

Ex-priest joins new congregation as youth aide

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The Rev. Joseph L. Perry, who recently resigned from the Catholic priesthood and as pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, has been employed by the Session of Hanover Presbyterian Church as a youth aide.

Walker will serve as a resource person to the Hanover Church school staff and youth fellowship advisers. He also will help with adult Bible study sessions.

His duties will include assisting with problem solving and program development and serving as Hanover's liaison to the nationwide "Key 73" evangelistic campaign.

The church has granted Walker the use of its former manse at 1804 Baynard Blvd. Hanover is located at 18th and Baynard. The house has been vacant since last July, when the Rev. William L. Davis, Hanover's associate pastor, accepted another call.

Walker will use the house to serve troubled youth and adults. It will be called "Koinonia House," from the Greek word meaning Christian fellowship. Walker will be resident director of the facility, but the program will not be financed or staffed by Hanover Church, according to Ralph E. Kelly, clerk of Hanover Session.

HANOVER'S pastor, the Rev. Joseph L. Perry, called Walker's relationship to the Hanover community a good

one and said he is glad to have Walker join the Hanover staff. Hanover and St. Patrick's have worked closely in the church cluster known as the North Brandywine Council of Churches. The lower elementary grades of the St. Mary's-St. Patrick's school use Hanover's Christian education wing. A Mass is offered Sunday mornings at 9 in the Hanover sanctuary for elderly Catholics who live in the nearby Baynard Apartments, a Wilmington Housing Authority high-rise for the elderly.

Walker's resignation from the Catholic priesthood and as administrator-pastor of St. Patrick's, 15th and King Sts., was announced last week by the Catholic Diocese. A Wilmington native and an alumnus of St. Paul's, Mary C. I. Williams and Salesianum schools, Walker has been a priest for 12 years.

He worked for the state highway department for a year before beginning his seminary studies at Mt. St. Mary's, Emmitsburg, Md. He has taught religion in both elementary and high schools and worked with both city and suburban youth. He holds a master's degree in social work.

Perry said Walker will serve three days a week, including Sunday, at Hanover, in an interim agreement until June. He will be able to carry on regular pastoral functions, including preaching, with the exception of administering the sacraments.

Prisoners win implementation of rules

By William P. Frank

The implementation of the 54 rules regarding the treatment of inmates in Delaware's prisons is the next concern of the American Civil Liberties Union, according to Ernest S. Wilson Jr.

Wilson, a Wilmington attorney who voluntarily represented a group of prisoners in a suit against state prison officials yesterday said the adoption of the rules "is a decided step forward." He said it also is imperative that the rules be adhered to honestly.

THE acceptance of the rules

was the core of the settlement of the suit brought by the group of prisoners in November 1971.

U.S. District Judge Walter K. Stapleton has signed an order approving the settlement of the suit on the condition that the rules — including specific discipline procedures — will be in effect by Feb. 1.

John J. Moran, director of the Division of Adult Corrections, said the new rules, along with other regulations, are now being explained to staff members and will be presented to prisoners within the next two months.

In an interview yesterday, Gerald E. Kandler, chairman

of the Delaware Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Wilson said the rules place Delaware far ahead of other states.

They said, however, that they will "watch the state prison system to see that the rules are properly followed. We also plan to have the rules printed and distributed to all prisoners so they will know their rights," they added.

In his order for settling the suits, Stapleton said the rules "should provide greater certainty for the inmates and staff and reduce the occurrence of misunderstandings between these two groups.

"It is apparent . . . the proposed rules . . . reflect a good-faith effort on the part of both sides to provide greater assurances to the prisoners with respect to the areas about which complaints have been made."

THE rules include:

—Housing of prisoners spelled out in great detail.

—For the first time, the responsibility of the prison system in furnishing medical services is outlined.

—In the area of prison discipline, details are set forth as to how prisoners shall be punished for infractions; also, prisoners under certain cir-

cumstances will be allowed to have their lawyers at discipline board hearings.

—In contrast to present conditions, prison officials will not be permitted to arbitrarily punish inmates.

—If emergency conditions arise for punishment, the rules require that prisoners to be punished shall be told of their violations in writing.

—No inmates shall be punished except in accordance with the terms of a written regulation and never twice for the same offense.

—Transfer of a prisoner from one institution to another as punishment is forbidden.

—Loss of good time shall not exceed five days.

—Administration isolation of a prisoner in "the hole" shall not exceed five days for minor violations of prison rules nor more than 15 days for major violations of rules.

—Untried inmates shall be kept separate from convicted inmates.

—At every institution there shall be available the services of at least one qualified medical officer who should have some knowledge of psychiatry.

—"As soon as reasonably practicable, a medical officer shall visit the prisons each day."

Poppiti summons party's legislators to dinner meetings

By Walt Rykiel
Dover Bureau

DOVER—Michael A. Poppiti, state Democratic Party chairman, has called party caucuses for the House and Senate next week at which legislators are expected to gather

men before the two caucuses next week.

DEMOCRATIC legislators also are expected to choose their leadership for the coming General Assembly, which goes into session on Jan. 9. It is not known if Tribbitt and Poppiti will try to influence

