

STAFF AND FUNDING

Both staff and funding for the Commission increased in 1983. In February, Rev. Thomas F. Schindler, SS, a Commission Member and Professor of Moral Theology at St. Marys Seminary, joined the Staff as a part-time Theological Consultant. In July, Rev. William Au, who had received his doctorate in modern Church history at Catholic University, joined the Commission and also served as part-time Research Consultant. The Commission continued its intern program as Denise Tilrico became the 1983-84 Staff Assistant, and deacon candidate Joseph Jensen began in January of 1984 a six-month internship as part of his Diaconate formation program. In addition, in July of 1983, the Commission hired a part-time secretary, Sharon Loney, who continues to be of invaluable assistance in the Commission's day-to-day activities.

In March of 1983, the Pallottine Center for Apostolic Causes approved a \$25,000 grant to the Commission for specific projects relating to The Challenge of Peace. This grant enabled the Commission to conduct several activities on this Pastoral and to produce publications such as the Supplement and the Program and Planning Guide. The Commission gratefully acknowledges the support of the Pallottines in this work.

Support for the general activities of the Commission continued to be received from a variety of sources, including--for the first time--the Executive Office of the Archbishop. In-house services or contributions were received by Associated Catholic Charities, the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, and the Office of Personnel. Special donations were made by groups, individuals and religious communities.

OUTLOOK FOR THE COMING YEAR: THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

In 1984, the Commission expects to continue its work on The Challenge of Peace and related issue, expanding this effort to reach constituencies such as business and parish communities. Liaison work with Archdiocesan offices and other Baltimore groups will also continue. At its February, 1984 planning meeting, the Commission chose the dignity of human life as a focus for the coming year. In this work, the Commission will continue to seek to explore and expand its role in the Archdiocese on questions of international justice and peace.