



Ricky Smith from Catherine Street is learning to drive.



You can make a friend on a picnic.



A game with the postulants and young professed Sisters in the garden.



Sister M. John Bosco and Sister Mary Walter make sure no one misses the bus.

Theresian Units Formed To Foster Nun Vocations

Most Catholics are familiar with the Serra Club, an international organization of laymen whose primary objective is to foster vocations to the priesthood; yet many

in this part of the country are not aware of the existence of a similar group of lay women dedicated to fostering vocations to communities of religious women, and called "The Theresians" after their patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.

The Theresians are very active in the West and mid-west where they originated in 1961 under the direction of the Very Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Voss of Pueblo, Colorado, but there are at present few chapters in the East and only three in New York State.

Because of her conviction that this organization would give a much-needed impetus to the encouragement of Sisterhood vocations, Sister Anne Mary, Director of Vocations of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, began to lay plans for the foundation of a Rochester Chapter three years ago.

In 1964, Sister Evangelist, the Community's Directress of Novices, attended the national Theresian meeting in Denver, and related the information she gathered there to Sister Anne Mary, Sister Claudia, at that time one of the Vocation Directors at St. Agnes High School, also reported her findings to Sister.

Thoroughly convinced now of the advisability of establishing a Theresian branch in this area, Sister Anne Mary obtained, through Mother Agnes Cecilia, Mother General of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester, the permission of Bishop Kearney to begin formal proceedings to do so. Two units were set up this year, one adult and one high school unit.

Membership in a Theresian unit is restricted to Catholic lay women (or college or high school girls) of good character,

and a Sister or priest may serve as moderator.

Their purpose of fostering vocations to the Sisterhood is implemented primarily by monthly meetings with a speaker or activity pertaining to some aspect of religious vocations—and a "Prayer Crusade" which requires a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament each week by every member for the intention of Sisterhood vocations.

The adult unit of the Rochester Chapter is headed by Mrs. Robert Aldrich of St. Thomas the Apostle parish; Mrs. Frank Weber of St. Anne's parish; Mrs. Royal Conheady, Holy Apostles; Mrs. Jerome Cook, Blessed Sacrament; Mrs. Thomas-Casselman, St. Margaret Mary's; and Mrs. Peter Zemanitis, St. Stanislaus.

So far this year, the adult unit has heard two Sister speakers, served at the tea for the Open House held for prospective postulants and their parents at the St. Joseph Motherhouse on April 24, and will serve a picnic supper to the same group on Aug. 1 on the Motherhouse grounds.

The high school Theresian unit at St. Agnes had sixty-three members this year. Its officers are: Bonnie Meath, Patricia Edelman, Kathleen Weider, and Anna Silva. Among their year's activities have been the organizing of a Vocation Workshop for the school's juniors and seniors; hearing Sister Adelaide, S.S.J., speak on St. Joseph's Community mission in Mateira, Brazil; and a Day of Recollection at the St. Agnes Convent.

Sister Anne Mary will be attending the Institute for Vocation Directors sponsored by the Theresians on June 13-17 at St. Mary's College in Indiana.

Children's Picnic at Mercy

A picnic was held on Saturday, June 4, on the Mercy High School and Mercy Motherhouse grounds for 211 children from the Sisters of Mercy Joseph Ave. Center.

The picnic which lasted from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. was jointly

sponsored by the Student Government Association of Mercy High and the Mercy Guild of the Little Flower, a group of laywomen associated with the work of the Sisters of Mercy.

Sister Mary Walker, moderator of the SGA, was in charge of arrangements.

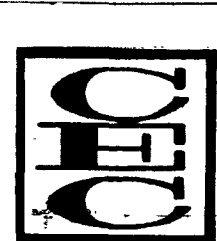
Three buses brought the children from Joseph Ave. to Blossom Rd. The picnic featured hot dogs, ice cream, pop, sackers, games and walks in the woods. Each child had a Mercy girl or a Sister of Mercy as a companion.



New Bishop for Melkite Catholics

Catholics of St. Nicholas Church, Rochester, have a new Bishop as their spiritual leader—Bishop Justin Najmy, left in photo above, who was consecrated by Archbishop George Kakim of Israel at Boston's Holy Cross Cathedral. The Melkite prelate will be bishop to the 69,000 Catholics of the Melkite rite in the United States.

Effect on Their Faith



Catholics at Secular Colleges

By JOHN M. BROPHY, Ph.D.

In this ninth article on education, the Catholic Educational Congress, probes the subject of the Catholic student on the secular college campus.

The CEC asked Dr. John M. Brophy, Professor of Business Administration at the University of Rochester, to discuss the subject.

Dr. Brophy, of Sacred Heart Cathedral parish in Rochester, has had wide experience with Catholic and secular schools, both as a teacher and as a parent. Of his nine children, five are still in school, two at Marquette University, one at Nazareth Academy, one at Aquinas.

In response to these queries and on the basis of twenty-five years of experience in secular institutions I should first like to recount some of my experiences and perceptions before responding to the questions.

First, I have never experienced a direct attack on Catholic doctrines or practices—or on me as a Catholic.

I have frequently experienced challenges—invariably friendly—on the concepts and forms of worship many Catholics appear to accept unquestioningly. These include Catholic teaching on the Immaculate Conception, the Assumption, papal infallibility, confession, indulgences, the marriage contract, contraception, the legitimate spheres of church and state, etc.

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St. Mary's Hospital

34 Nurses to Graduate

St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, Rochester, will graduate 34 young women at commencement rites to be held at Our Lady of Mercy High School Auditorium Sunday, June 12, at 3 p.m.

Bishop Kearney will preside at the rite. Basilian Father Roy Oggero will be the speaker.

Other graduation events will include a Baccalaureate Mass at the hospital's chapel Saturday, June 11, at 8:30 a.m. Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Mass.

A freshmen-senior luncheon was held Thursday afternoon and the graduation caps were blessed that afternoon in the

hospital chapel. Following are the names of the graduates:

Judith Allen, Theresa Almeter, Lois Baker, Patricia Balistreri, Mary Barnes, Florence Bell, JoAnn Benway, Mary Ellen Bruet, Patricia Burke, Bonita Cervo, Maureen Connor,

Kathleen Dawson, Janet Delgatto, Gloria Dellos, Patricia Dugan, Cheryl Frank, Judith Heffron, Mary Hilbert, Margaret Hollander, Thomas Kuzma,

Angela Mastrella, Kathleen Mitchell, Maureen McWahid, Mary Kay Nester, Gloria Perry, Karen Risolo, Annette Rossi, Madeline Ruf, Barbara Sher-

man, Patricia St. Denis, Mary Carol Thompson, Joyce Torti, Margo Weston, Karen Zaprowski.

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Sister Anne Mary, moderator of the adult Theresian unit, discusses future plans with one of the officers, Mrs. Royal Conheady.

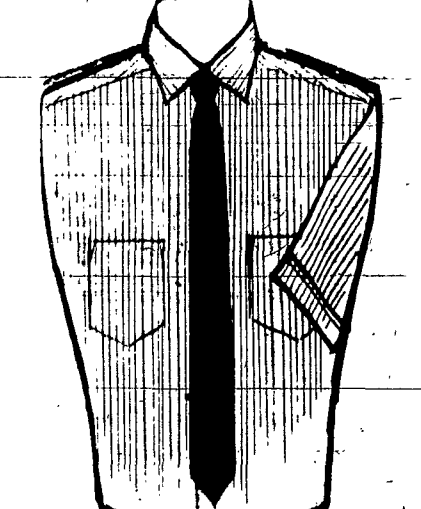


Officers for the St. Agnes High School Theresians are: Bonnie Meath, Carol Krug, Kathleen Weider and Patricia Edelman.



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