

**American Education Week**

**Diocesan Nuns Take Pupils Role**

**Teacher's Personality Stressed At Meeting**

The teachers were in the pupils seats as the Sisters of St. Joseph and Sisters of Mercy in the Rochester Diocese marked American Education Week on Monday by holding their annual Community Teachers Conferences.

AT NAZARETH Academy, Lake Ave., Rochester, the Sisters of St. Joseph were taught, among other things, the importance of their own personality in teaching school children.

Speaking on personality development, Anne Culklin, originator of the Culklin Course in Personality Development, told the Nuns that their personalities must be Christ like in their roles of developing the students to become a well-rounded person.

She urged teachers to win the confidence of the child by kindness and understanding, by appreciating the little things, by recognizing the child's effort and by giving praise where it is due.

SISTERS OF Mercy in their conference held at the Motherhouse, Blossom Rd., Rochester, were shown in a talk given by Mrs. Jacques Gugel, a teacher in the Brighton School District, the oral approach to modern language study she uses with her elementary French class in her school.

In the demonstration, Mrs. Gugel, a Mercy High graduate, conversed in French with her fourth and fifth graders to show the ease with which youngsters learn another language.

AMERICAN Education Week was also marked in other places in the Diocese.

At St. Salome's Parish, Rochester, Rev. Edward Eschrich, church pastor, presented several hundred books to the newly-decorated school library.

The books included a set of Catholic Encyclopedia. The parish's mothers club also gave a donation, which enabled the school to join the Catholic Children's Book Club.

There will be an open house celebration at the library on Sunday, Nov. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m.

THE WEEK also was given special significance at Aquinas Institute, where Very Rev. E. P. Magee, C.S.B., school principal, told his staff the need to stress the fundamentals in a modern-day curriculum.

Praising the school's science program, Father Magee added that "we are convinced that teaching these subjects can be most effectively promoted by encouraging and supporting improved instruction and learning in all subjects."

The school was also host to the students-parents on Monday and Wednesday in a further observance of the week.

IN OTHER TALKS given to the Sisters of St. Joseph, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, diocesan superintendent of schools, emphasized:

Miss Culklin's point. He said, "Charity and courtesy are the basis of good public relations. The personality of the teacher establishes relations, favorable or unfavorable, with the pupil, as well as her subject matter."

Monsignor Boyle also stated that it is the teacher's obligation to present truth in an attractive manner and to exemplify what she teaches.

Rev. William Schlaerth, S.J., stated that the teacher serves Christ and His Church in the highest form of the lay apostolate or even the highest form of the hierarchy of the Church.

DR. FRANCIS Kelly, Rochester psychiatrist, told the Sisters that pressures on the child that are not properly controlled might cause a reversion of the child to early stages of development. He said this kind of reversion can be helped by the teacher.

The Nuns were also told that public relations methods used by industry might be adopted to meet school situations. They were given this advice by Thomas Robertson, public relations director at Eastman Kodak Company.

About 650 Sisters of St. Joseph attended the one-day conference. Monsignor Boyle, the keynote speaker for the Mercy Sisters conference, told the Nuns that his role as the superintendent is that of a servant to the teachers, who are the servants of the pupil.

OTHER SPEAKERS on the program included Dr. Oliver V. Anderson of St. Louis University, Mildred F. McChesney of the State Education Department, and Mrs. Gugel.

Dr. Anderson urged the teachers not to place sole reliance on I.Q. ratings, since environment, motivation and stimulation have a great deal to do with how much a child is able to achieve.

Miss McChesney told the Nuns to look to their own and ambitious students as the leaders of tomorrow and urge special advanced programs for these leaders.

At the conclusion of the one-day conference, Rev. William M. Roche, associate superintendent of schools of the diocese, presented diplomas to 15 graduates of Catherine McAuley Junior College.

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ACCEPTING MEDALS from Bishop Kearney at the special Lourdes Centennial Year celebration at Notre Dame High School, Elmira, last week are Suzanne Cate and Dennis Coughlin. The Bishop gave Lourdes medals to the entire student body in honor of the occasion.

**Bishop Kearney Presides**

**School Marks Lourdes Year**

Bishop Kearney made a special visit to Notre Dame High School Elmira, last Wednesday as part of the school's celebration of the Lourdes Centennial year.

The Bishop celebrated the Dialogue Mass for the student body, gave the sermon and distributed Lourdes medals as a memento of the occasion.

IN HIS TALK, Bishop Kearney recalled the background of the best-selling novel, "Song of Bernadette." He remarked that the story of Lourdes could well be considered the world's great unfinished symphony.

"Chords worthy of Our Lady's personality must be added to the principal melody — that is — the Divine Compassion of Jesus for the world.

"The first thought in Our Lady's mind," the Bishop said, was that it was necessary to have her Divine Son there, since the story of Lourdes was the story of her Son's generosity.

"THE SECOND element is the love of a mother. It was the song of His generosity as requested by His Immaculate Mother, a repetition of the story of His own life in the Gospels.

"The final element necessary to make the song perfect," the Bishop challenged, "is the har-

mony of your soul with the mind of Christ, His teachings and commands; the harmony of your soul with the modesty and purity we always associate with the Mother of God."

IN CONCLUSION, the Bishop warned that "unless this harmony were added, the Song of Bernadette would be meaningless for those studying in a school dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes.

"Only in heaven, at the completion of this unfinished symphony, shall we hear that grand amen which brings to an end the most beautiful melody that ever touched the ears of man, The Song of Bernadette."

Twenty-eight area priests attended the ceremony.

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The Sisters of St. Joseph, who will begin their 105th year of service in this area next month, staff more than 60 institutions in the 12-county Rochester Diocese. With a current indebtedness of more than \$3,000,000, they need direct aid in order to undertake construction of the infirmary.

Reverend Mother M. Helene, S.S.J., superior general of the Sisters community, announced plans last week for erection of a \$1,500,000 infirmary adjoining the community Motherhouse on East Ave., Pittsford.

GROUNDBREAKING for the building, tentatively slated next Spring, will depend on the outcome of an appeal for assistance to be made among friends, relatives and alumnae of the Sisters. The campaign for funds, to be termed the Sisters of St. Joseph Infirmary and Novitiate Appeal, is scheduled in February.

Mother Helene pointed out that the new infirmary will fulfill a two-fold need — to provide adequate comfort and care for ill and aged Sisters, and to allow additional space in the Motherhouse for proper housing and training of postulants and novices.

She noted that present infirmary quarters on the top floor of the Motherhouse accommodate only 27 Sisters and that 65 others who are retired because of illness or age are being cared for with difficulty in other parts of the Motherhouse or in various parish convents.

THE PROPOSED infirmary will accommodate 100 Sisters and thus would free much-needed space in the Motherhouse for training novices and for the reception of more girls who wish to pursue a vocation in the Sisterhood.

Niagara University — The site for the relocation of Our Lady of Angels Seminary at Niagara University has been chosen.

Very Rev. Sylvester A. Taggart, C.M.V., provincial of the Eastern Province of the Vincentian Fathers, said that the new seminary will be located in Bethlehem, N.Y.

The property consists of over 200 acres on the east side of the Old River (Route 144), four and one-half miles south of Albany.

Fourth Degree To Meet — George Kleeman is in charge of the monthly Ithaca Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus, dinner meeting, to be held at the home, 114 South Albany St.

**Scholarship For Coming Girls Started**

Establishment of a nursing scholarship and talk by a dentist missionary were two of the highlights of the fall meeting of Corning Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses in the Catholic Daughters of America rooms on East Market St.

During the business meeting, the council adopted a resolution to establish a Sister Mary Michael Memorial Scholarship to enable Corning girls to study for the nursing profession. Sister Mary Michael is the sister of Mrs. Charles Githler.

THE DENTIST missionary who spoke to the nurses was Dr. Paul S. Lalonde, DDS, of Rochester, who gave an illustrated talk on "An African Safari."

He showed movies and slides of animal life in the African bush as a background to his talk.

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The project is a united effort of the Holy Name Society, the Immaculate Heart Society and the Sodality of Our Lady.

Co-chairman of the festival are Charles E. Brastow Jr. and Mrs. O. G. Steiner. They are being assisted by Howard Codrington, Ed. W. Reynolds, Charles Forgenesi, Howard Duff, Dr. A. J. Leahy, Roy Osborn Jr., Mesdames Robert Ryan William Griffin, William Kurtz and Charles E. Brastow Jr. and Patricia McPherson.



MRS. ROSE FOX, second from the left, was the featured speaker at the congress held by the Legion of Mary Sunday at St. Agnes High School. With her are, from the left, J. Raymond-Hensler, congress chairman, Margaret Snider, president, of the Rochester Comitium, Isabelle Dolan, and Rev. John Merklinger, spiritual advisor of the Comitium.

**Mary's Legion Told:**

**Help The Puerto Ricans**

Members of the Legion of Mary were told Sunday that they have the opportunity to improve the social standing of the Puerto Ricans and other minority groups in their communities.

Mrs. Rose Fox, field representative for intercultural relations for the State Adult Education Department, told the group at its second congress held at St. Agnes High School, Rochester, that through their visitation work that these minority groups can be helped.

"PART OF reason that the Puerto Ricans are not accepted

by American society is that their culture is not understood by the American people," she said.

"The Puerto Ricans have a Spanish heritage, that is far different than our own. Most Americans are ignorant of this point and classify them as a group of illiterate, ignorant people and treat them as such.

"Actually, they are far from that and with a little understanding and education in American schools they could adjust their way into our society," she added.

"THEREFORE, in your visitation work, you can bring the

Puerto Ricans out of the shell that they have climbed into because of the prejudice against them, by acting with the utmost charity in your dealings with them," she said.

Prior to Mrs. Fox's talk, members of the Legion from all parts of the Diocese attended a series of discussion periods throughout the day.

J. Raymond Hensler was chairman of the congress. Rev. John Merklinger, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Dansville, is spiritual advisor for the Diocesan branch of the Legion.



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