

## Sociology Students

### Theory to Practice

Twenty Nazareth College Sociology students have thrown away their textbooks for a month—and no one is happier than their instructors.

It's all part of a program initiated 26 years ago by Sister Paulette, chairman of the college Sociology Department. At that time only Smith College educators saw the wisdom of mixing in-the-field observation of social work with social study theory. Now it's an accepted part of most college programs.

The Nazareth seniors are participating in the work of several different agencies during the period from November 19 to December 19. Among them are: the Monroe County Department of Child Welfare, the Alcoholism Committee, the Board of Education Social Work Division, the Catholic Family Center, St. Joseph's Villa, the De Paul Clinic, Strong Memorial Hospital, the Monroe County Division of Public Welfare and the Residential Treatment Center.

What is the main purpose? "Basically," says Sister Paulette, "to give the students an opportunity to find out whether she really wishes to enter the field of social work when she graduates—and whether she has the necessary qualifications for the work. Each agency designates a supervisor to work with the girls and give us a complete report on their performance and potential."

If this year's class is anything like preceding ones, according to Sister Paulette, "they'll attack their studies with renewed interest." Also, she says, "many of them will

be interested in finding out about scholarships and fellowships available for graduate study. They will have realized how important it is to continue their studies."

Six former members of the Nazareth College Sociology Department are now taking advanced social studies courses in graduate school. Three of the girls are enrolled at Fordham, and one each at the New York School of Social Work (an affiliate of Columbia University), Boston College and St. Louis University.

But whether they choose to continue their studies or not, according to Sister Paulette, her students always profit from their in-the-field experience.

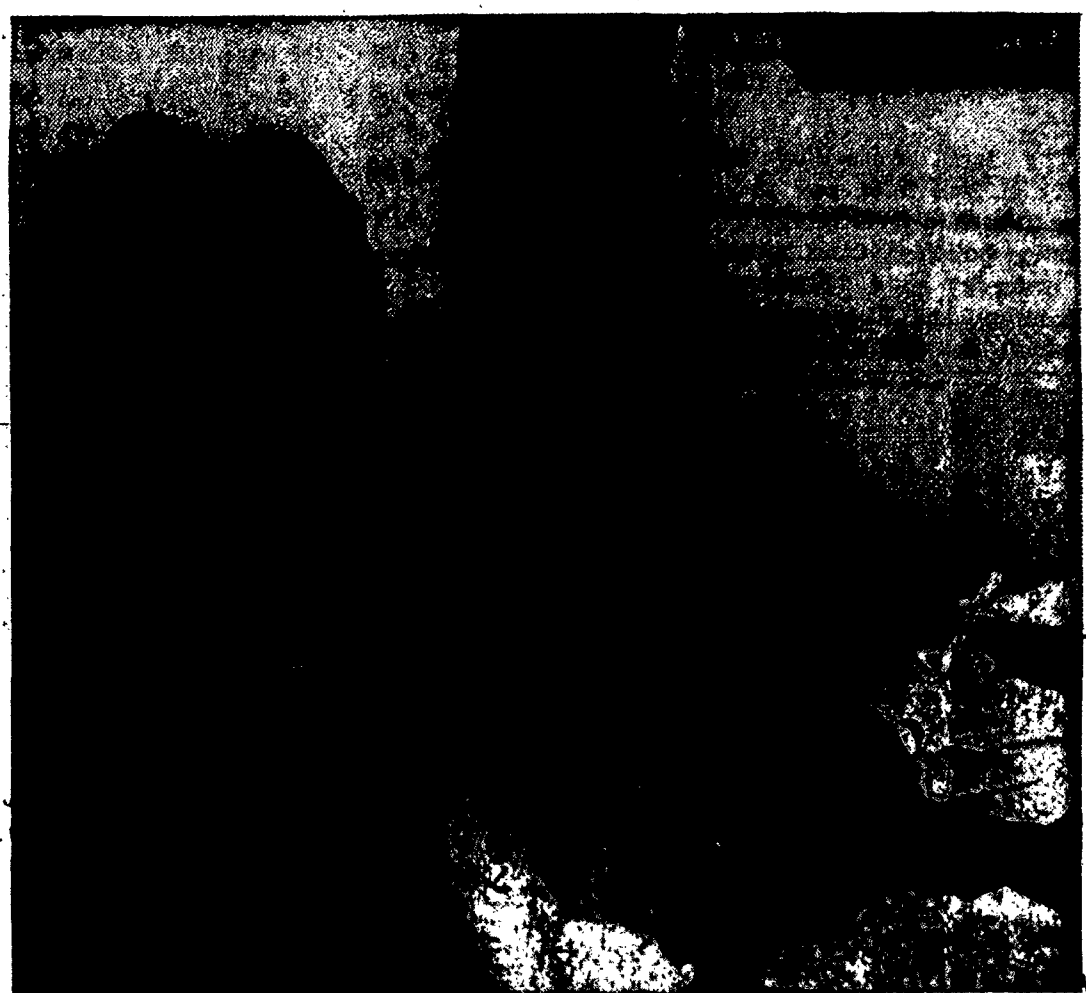
"They are much more conscious of the needs of the community," she says, "and much more understanding of their fellow human beings. No matter where they go or what they do, they will draw on this experience. And they will be better citizens because of it."

Probably the best indication of how successful the Nazareth College program is comes from the people who should know best—the professional educators.

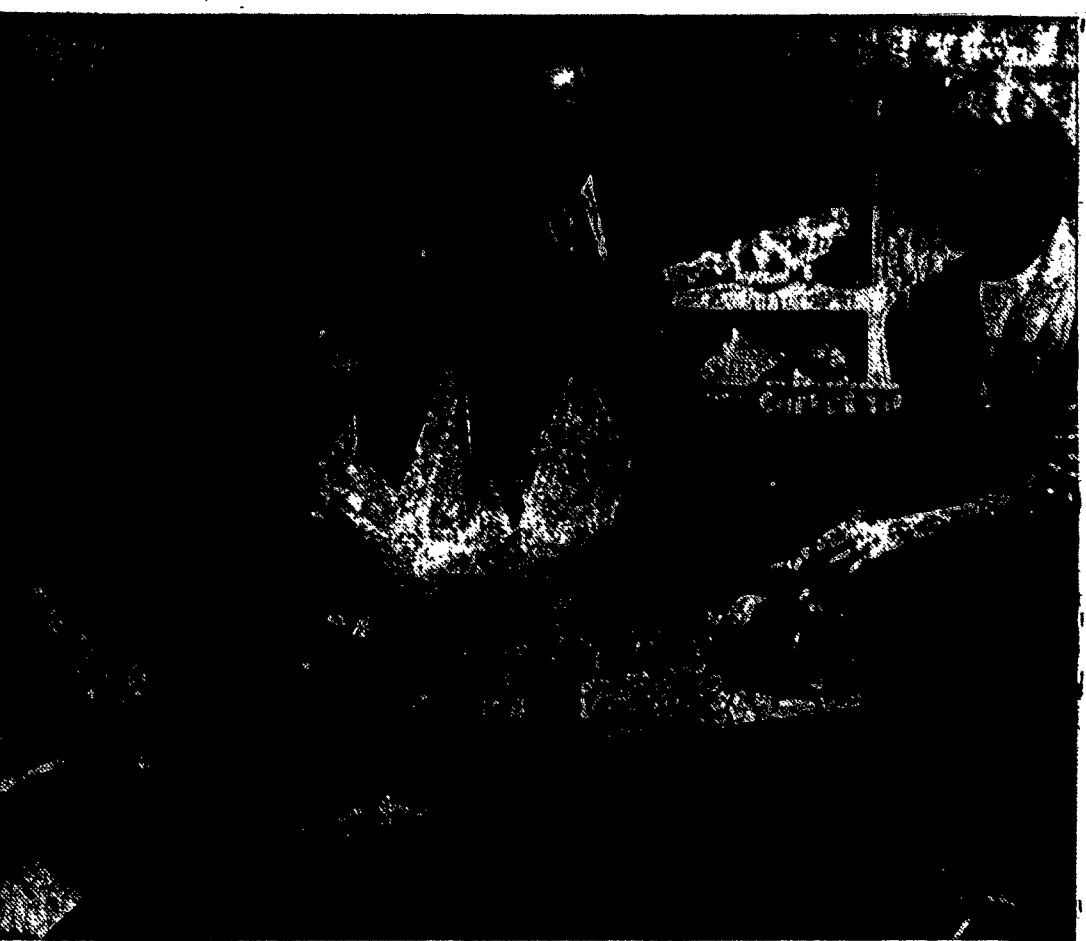
One example: the Council on Social Work Education, rated the outstanding agency in the field, has directed students from several states to come to Nazareth for their undergraduate preparation. And the same agency has honored Sister Paulette by asking her to serve on the Program Committee for three successive annual meetings, including the upcoming assembly next month in Boston.



Antonia Benza looks over projects of the kindergarten class at School 17.



Patricia Roney interviews a client at the Monroe County Child Welfare Division.



Karen Keefe, Sandy Connors, Group Work Supervisor Carl Brown and Sharon Flynn prepare Christmas gifts at Hillside Children's Center.



Terry Armstrong and Joanne Monacel help children at the Residential Treatment Center in a Christmas project.



Linda Smith and Linda Woods get a smile from eighteen month old Christine Justiniano at Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester.



Diane Whitmore discusses a case with Miss Beatrice Gaughan, general case supervisor of Monroe County Child Welfare.



Sister Paulette of the staff at Nazareth College and Sister Delanie of Kerala, India discuss field work project.



Stephen Sawyko, Mary Pat Simmons and Margaret Kramer chat with the Rev. William G. Charbonneau at the Catholic Family Center.

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By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

My dear Friends:  
I am writing this note to you from Rome, where I have discovered that the needs of the Missions are far greater than I ever suspected when I was at home. Never, perhaps, in the history of the Church have there been gathered together so many who have suffered for Christ and the Church as there are at this Council. I am seated near one bishop who had gasoline poured over his body and was then set afire . . . next to another who survived a death march . . . near another who had both of his hips broken by the Communists after four years of torture in prison. Some sleep in bunks, three to a room, and others have barely enough for their subsistence through the Council.

Simply because I am away, do not think that absence makes hunger less gnawing, imprisonment less galling and the apostolate less demanding. May I ask each one of you who has the Spirit of Christ to make some tiny sacrifice — I care not how small it is — in order that the needs of the missionaries and the Church in the poor parts of the world may be met.

Your letter will come to my attention as soon as I return to the States, but the Lord knows your charity the moment of its doing. I beg you, out of love for the Passion of Christ and His Blessed Mother, to please respond to this most urgent and unusual appeal. Thank you!

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