

# Concern for Her Community

The field of human relations in the Rochester Diocese received a shot in the arm when Mrs. Norman Ladd of Webster decided Catholic women had been too long silent and inactive in this vital issue.

She originally became interested in the field as a result of two housing incidents in her own town.

Webster adopted Mrs. Ladd seven years ago when her husband was transferred to Webster from Long Island.

Mother of seven children, she is active in the Webster Council on Human Relations, and a sixth grade teacher of Religion in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program.

Last May, four weeks before the birth of her seventh child, she was chairman at the New York State Convention on Human Rights held in Rochester.

Asked how she felt these activities helped or hindered her in her vocation of marriage, she said the awareness of herself and her family as but a small part of the whole society made her better able to cope with the problems besetting daily existence as a wife and mother.

"Personal development," she believes, enriches a woman. It provides her with outside stimuli to which, she said, she must respond or lose self respect.

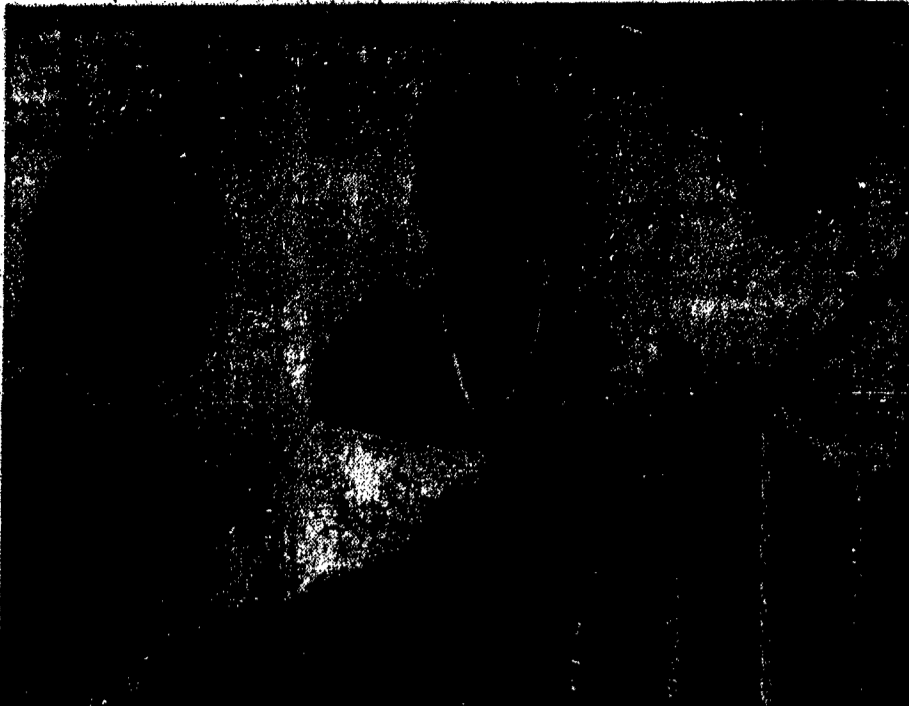
Mr. Ladd, a salesman, is in complete accord with his wife.

He said that in this era characterized by change, community action by women is not an "outside activity." It is their duty to know as individuals, and explain as mothers, the many faceted problems besetting the world.

He also believes a woman's broad perspective stimulates family conversation and activity. "Women's increased interest and participation in parish and community life," he stated, "is a positive step toward the betterment of society."

Mrs. Ladd's first reaction to her witnessing the blot of prejudice was one of anger. She said that for a human being to be "deeply humiliated and grieved such a basic need as housing solely because of the color of his skin" struck her as "grossly unfair and un-Christian." She decided to join others to learn how to prevent any further such incidents.

Associating with the local council on Human Relations was



CHANNELING of information in the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is depicted here as Mrs. Norman Ladd, right, diocesan chairman of community action, passes information on to deaconess chairman of the council of social agencies, Mrs. William Plotter, who in turn sends it to parish groups, represented by Mrs. Allen Lyle, president of St. Monica's Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers at Holy Trinity Parish, Webster.

her first step in this direction. The more she delved into the work, the more she learned that housing was only a small part of the multi-faceted problem of discrimination.

One of the great needs, she found, was the education of

complacent bystanders to the immensity and urgency of the problem and the alleviation of their personal, social, and financial fears of interracial living.

Mrs. Ladd was "deeply disturbed" by the lack of interest on the part of many Catholics

and she looked for some avenue into the parishes to present information and work for Christian commitment.

Dr. Elinor Barnes, president of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, realizing a similar need, asked her to chair the Council's committee on Community Action, this year featuring Human Relations. Recognizing the Council as just such a channel, Mrs. Ladd accepted the appointment.

Asked why she felt the parish groups should interest themselves, she stated, "A woman's parish society should be a purposeful area of Catholic Action, spiritually enriching each member, and inspiring her to respond to the needs of her particular parish and community. It should be her source of information on the Church's stand in all vital issues."

Mrs. Ladd through her committee, his ideas and programs available to deaconess (county) children and for parish society children, Mother's clubs, nationally affiliated groups, etc. She can offer speakers, related literature, directives for organizing a parish interracial council and avenues of direct personal action. She can be contacted by writing her, Mrs. Norman Ladd, 4300 Webster Street, Webster, New York 14580.

—Mrs. John O'Brien

## Language Change at Mass Hailed by Father Ehmann

"The use of English in the Mass will bring Catholics far closer to the Holy Sacrifice," a Rochester pastor declared last week. The Rev. Benedict Ehmann, pastor of St. Michael's church, told a Holy Name gathering at Holy Family Church that "the change in language will deepen the communication between the Mass and the people."

Liturgical development and change was taken for granted in the early Church, he said, and various rites developed in different parts of the world. While the essence of the Mass, given to men by Christ at the Last Supper, will always be unchanged, the ceremonies and language have undergone many changes, to meet the needs of various cultures.

"At the time of the Reformation, however, the liturgy of the Church was 'frozen' in the Latin rite, and we are now seeing the thawing of this deep-frozen," he went on.

is moving to adapt her liturgy to the needs and customs of the modern world," Father Ehmann commented.

Urging his Holy Name hearers to have open minds to the new changes he said:

"Changes are always difficult, especially to those of us who are older. But the new developments will make the Mass so much clearer, so much easier to participate in that they are bound to enrich us all spiritually."

Father Ehmann is a member of the diocesan liturgical commission.

## Ladies Set Rummage Sale

The Infant of Prague committee of Elmira Ladies of Charity are sponsoring a rummage sale to be held on Friday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Penna Ave. Y.M.C.A. corner Penna Ave. near East Miller St.

MRS. JOSEPH KEMPE is general chairman and will be assisted by members of the committee.

Members are urged to take rummage to the Y.M.C.A. or call RE 30708 and arrange to have it picked up.

Proceeds will be used to help needy families at Thanksgiving, the Pediatrics floor at St. Joseph's Hospital and the Dominican Monastery.

He traced the beginnings of the present liturgical movement back to the nineteenth century scholarship of the Benedictines.

A big forward step was taken by Pope St. Pius X, who preached that Holy Communion should be a normal part of Mass participation.

Since that time, each succeeding Pontiff has stressed the value of active participation at Mass. Many helpful changes came during the pontificate of Pope Pius XII, whose encyclical "Mediator Dei" became a blueprint for sound liturgical development of the past twenty years.

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**Special News**  
Two films in recognition of United Nations Week will be shown at Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2:30 p.m. and again at 4:30 p.m. One film is titled "Come the War Ahead" and the second, "Fable for Friendship."

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