



CATECHETICAL WORKSHOP in action at Fairport's School of Religion: Sister Maureen of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart explains to priests methods used at the school in teaching religion to public school children.



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Priests Turn Pupils For Day At Fairport School

Three priests turned pupils for a day at Fairport's School of Religion to solve the growing problem of how to teach religion to public school children.

"This religious instruction problem is growing," said diocesan catechetical director Father Albert H. Schnacky, "because our population is growing."

Priests are applying at Catholic schools faster than pastors can build classrooms to care for them," he said.

IN RURAL AREAS especially, said Father Schnacky, Catholic pastors are swamped with the task of instructing hundreds of pupils enrolled in centralized public schools. Piecemeal, scattered rural school pupils met for catechism lessons in some farm home.

Now centralized pupils used to modern classrooms expect "modernized" catechism classes too, explained Father Schnacky.

Three parishes of the diocese—St. Hubert's, Immaculate Conception, Fairport's Assumption, and Rochester's St. Francis—assist have arranged classes taught by nuns specially trained to teach public school pupils.

Nuns of the Fairport Catechetical center conducted demonstration classes at Fairport's

workshop. They also showed classroom aids which help teachers—booklets, pictures, charts, film strips, recordings.

Fairport public high school described his "Catholic Influence in a Public High School." He pointed out how his religious instruction classes aided him in presenting the Church's attitude on current high school topics such as dating, drinking, and driving a car.

He also said the priests and nuns had guided pupils in drawing careless Catholics back to the practice of their faith.

Father Leonard Kelly, pastor of Assumption Church, Fairport, host to the workshop, said at least fifty priests and eighty-five St. Bernard's Seminary students attended the program.

He outlined the Fairport program conducted by the Mis-

sion Helpers of the Sacred Heart, one of the newest communities to come to the Rochester Diocese.

Besides teaching 636 public school pupils, the sisters train lay catechists, assist in organizing adult discussion clubs, and aid in a parent-educator program which guides parents in the religious training of their children.

Third Order To Meet

CARMELITES

The Third Order Secular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will meet Sunday Dec. 8, at 3:00 p.m. in Our Lady of Victory Church, 10 Pleasant St.

Reception ceremonies will take place at this meeting and an invitation is extended to all Tertians, or those who would like to



ADVENT WREATH on display at School of Religion is examined by Sister Maureen and the Rev. Richard A. Hart, on school faculty with two pupils, John Mingo and Diane Laparro.



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\$7,700 To Missionaries Sent By Mercy Students

Checks for a new church in Africa, refugee housing in Hong Kong, a hospital enlargement in India and assistance for needy parishes in several U. S. dioceses were the major disbursements in the \$7,700 mailed this week from Our Lady of Mercy High School as a result of the school's annual Mission Day held on November 22.

Mission funds were raised by a magazine subscription drive, two performances of a student musical comedy and a bazaar in the school gym under the direction of Kay Dwyer, president of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade and Sister Mary Judith, moderator.

HEADING THE LIST of requests mailed out for Christmas are the U.S. \$1,000 to Most Rev. Joseph O. Dowry, S.V.D., Negro bishop of Ghana, West Africa, to begin construction of "Our Lady of Mercy Church" in his diocese.

The Medical Mission Sisters in Mandar, India, will receive a Christmas check for \$150 for their hospital building fund and Most Rev. Lawrence Blanchi, Bishop of Hong Kong, will get \$730 for a low-cost housing project he is promoting to care for homeless refugees from Communist China who have swarmed into his diocese.

An additional \$3,000, raised by extending the Mission Day show and bazaar an extra day for the sole benefit of the Junior College Building Fund of the Mercy Motherhouse, was presented to Mother General, Mother Mary Magdalene, by Miss Dwyer in the name of the student body at the kickoff dinner of the building drive last Tuesday evening.

FATHER LOUIS DOWD, S.J., a Rochesterian now serving in Formosa, will receive \$100 for a school he has been building for Chinese youth, and Sister Miriam Thomas, superior of Maryknoll Sisters in the Philippines, will get \$100 for support of her convent in Chicago.

Administrators Attend Schools Discussion

Administrators of Catholic colleges and high schools in the Rochester area participated in discussions on current educational problems at the 71st annual convention of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in Atlantic City, last week.

Attending the convention from the Rochester area were the Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president, and Very Rev. John P. O'Meara, C.S.B., dean of John Fisher College; the Rev. Brendan Hourihan, O. Cam., principal, of Mount Carmel High School; Very Rev. Ernest McGee, C.S.B., principal, and the Rev. Leon Hart, C.S.B., vice principal, of Aquinas Institute;

Also Sister St. Catherine, dean of studies, and Sister Josephine Louise, registrar, Nazareth College; Sister Agnes Cecelia, principal, Sister Annunciate, vice principal, Nazareth Academy; Sister Rose Alma, principal of St. Agnes High School; and Sister Stella Regina, vice principal of Mount Carmel High School.

THE NEED for coordinating relationships between different levels of education to discuss interrelated situations and problems was discussed by Dr. Otto Kraushaar, president of Goucher College, and Frank Bowles, president of College Entrance Board.

This topic, "Place of the Regional Association in the Future Educational Scene," included such common demands on education at both college and secondary levels as: enrichment program for the talented, more teacher education, and the development of programs suited to the changing needs of today's world.

Education today, according to the same speaker, requires college preparation on the secondary level. To meet this need adequately more than a local organizational unit is necessary. Dr. Kraushaar, and Mr. Bowles, recommend the use of such agencies on a national scope as the American Council on Education, the National Education Association, and the College Entrance Board.

Recognition by the Middle States Association of the importance of the Community College is imperative today, the speaker said.

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Abp. Hickey Mass Scheduled At Villa

An Anniversary Mass for the late Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey will be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney in St. Thomas Chapel of St. Joseph Villa, Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 9 a.m.

Second Bishop of Rochester, Archbishop Hickey who resigned over the diocese for almost 30 years, died Dec. 10, 1948.

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