SECOND: The Very Rev. Vladimir Petorak seconds the Motion. Motion unanimous.

REPORT OF THE BISHOP

His Grace reported on the Lenten Services and their success, attendance was good, and communication is good.

Paschal Liturgy for the clergy and their families was well attended.

Rev. Mark Shinn will be released from the Diocese of Eastern, Pa. and given on loan to the Russian Patriarchal Jurisdiction in America to serve one of their parishes in Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. James Jadick transferred to the Diocese of New York from The Orthodox Church of St. Herman, Shillington, Pa. Archpriest Joseph Martin, Dean, is assigned to care for the spiritual needs until a permanent priest is assigned.

S/S Peter & Paul, Uniondale, Pa. and St. John the Baptist, Dundaff, Pa. will be serviced by the clergy attached to St. Tikhon's Monastery.

The Very Rev. Vladimir S. Borichevsky (Pastor of St. Herman's Church, Buckingham, Pa.) petitioned for retirement effective August 31, 1985. Request was granted.

The V. Rev. Borichevsky will continue to teach. V. Rev. Geeza will secure further information for assignment to St. Herman's.

John Onofrey, graduate of St. Tikhon's Seminary, will be ordained deacon on May 5, 1985 and to the holy priesthood on Pentecost (June 2, 1985) to serve the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. Probable assignment will be The Orthodox Church of St. Herman, Shillington, Pa.

The Archpastoral visitations will be completed before the Diocesan Assembly for 1985.

Celebrations - 80th Anniversary, St. Tikhon's Monastery, May 24-27, 1985
 75th Anniversary, St. John the Baptist Church, Edwardsville, Pa.
 June 9, 1985.
 75th Anniversary, S/S Peter & Paul Church, Minersville, Pa.
 September 8,, 1985

Court Litigations - St. John the Baptist Church, Mayfield, Pa.
 There is nothing to report at this time with the exception that the transcripts have not been completed to date.

St. Basil the Great Church, Simpson, Pa.- Nothing further to report at this time.

His Grace will participate in Holy Land Pilgrimage which is scheduled for September 16 through 30, 1985

Holy Synod - Items discussed at the Spring Session, 1985 were:

- a. Membership within the Church - noted some growth with limited growth in the Diocese.
- b. Fellowship of Orthodox Stewards (FOS) - it is expected that the income will fall short of approximately \$60,000. Needed amount is \$187,000.
- c. Dual Parish Membership - National Church - tabled the discussion.
- d. Cathedras vacant - Diocese of the West, Diocese of Canada.
- e. Translations Commission - Basic prayers will be considered first.
- f. Resolutions adopted will be published in the publication "Your Diocese Alive.
- g. Fr. Glagolev will be retiring the Summer of 1985.
- h. Members of The Holy Synod commended the publication "Your Diocese Alive" for the excellent material presented.
- i. Conference with the Lutheran Church in America will convene in Allentown, Pa.
- j. Diocesan Insurance - Marie Hudak was appointed to handle same. Report for February shows - 233 Enrolled in the Blue Shield/Blue Cross program with income in the amount of \$144,181.

TREASURER'S REPORT - was distributed and shows the following:

<u>Balance</u> - October 31, 1984 - Checking Account	\$ 11,710.82
<u>Income</u> - November 1, 1985 - March 31, 1985	\$ 88,671.55
<u>Balance</u> - March 31, 1985 - Checking Account	\$100,382.37
<u>Expenses</u> - November 1, 1984 - March 31, 1985	\$ 84,448.96
<u>Balance</u> - March 31, 1985	<u>\$ 15,933.41</u>

MOTION: The V. Rev. Petorak moves the treasurer's report be accepted as presented and filed for audit.

SECOND: The V. Rev. Martin seconds the motion - motion carried.

DIOCESAN CENTER REPORT - was distributed and reviewed, noting there are five (5) parishes showing a balance due.

Total income to date	\$212,184.96
Parish Assessments due	+\$ 9,053.00
Total Anticipated	\$221,237.96

YOUR DIOCESE ALIVE -

Fr. Kappanadze reported on the success of the publication as well as that the subscription fee was increased to \$10.00 annually. Remuneration received from the Paschal Greetings was in the sum of \$475.

Discussion took place in the area of printing equipment now that Fr. Kappanadze's assignment is in Pottstown, Pa.

MOTION: V. Rev. Donlick reported that St. Tikhon's Seminary is considering purchasing new printing equipment and recommended that the Dioces of Eastern Pennsylvania purchase the old machine from the Seminary at a cost of approximately \$7,000.00.

SECONDED: By V. Rev. Potorak - Motion unanimous

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The report of the newly established Finance Committee, chaired by the V. Rev. Daniel Geeza, was presented and reviewed.

Recommendations offered by the committee were:

- (1) Begin to present the budget to the faithful in the next issue of "Your Diocese Alive".
- (2) Present the budget and GIFT Program to the Diocesan Assembly for approval.

Assessment: Discussion of actual 1984 expenses, the anticipated 1985 budget deficit (approximately \$9,000) and 1986 budget programs compared to the current funding levels, additional income is necessary to fund the Diocesan Budget.

Recommendation: An increase in the Diocesan Assessment from \$6.00 to \$10.00 annually.

MOTION: David Brzuchalski moves to adopt the recommended proposal of the Finance Committee to increase the Diocesan Assessment from \$6.00 to \$10.00 annually.

SECOND: Fr. John Kowalczyk seconds the motion. Motion unanimous

ADDENDUM: to the above MOTION: An Expense Account be established for His Grace in the amount of \$2,400.00 in lieu of a salary increase.
All Concur

Walter Gerasimowicz, Peter Jubinski Larry Skvir, and V. Rev. Daniel Geeza, Chairman, were appointed to prepare the budget for 1986 for presentation to the Diocesan Council at the meeting scheduled for May, 1985.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY:

The date set for the Diocesan Assembly is August 17, 1985 to be held in South Canaan, Pennsylvania.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Fr. John Kowalczyk announced the Altar Boy Retreat is scheduled for May 3rd and 4th and the deadline for reservations is April 28, 1985. At this point in time response has been slow.

PRO LIFE:

The need for a Pro-Life Department was presented by Fr. John Kowalczyk and discussed.

MOTION: Fr. John Kowalczyk moves that we create a Pro-Life Department in our Diocese, so that the ancient and Apostolic position may be heard, and through the Department we may support Pro-Life organizations, in a more organized way.

SECOND The V. Rev. Joseph Martin Seconds the motion - Motion carried.

PORNOGRAPHY PROGRAM:

This program will be pursued further when Fr. Daniel Kovalak returns from Russia.

91st DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 23, 1985, SOUTH CANAAN, PENNSYLVANIA

His Grace, Bishop Herman advised the purpose of this meeting was to approve the Agenda and proposed Budget for 1986, which will be presented to the Diocesan Assembly on Saturday, August 17, 1985 in South Canaan, Pennsylvania.

Minutes of the previous Diocesan Council Meeting were not read due to the absence of the Secretary, Marie McCarty; however, they will be read and approved at the next Diocesan Council Meeting.

By recommendation of Bishop Herman, the Annual Church School Conference, with guest speaker Dr. John Boojamra, will be held in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly on August 17, 1985.

Agenda for the Diocesan Assembly was presented and accepted on MOTION by the V. Rev. John Kuchta and second by the V. Rev. Vladimir Petorak - Motion carried.

Budget was presented by Vladimir Gerasimowicz which was prepared by Peter Jubinsky, Larry Skvir and Vladimir Gerasimowicz, members of the Finance Committee.

Recommendations by the Committee were:

- a. All Department Chairpersons give an account of allocated monies for 1985 and how they were used to determine if the amount is sufficient.
- b. Recommendation to continue the publication "Your Diocese Alive".

MOTION to accept the updated budget was made by the V. Rev. Vladimir Petorak and the SECOND by Mr. David Brzuchalski - Motion carried.

His Grace, Bishop Herman acknowledged and thanked Marie Hudack for the hard work she has done regarding the Blue Cross/Blue Shield program and requests she review and study the program once again and to make recommendations to the Diocesan Assembly on August 17, 1985.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie C. McCarty
Marie C. McCarty, Secretary
Diocesan Council

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1986

EXPENSES:

Administrative - Salaries & Expenses

The Bishop	\$9,600.00	
Pension	1,150.00	
Expense Account	2,400.00	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	800.00	
Social Security	1,100.00	
Travel Expense	3,000.00	
Secretary/Treasurer - Salary & Expense	<u>3,600.00</u>	
		\$21,650.00

Diocesan Center - Chancery & Residence

P.P.&L. (electricity)	\$4,800.00	
Telephone	1,800.00	
Insurance	2,200.00	
Center Maintenance	<u>2,000.00</u>	
		\$10,800.00

Diocesan Departments & Programs

Metropolitan Council	\$1,000.00	
Religious Education & Youth	1,000.00	
Department of Publications -		
"Your Diocese Alive" (5 issues)	10,600.00	
Public Relations	1,000.00	
Department of Lay Ministry and		
Stewardship	<u>1,000.00</u>	
		\$14,600.00

Miscellaneous 1,500.00

Office Supplies & Printing 3,500.00

Missionary

Department of Missions 5,500.00

Other Expenditures:

a. C.P.A.	650.00
b. Capital Equipment (Vartyper) \$3,000. per year including service contract	3,000.00
c. Millenium - Diocesan participation	<u>500.00</u>

Total Expenses \$61,700.00

PROPOSED INCOME:

Diocesan Assessment of Parishes (6,000 Adults @\$10.00)	\$60,000.00
Missionary Drive	<u>5,500.00</u>

* Total Proposed Income \$65,500.00

* PLEASE NOTE: Any excess income from this proposed Budget will be applied to the loans that were incurred with the 1985 deficit Budget.

PHILADELPHIA DEANERY

Very Rev. Daniel Geeza, Dean
Very Rev. Claude Vinyard, Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT OF THE DEANERY OF PHILADELPHIA

At the present time, the Philadelphia Deanery consists of ten parishes being serviced by eight full-time priests and two part-time priests. Meetings are held quarterly on a rotating schedule which affords every parish to be a host if they so desire.

Mission Vesper services were held during the season of the Great Fast and were well attended. A radio program is broadcast every Sunday evening (7:00 - 7:30 P.M.) under the direction of Fr. John Bohush, made possible by contributions from Orthodox business men and faithful. A Sunday School Teachers-Parents Conference was held on July 27th at Holy Assumption parish. Religious lectures have been planned for the Advent season and will be held at Holy Trinity Church in Pottstown, Pa. and at St. Nicholas Church in Philadelphia.

Lenten Mission services for 1986 have already been scheduled and will also include mid-week Presanctified Liturgy and Holy Unction Service on Holy Wednesday. Deanery clergy will participate in the vigil service on the eve of the Feast of the Dormition at Holy Assumption Church, 28th Street and Snyder Avenue in South Philadelphia.

In February of this year, Fr. John Kowalczyk was relieved of his pastoral duties at Holy Assumption parish and assigned as Rector of St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Jermy, Pa. Fr. John Udics has been assigned as Acting Rector of Holy Assumption parish in South Philadelphia and Fr. Jason Kappanadze has been assigned Acting Rector of Holy Trinity Church in Pottstown, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,


Very Rev. Daniel Geeza, Dean

7/26/85

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY OF THE DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA & EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The Wilkes-Barre Deanery consists of 18 parishes in Northeastern Pennsylvania serviced by 15 full-time priests.

LENTEN MISSIONS

On the Sunday of Orthodoxy the Rite of Orthodoxy was celebrated in Holy Resurrection Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre. The clergy of the Deanery participated in five Lenten Mission services and the Holy Unction Service which was served at St. Michael's Church, Old Forge.

PUBLICATIONS

The Deanery continues to distribute the pamphlets "The Blessing of Motherhood" and "To Help You Pray" to the sick and all of the faithful.

VISUAL AID & CASSETTE LIBRARY

Father David Lisko of All Saints Church, Olyphant co-ordinates the distribution of these educational materials.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Holy Trinity Church, Wilkes-Barre celebrated the burning of their mortgage on October 7 1984. St. Michael The Archangel Church, Jermyn celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the founding of their parish. St. John The Baptist Church, Edwardsville celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the founding of their parish. The dates of the aforementioned Anniversary celebrations were November 11, 1984 and June 9, 1985.

CLERGY CHANGES

On January 31, 1985 Rev. Dionysius Swencki was granted a temporary leave of absence to continue studies at Marywood College.

On February 9, 1985 Rev. John Kowalczyk was assigned as Rector of St. Michael The Archangel Church, Jermyn, Pa.

DONATION

A donation of \$100.00 was made to the Diocese to be used to air Christmas Messages on various Radio Stations during the Nativity Season.

DEANERY OFFICERS

Very Rev. John Kuchta, Dean
Very Rev. Andrew Shuga, Vice-Dean
Rev. John Adamcio, Secretary
Very Rev. Vladimir Fetcho, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,



Very Rev. John Kuchta, Dean