

Clergy's role could include politics

Should clergy become involved in politics? It's an old issue that is coming to the fore with the pope barring a priest from running for re-election to Congress.

The question is not so clearly should clergy get involved in politics, but HOW should clergy get involved in issues which are political.

Jim Fitzgerald writes in his Free Press column that he hopes a Presbyterian minister in a small community he recently visited is elected to the school board. Fr. Bill Cunningham in the same newspaper says that clergy shouldn't run for office because they will be required to compromise. He believes, however, they should be active with politicians.

A Gallup poll made in 1978 found there were more people who had left the church in part because the churches were not making a serious effort to change society than there were people who left because they disliked social involvement.

This is a surprise to me. We clergy hear mostly the loud voices of those who dislike our social and political involvement.

Yet in retrospect, having passed through this fiery furnace several times, I remember that when the chips were down the lively supported the social involvement of the minister.



...moral perspectives
Rev. David Strong

YEARS AGO I served a church in a small town. The essential millage for the schools had been voted down seven consecutive times. The morale was destroyed and the faculty decimated.

The teachers said they could not get involved because it would hurt their standing in the community. The farmers opposed any millage because they feared it would hurt their land. The businessman feared losing his wouldn't get involved.

The clergy said their members didn't want them to get involved in politics. The Catholics opposed any millage because they had their parochial school. Those who rented homes feared that if they worked on the millage their rent would be raised. The city council would not become involved for fear of losing their council positions.

Finally two of us clergy and a few others who

became aroused started the slow process of getting support for the schools. We picked off the city council one by one getting them to sign a supportive statement which would be published on the front page of the local newspaper.

The last few councilmen signed very reluctantly, simply because they feared the political consequences of being the only ones not to sign. The hand-signed statement was printed on the front page of the newspaper with all the councilmen's signatures. The movement gathered momentum and the millage was passed.

THE QUESTION is not should clergy get involved in social issues but how should they get involved.

Holding political office can become a full-time job. This raises the different question of clergy working in more than one occupation at the same time. Will they do justice to both?

What about the view that clergy should not become involved in an endeavor like politics which requires compromise? We clergy must often compromise in our professional and personal lives. This is part of what it means to be human and resolve differences.

Perhaps we, like the small town in which I once lived, are becoming more aware of the human and spiritual costs of non-involvement in social issues.

The question is not should clergy become involved in their society but how will they participate.

Layman heads schools

Frank De Santis has been named superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit as of July 1. He is the first lay person to be named to that post.

For the past 10 years, De Santis has been assistant superintendent of Region Two in the Detroit school district. He served as an instructor at Michigan State University and the University of Detroit. He also worked as a principal in various Detroit public schools.

De Santis, 57, replaces Sister Maryellen Harmon, RSCJ, who will complete her term as superintendent in June. She has accepted a position at Madonna College in Livonia and will work in teacher education.

De Santis is married and the father of two children who attend the University of Detroit High School.

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The Village

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