

Layman Named VP At Notre Dame

The Sisters of Mercy have appointed a layman to a key administrative position in one of their high schools. Mother Mary Bride, mother general of the community, has announced the appointment of Warren Tessier as vice-principal of Notre Dame High School in Elmira. He is the first layman to hold such a post in the Diocese.

Notre Dame, a coeducational institution which enrolls close to 800 students from the Elmira area, has a staff of 25 Sisters of Mercy, one priest (Rev. Joseph F. Reinhart, chaplain), and 13 laymen and women.

Tessier, who has been teaching at Notre Dame for the past two years, will assist Sister Mary Declan, principal, in an administrative capacity, and will serve as director of discipline and chairman of the faculty committee on discipline. He will continue to coach varsity baseball and junior varsity football.

A native of Plattsburgh, Tessier is the son of Mrs. Louis Tessier of Staunton, Va. and the late Mr. Tessier.

He received a bachelor of science degree in math from St. Michael's College, Winoski, Vt., and is currently studying for his master's degree in education at Elmira College.

Tessier, who attended college on a basketball scholarship, played varsity basketball for three years,



WARREN TESSIER
Diocesan First

also working for the athletic department. He played with a professional team for three years after college. He taught algebra, business math and health for one year at St. Mary's Academy, Champlain, as well as being athletic director.

Tessier has taught algebra, biology and life science at Notre Dame for the past two years. He was also varsity baseball coach and junior varsity basketball and football coach.

He served six months in the Army, and is married to the former Barbara Ann Kozdema of Elmira. The couple has two daughters, Michele Anne and Lynn Marie.

Sister M. Declan, in commenting on the hiring of a lay vice-principal, said:

"It is with great pride that Notre Dame High School announces the appointment of Warren Tessier as vice-principal. Our staff includes 13 lay men and women who share equally with the Sisters in the teaching, duties and responsibilities of curriculum development.

"Catholic educational circles have long urged that greater responsibility be given to qualified Catholic laymen. Not content with giving lip-service to this ideal, Notre Dame has realized an early ambition of sharing administrative duties with its loyal lay staff."

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Carl Denninger family welcomes Mrs. Francis Donovan who heads the Family Life Committee at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Cathedral Family Life Group

11,232 Visits In 10 Years

A little publicized person-to-person project marked its tenth anniversary at Sacred Heart Cathedral this summer and people and parish are believed to be far stronger spiritually because of it.

The project is the Family Life Committee — 55 women headed by Mrs. Francis X. Donovan of 86 Clay Ave. — who aid parents of new babies in the spiritual growth of the youngsters.

For some couples it is evidence they never thought existed that "the Church is really interested in our family."

How does the project operate? Bishop Casey, Cathedral rector, explained it this way in his parish bulletin:

"When an infant is baptized in the Cathedral, the mother's

name is given to a committee member. When the baby is three months old, the worker gives the mother a folder and into this folder there is inserted every three months a pamphlet appropriate for a baby of a given age. The initial brochure is called 'Thoughts for Christian Parents' and the titles vary as the baby grows.

The visits terminate when the child is three years old when a booklet entitled 'Religion in the Home' is given to the parents. It contains twelve chapters, each reflecting a month of the year, and designed to assist mothers and fathers in the pre-school guidance of their children."

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Charity Nuns To Have New Garb

Sister M. Winifred, Administrator of St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, announced that the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul will soon change their garb. This is being done in compliance with the recommendations of the Sacred Congregation of Religious which for some years has been urging that Religious Orders of women simplify their habits, in keeping with the needs of their present works and the general trend of adaptation to modern times.

To the Community of the Daughters of Charity, the largest in the Catholic Church, with its more than 45,000 members spread over 3 continents, 65 countries and 52 provinces, the change posed many problems. From the Generalate in Paris, the Superior General sent word to all the Provincials throughout the world, inviting them to submit suggestions and models for a new habit.

THE PRESENT familiar blue and white, worn for some three centuries, is modeled after that of the Normandy peasant woman of the 17th cen-

tury. It is easily distinguished from all other religious habits by the large, stiffly starched headpiece, called a "cornette."

The American Sisters of Charity, founded by Blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton in 1809, wore the black Habit and bonnet of their Foundress until 1850 when they became affiliated with the French Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and adopted the cornette and blue Habit.

The only semblance of the former habit that has been retained are the colors, blue and white, indicating their special dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The new habit is a one-piece, box pleated, tailored dress, six inches from the floor. The headpiece is white, covered by a short, blue collar, reaching below the shoulders. The change to the new garb is scheduled for September 20.

To Missile Research Post

A Nazareth College graduate has accepted a position as a research worker on Rocket Fuels and Ceramics for High Temperature Engines at the Maremont Corporation, Pasadena, California.

Margaret A. Frisch, '56, will deliver a paper with Dr. Henry Mackle on their joint research project at Queens University.

In the summer of 1965, she will again attend the International Calorimetry Conference in Vienna and is planning further travel in Europe.

MISS FRISCH received her Ph.D. in August, 1962 from the University of Wisconsin. While there she was head of the satellite tracking team for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observer at Cambridge. Her Ph.D. thesis was on "High Precision Calorimetric measurement of Small Energy Differences."

During the summer of 1963 she spent eight weeks touring Scandinavia, the Benelux countries and Western Europe. While in Sweden, she gave a paper on her research at Queens at the International Conference of Calorimetry, held at the University of Lund.

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New School in Town of Greece

Father John Murphy turns the sod at St. Lawrence parish, Greece, to begin construction of an eight room, \$292,000 school. Rite was held Monday evening, feast of St. Lawrence, Father Thomas O'Brien and Father Gerald Krey, minus who staff the school now housed in the parish hall and members of the young parish attended the ceremony.

New Chapel at Hospital

Construction of a new chapel at St. Mary's Hospital started this week, Sister Winifred, hospital administrator, has announced.

Construction will be of structural steel and matched brick facing with seating for two hundred people. It will be accessible through a connecting corridor from the first or main hospital floor.

Within the hospital, relocation of supplies, records and standby equipment is underway as a multi-million dollar expansion program continues.

About 2000 supply items are slated to be moved. A special isolated building was built to house temporarily necessary X-ray films and medical records, then located on the grounds as a temporary typing storage area.

The transfer will take two weeks so that it will not interfere with the normal operation of the hospital. Likewise, adequate records for delivery of

supplies to all areas and receiving of new goods must be maintained. Sister Winifred explained.

The new hospital chapel replaces a small chapel on the first floor of the main hospital lobby. The new chapel will be the final stage of "phase one" of the hospital's \$6,800,000 construction program. Other facilities in phase one include a new four-floor medical services wing, an education building, and a \$1,000,000 renovation and expansion program underway in the hospital's power plant.

Another interesting feature of the exhibit will be a short program entitled "St. Mary's is Your Hospital". Here will be shown how the combined skills and endeavors of the professional and dedicated staff of workers closely united with the volunteer workers form an excellent example of Christian love.

Legionnaires will endeavor to show that Christian Charity must not be a theory to be read about in books, but rather an honest effort on the part of every Catholic to put into effect the meaning behind the words "Christian Unity Through Catholic Action". The words of Our Divine Lord will then take on a new meaning for every Catholic.

Other sheep I have who are not of this fold, them also I must bring and they shall hear My voice and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

Visitors are welcome at the Legion of Mary exhibit from Monday, Aug. 17 through Saturday, Aug. 22. The exhibit will be shown from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Alfred DiPasqua, president of the newly formed Rochester Curia of the Legion of Mary and Mrs. Mary Schell are Co-Chairmen.

Edward Adams is president of the Rochester Comitium of the Legion of Mary. Rev. James Marvin is spiritual director of the Rochester Comitium and Rev. Elmer McDonald is spiritual director of the Rochester Curia of the Legion of Mary.

Catholic Info Booth Set At County Fair

"Christian Unity Through Catholic Action" is the theme chosen by the Legion of Mary for the Catholic Information exhibit at the Monroe County Fairgrounds.

Emphasis will be placed on the charity of Christ practiced so that it may be recognized as a characteristic of the Church and of the parish.

Colored slides will be shown of the Legion of Mary in their active work and of various other volunteer work engaged in by Catholics throughout the diocese. Information on the purpose and requirements of all Catholic volunteer organizations will also be available.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of Catholic Courier, August 17, 1939)

A primary department including preschool and first grade for children, three to seven, was to be opened on Lomb property, Jefferson Road, itsford under the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Rev. George J. Weisenborn, S.S.C.M., a native of Rochester, who returned from Holland after ordination in the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary was to celebrate his First Solemn Mass in Corpus Christi Church.

Merger of The Echo, independent Catholic weekly newspaper with the Catholic Union and Times, diocesan paper of the Diocese of Buffalo was announced. The Echo conducted a Rochester edition for about 25 years, beginning in 1920.



FATHER THEOPHANE

Fr. Theophane Reassigned To Graymoor

Montour Falls—Father Theophane Murphy, S.A., of St. John's Atoneinent Seminary, Montour Falls has received an assignment from his Father General to become Rector and Master of Clerics of St. Pius X Seminary, Graymoor, Garrison, N.Y.

Father Theophane Murphy, S.A., came to St. John's Atoneinent Seminary five years ago as Rector. During his stay in the diocese he has started the Vocation Retreats for grammar school boys "to plant the seed of a vocation in the hearts and minds of the boys of the Rochester diocese. These vocation retreats were run jointly for the religious orders and for the diocese of Rochester.

Father Theophane has conducted many retreats for nurses and, for other special groups in the diocese.



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