Chicago denominational leaders focus on budget cuts

At a recent meeting of the Community Renewal Society, leaders of the religious community of Chicago, signed a statement calling attention to the "sweeping federal government cuts" in social services. The signers, among them Bishop Montgomery and Bishop Primo, recommend certain actions be taken to alleviate the situation among the poor and the helpless. Text of the statement is published here for the information of Episcopalians in the Diocese of Chicago.

"We are alarmed as we view the impact of the sweeping federal government cuts in all levels of human and social services. Already, the demand on the food pantries in our religious and related institutions has increased almost 100%. Our consciences are troubled when, in the wealthiest nation on earth, some citizens are without food to feed their children. There have been reductions of basic services in health, education, job training and day care. We are shocked by the rising rate of unemployment, especially among minority teen-agers. We view with deep concern the increasing youth gang activity as more young people apparently are attempting to earn a living through

the illicit sale and distribution of narcotics and other unlawful means.

"We affirm, with the President, that all citizens should seek independence and control over their own destinies. However, it is difficult for us to see how people with little or no means of support and limited opportunities for work can, in fact, lift themselves by their own bootstraps. At the same time, we that government subsidies remain on such commodities as sugar, peanuts, to-bacco and dairy products.

"Our understanding of our American government is that the people together have mutual responsibility for one another. Each citizen deserves an opportunity to an adequate living through employment, or access to land, tools and resources. Failing to provide such opportunities, we must, through the vehicle of our government, provide some form of minimum income in order to ensure life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all citizens.

"The President has asked the religious and business communities to fill the gaps in social programs left by government cuts. Frankly we do not feel this is feasible. Congregations are having difficulties balancing increased demands with diminishing incomes. (Many, for instance, are unable to meet utility bills which may well double

under proposed gas deregulation.) And, in this period of recession and high interest rates, many businesses are floundering; some have cut their giving programs completely, others are freezing contributions at current levels.

"In view of what we see as an imminent crisis, we call on metropolitan area congregations to take the following actions:

- Renew efforts to supply food for food pantries;
- Renew efforts to develop programs to create new jobs, especially for minority youth;
- Implement and/or share in voter registration drives to ensure maximum citizen participation in the election of public officials;
- Encourage members to share with Congressional Representatives and Senators their concerns about the negative impact of the budget on the poor and working poor and urge them to support efforts to reinstate appropriate social program funds;
- Join coalitions or other organizations to make known the plight of the poor and to work together for constructive programs which would alleviate the suffering caused by present cuts in social programs."

WANTED: A small portative/positive chamber pipe organ; 1 or 2 manuals with pedal appropriate for 30' x 34' x 11' (approx.) church area (vertical space ranges from 7½' to 13'). Contact: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Grinnell, IA 50112, (515) 236-6254, after 5 p.m. or weekends: (515) 236-8893.

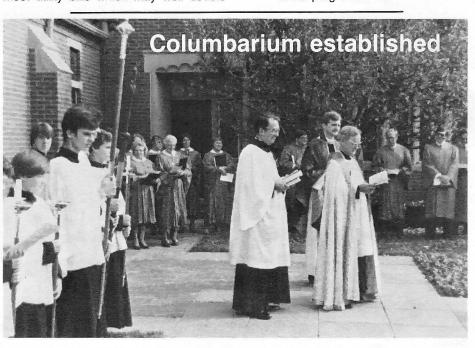
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The Rev. Jack D. Parker (in cope) officiated at the blessing of the new columbarium established at St. Gregory's Church, Deerfield. Attending him at the service were (from left) Jay Hedgepeth, lay reader, and the Rev. Albert L. Holland, curate of the parish. Columbariums, reminiscent of traditional church-yard burial grounds, provide for the interment of ashes of those who choose to be cremated. The late Ken Howard, lay reader and chalice-bearer at St. Gregory's Church for many years, was among the first to be interred in the new facility. (St. Gregory's photo)

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church Grinnell, Iowa 50112

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Organist: Teresa Walker, 515-236-6184 Burlius L

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Dear Rev. Towner:

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Your advertisement for a pipe organ in January's ADVANCE magazine has come to our attention. An organ of perhaps one manual and pedal with six stops or even less may be perfect for your needs. Our company is prepared to build instruments of this size with a waiting period of less than a year. We build only mechanical action (tracker) organs.

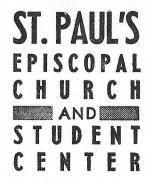
As it happens, I was born and raised in Grinnell, and I apprenticed to an organbuilder in Chicago when I left Grinnell in 1968. After nine years of apprenticeship, I set up on my own and only recently incorporated. This implies that my young business is extremely competetive in price while still maintaining a high standard of craftsmanship.

Please don't hesitate to write or call so discussion on style, disposition, and placement of the organ may proceed. I am delighted to hear that a Grinnell parish is interested in a pipe organ.

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P.O. BOX 365 STATE STREET AT SIXTH GRINNELL, IOWA 50112

March 7, 1983

Walter Bradford Prairie Organ Company 2131-2 Ridge Ave. Evanston, Illinois 60201

Dear Walter:

Enclosed is a check for \$200.00 from St. Paul's Church in payment for your (and Ron's) visit and meeting with us on January 20 to discuss various possibilities regarding the installation of an organ. I apologize for the tardiness of this check and bear total responsibility for the delay. I'm afraid the final aspects of the library renovation have caused my brain to function like the proverbial sievel

Discussions in the Bishop's Committee regarding the organ are proceeding well and we hope to have a final decision, as well as Diocesan approval of the loan, by our April meeting. I will try to keep you informed of our progress.

Many thanks for all the help your and Ron are giving us.

Sincerely,

Terry Walker

P.S. Burling Library was rededicated this past Friday (Mar. 4) and on Sunday I had the pleasure of formally meeting your mother. Although I had seen her literally hundreds of times, it took an expanded/renovated library and an open house for us to be introduced!

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL AND STUDEN

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August 17, 1983

Prairie Organ Company 616 Dempster Evanston. IL 60202

Dear Walter and Ron:

Enclosed please find the signed contract and attachment of July 27. We finally were able to iron out all the details and hope that this has not posed any delays to you. We are all very excited about the new organ and look forward to working with you soon. I have also enclosed the check from St. Paul's for \$4677.00 pursuant to the agreement.

Do let us know exact dates when the organ should be picked up, when you will be arriving for installation, etc. I assume that much will need to be coordinated as time goes on.

Sincerely,

Theresa P. Walker



April 27, 1984

Teresa Walker 1432 Summer St. Grinnell, Iowa 50112

Dear Terry,

Thank you so much for your understanding during our (for me) difficult phone conversation of two weeks ago. When we first set a delivery date for your organ we thought it not only reasonably accurate but (if anything) conservative, but we did not anticipate many of the problems which restoring a 1929 Moller can present. Our inability to shop-test the largest chest because of sheer size and required wind pressure is only the latest example; a full three weeks' extra troubleshooting on the console is another which comes readily to mind.

That aside, work is proceeding at a moderate pace on your own instrument. The key action form keyboard to chest has been determined and its rudiments are built and freestanding in the shop; today while I am typing Walter and Roger are glue-sizing the chest, which will next week be reassembled and put in place with the manual action. For your information and historical perspective, a local Organ Historical Society member has helped us to determine that the chest was originally built by a Salem, Ohio builder named Barkhoff (sp.?) around 1890. It is a very well built chest and should prove extremely reliable.

I am afraid it is impossible just now to give you an accurate delivery date on the organ, as we are still spending most of our time on the Moller. My best guess is mid to late June. As soon as that can be confirmed or accurately revised I will phone you. Again, our sincere aplolgies for this inconvenience.

Please feel free to write or phone at any time.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Damholt

Prairie Organ Co., Inc.

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October 5, 1984

Janet Roth 1326 Davis St. Evanston, Il. 60201

Dear Janet,

I am writing to thank you for the excitement you showed regarding the Grinnell organ when you visited us in the shop last July, and for your thoughtfullness in the photos you took and the information you passed on to us.

The ofgan is of course in place in St. Paul's Episcopal church in Grinnell, and seems to be serving the congregation well. The parish seems excited about the instrument, and I think they will give us some good 'press' in Iowa.

Incidentally Walter did enter the "gramtspersons" contest, and though his work was not chosen for publication (an oversight, no doubt) I do look forward to seeing the published work.

Enclosed is a check for \$20.00 to cover (or help cover) the cost of film and development for the photos sitting on my desk. Again, our thanks.

I hope to meet you sometime in the future.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Damholt Prairie Olgan Company Rev.

October 10, 1984

Rev. Robert Towner St. Paul's Episcopal Church State Street at Sizth Grinnell. Iowa 50112

Dear Rev. Towner,

It has indeed taken me the fullttwo weeks to get this letter to you; I trust it will reach you in time.

Below is the 'terse description' you requester (authored by Walter.) If you have any further questions or clarifications, feel free to phone.

The one manual and pedal pipe organ at St. Paul's Episcopal Church is designed for small choral work and intimate congregational singing. Consisting of four ranks of pipes (232 pipes) the instrument is recessed into the pulpit side wall of the nave so as to speak effectively to the parishoners. Based on European chamber organ precepts in keyboard compass (58 keys) and flute like quality of sound, the organ retains enough robustness to meet the needs demanded for humn singing. The mechanical ('tracker') kay and stop action is made of woodkand aluminum and is adjustable throughout. The casework is of oak and American black walnut designed in the Prairie shop.

Of course www will probably also want to print at some point the organ's disposition, namely:

- 8' Gedeckt
- 4' Principal
- 2' Octave
- 1 1/3' Quint

Again, feel
Again, feel free to phone if I can offer further information;
my home number is 312-251-8750.

Sincerely,

24 May, 1985

Jerom Butera
The Diapason
380 Northwest Highway
Des Plaines, Il. 60016

Dear Mr. Butera,

Enchosed you will find text and photo for the publication in the "New Organs" section of your next issum, our first "new organ,"

I appreciate your help on the phone earlier this week in determining just what you needefor publication; if I have missed anything please let me know. The photo was not complete until today; I will be grageful if the instrument can appear in your June issue.

I appreciated your duo with Donald Wright during the Chicago OHS convention last August. Though the unrestored tracker is a real challenge to the recitalist, those of us whose bread and butter is restorationaume in any case greteful for the work which remains!

If you have any questions regarding the enclosure or if I can serve you in the future in any way, please leteme know.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Damholt, bus. mgr. Prairie Organ Co., Inc.

The Prairie Organ Company of Evanston, Illinois has recently completed and installed a one manual and pedal mechanical action organ for St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Grinnell, Iowa.

The organ's four registers sit on a slider whidchest constructed by the Salem, Ohio organbuilder Carl Barckhoff c. 1885. The remainder of the machanical action and casework was built in the Prairie shop. The stop action and pedal coupler are constructed of maple, while theecasework handsomely combines oak and walnut.

The organ is placed in an alcove and replaces an electronic instrument. The voicing of the organ is quite mild yet perfectly adequate to support full congregational singing.

St. Paul's encourages Grinnell College organ students to practice on this instrument. The college organ is a 1949 G. Donald Harrison Aeolian-Skinner in Herrick Chapel.

Compass: Manual, C-a5, 58 nates Disposttion: Holzgedackt 8' Pedal, C-g², 32 notes Principal 4' Octave 2' Quint 1 1/3'

Windpressure: 24 inches Pedal: Subbass 16' (prep.)