

setting up with you a priests' senate, a provisional pastoral council and a lay advisory board for temporal matters. It is also through the cooperation of religious and a few diocesan priests that certain pastoral experiences have been made possible with a view to more effectively meeting the needs of our brothers, v.g. apostolic work in certain neighborhoods, youth work in the Cities of Ottawa and Hawkesbury, parishes entrusted to a team of priests, etc.

In the temporal field, we have, not without some difficulty, introduced new legislation concerning remuneration of the clergy and administration of parishes; we have also given impetus to the "Organization for **Development and Peace**", to aid under-developed nations. Finally, the major undertaking of the past three years, without a doubt, is the Diocesan Synod presently being held.

But there is more and better: the bonds of friendship that these three years have woven between us; the fraternal welcome that greeted me everywhere; the mutual trust that I have seen growing; the admirable dedication and truly apostolic zeal of my clergy in general and their constant readiness to give to their fellowmen, through faith, a meaning to their lives, to their every action. All this was possible only by rigorous fidelity, without compromise, on your part, to Him who alone is to the fullest Priest and Savior.

On the reverse side of the medal comes first the death of 6 diocesan priests and the departure of 12 others who were in active ministry when I arrived and who have since returned to the secular state. The sale of the Minor Seminary and rental of our Major Seminary must also be aligned on the debit side as they clearly indicate a decrease in candidates for the priesthood. Our Catholic Action force is also considerably depleted. Finally, there was the usual component of misunderstandings and delays which sometimes make life difficult but are the normal shadows in a lighted tableau.

This summary assessment illustrates, beyond a doubt, that in our diocese is being realized what Paul VI declared about the universal Church in his losing address to the Synod at St. Mary Major: "We are in the process of re-discovering ecclesial communion on the level of our priesthood, that is to say 'an inter-communion of charity and apostolic efficiency'." Even if

all do not progress at the same speed in this re-discovery of the Church as a communion in love, let this not prevent us from believing, with all the vigor of our souls, that on communion in the same faith and the same love depends chiefly our fidelity to Christ and our fellowman. Resentment and division alone are to be banished since they impair the design of God.

I conclude. For whatever good we were able to accomplish together during these three years, let us thank God. What could we have done without Him?

For our failures too, let be thankful, in as much as we are not morally responsible for them, as they will help us to realize the need we have of Him. Lastly, for our inadequacies and weaknesses, let us beg forgiveness.

Gratitude and union in the Lord,

† JOSEPH-AURÉLE PLOURDE,

Archbishop of Ottawa.

By command of
His Exc. the Archbishop,
Roger Morin,
Chancellor.

Archbishop's Residence,
Ottawa, January 15, 1970.

INQUIRY CLASSES

Dear Father:

The enclosed information provides the details of the new series of Inquiry Classes which I feel will be of immense value to yourself and your parishioners. If you agree, will you PLEASE assist by doing all the following:

- 1) encourage attendance from the pulpit.
- 2) note the events, weekly, in your bulletin.
- 3) place the posters in a conspicuous location.
- 4) encourage your parishioners, and particularly their non-

catholic friends to attend.

- 5) volunteer to give a lesson, if you are interested.

The following is a suggestion for your bulletin:

“A NEW SERIES OF ADULT INQUIRY CLASSES WILL BE HELD EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FROM 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. AT IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL, BRONSON AVENUE (LISGAR STREET ENTRANCE) BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 1970 AT 7:30 P.M.”

Many thanks to all those who have been so helpful in making these classes possible. Particular thanks to all those priests who have been helping give the lectures.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this work, I remain,

Fraternally,
(Rev.) David Corkery

February 4th	1970	April 29
Inquiry Class weekly schedule		
1) Registration & Introduction Rev. David Corkery	Feb. 4	836-2864 232-7162
2) The Bible & Trinity Rev. Frank Morissey	Feb. 11	233-8493 233-1125
3) Sin & Redemption Rev. James Kleiner	Feb. 18	728-0201
4) The Church of Christ Rev. Frank McEvoy	Feb. 25	224-1892
5) Grace & Sacraments Rev. Terry Sloan	March 4	728-9811
6) The Commandments & Church Precepts Rt. Rev. J. Leo Lesage	March 11	235-1846

7) The Holy Eucharist Rev. B. McGrory	March 18	838-2314
8) Baptism & Confirmation Rev. Ed. Lunney	March 25 (1)	256-1034
9) Penance Rev. R. Latour	April 1	224-1892
10) Marriage Rev. André Brosard Mr. & Mrs. P. Lessaux	April 8	232-7162 828-7942
11) Holy Orders & Sacrament of the sick Rev. Dale Crampton	April 15	722-7721
12) Eternal Life Rev. Glenn Clarke	April 22	733-4661
13) Conclusion & Summary Rev. B. O'Brien	April 29	729-6890

Archbishop's Residence,
Ottawa, January 28, 1970.

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Dear Father:

Sunday, February the eighth, has been chosen as a DAY FOR THE SICK of our region. This day, under the auspices of His Excellency the Archbishop, will mark a special occasion for all of us to visit the sick, the aged, and to live a day of human and christian brotherhood.

The pastors are kindly requested to make this day known to their parishioners either by an announcement from the pulpit or by the parish bulletin.

The Chancery.