for a special meeting at which he outlined his proposals.

The basic idea is to organize "the poor and minority and all those who would act in the interests of the poor and minority" to "oversee the poverty program from a political point of view," Father Prhinski said.

The congress is to be organized along existing parish-wide precinct block political lines. Four representatives from each block will form a precinct committee; four from each precinct, a ward committee; four from each ward, a parish executive committee.

There will be a board of directors composed of four persons from each parish. On each level, there will be four sub-committees: Communication, School Board, Police Jury, and Publicity.

The function of the Communication Committees is to establish a word-of-mouth chain of command by which messages and commands can be spread quickly, the priests said.

The School Board and Police Jury committees will study their respective parish public agencies to find out which elected officials need the vote of the poor to stay in office.

These officials will be contacted and told that they will be held responsible for the actions of their body's representative to the Acadiana Neuf board of directors, Father Prhinski said.

The publicity committee will inform the public about the Congress of the Poor by issuing news releases and operating a speakers' bureau, he explained.

"We intend to cooperate with the entire community who are interested in the poor. This group is completely independent of the War on Poverty," the priests said.

"The purpose of the War on Poverty is to teach the poor to help themselves. The poor have learned to help themselves. They are going to help themselves," Father Prhinski said that the time has not yet come to implement the plan in Lafayette Parish. More study is needed to determine what areas to organize in, he said.