

**Nun, Home Visitor:**

**A Friend of the Neighborhood**

After many years of teaching, a mid-looking Mercy nun began a new career last year as a "home visitor" in Mt. Carmel parish. After a year on her "beat," Sister Mary Regis, R.S.M., has become a friend of the whole neighborhood.

"Whatever the need is, you try to answer it," is her simple explanation of her new role. The kaleidoscope of her life in the inner-city parish includes scenes like these:

- Helping a 12-year-old boy get a meal and wash dishes for his mother, just home from the hospital.
- Bringing companionship to an old lady invalidated and lonely at home.
- Driving a station wagon full of mothers bringing their groceries home from a surplus food center.
- Giving solace to a youngster she's just brought into the emergency room of a city hospital. "Someone's always getting gashed or fractured or something."

While Sister Regis is a 32-year veteran of convent life, she could certainly fit into "the new nun" profile drawn by Michael Novak in his July 31 Saturday Evening Post article. She thinks it "awfully important" that people realize that "the Church is really interested in them," and she spares no effort to be present wherever there's a need.

"You never know just what's coming next," she says with a cheerful smile, as she recounts how she recently became a godmother. ("Just a proxy one, of course.")

She had helped make baptismal arrangements for a new mother, and was waiting in the church. The priest arrived, the

mother walked in, babe in arms, but no god parents!

"Some mix-up," Sister Regis explains, "but the mother felt very bad, until we decided that I could stand in as a proxy, and that solved the problem."

Sister Regis was one of two nuns appointed last year to the new job of "home visitor." (The other was Sister M. James, S.S.J., who operates in the immaculate Conception parish area.)

Her job started out as a home-school counselor, a liaison between the parish school and parents, but tends to outgrow that description. It was a big change for Sister Regis, who'd been a teacher or principal for many years, but she loves the new challenge — "it's wonderful," she says.

She had been principal of Mt. Carmel school for two years before her new assignment, and she feels that this was a big advantage. She already knew the Mt. Carmel school population and had met many of her parents. But her new role brings her into much closer contact with them.

She stresses the importance of schools having a close rapport with the homes of their students. "So many slow learning problems are really home problems," she points out.

And when some of the home pressures can be lifted, the effect on the child's school performance is often startling, she notes. She sticks up for the kids loyally, thinks they deliver well whenever given a chance.

"With most, it's a lack of opportunity, not low mentality, that holds them back," she believes.

Mt. Carmel's neighborhood is real melting pot, with Negroes

making up about half the population in the area, Puerto Ricans a hefty minority, and the Italian families who once filled the neighborhood now a diminishing group.

"The clash of cultures inevitably brings many problems," Sister Regis says, as she tries to understand all, and serve all without distinction. Some of these clashes are basically of the "have and have not" variety — "even poor homes have TV sets which constantly remind them of the things they don't have, and aren't likely to get."

Others are of traditional ways at odds with modern American values. "Puerto Rican husbands like to feel that they are the sole support of their families are not happy when their wives go out to work," she mentions.

Sister Regis blinked in surprise when asked if her religious garb is any barrier to

her work — "why, no," she said, as though to say—why should it be?

She did add that the new Mercy habit, with its shorter hemline and simpler lines, confused a few people at first. "I was being called 'Ma'am' or 'Miss' by a few people until they decided that I was a nun after all," she recalls.

Ordinarily, Sister Regis has no hesitation about going about her rounds solo, but if she has to go out at night, she takes a companion. ("You can't be foolhardy," she states sensibly.)

She feels that one of her most important jobs is just listening, but with "a loving interest," to the many problems her neighborhood friends have.

"And they have so many problems," she says softly, "you wonder how you would survive if you had so many."



SISTER REGIS, a friend of the neighborhood, visits an inner-city Puerto Rican family.

Sister Regis thinks that there was something providential about a nun with her religious name being among the first home visitors appointed in Rochester. ("St. Francis Regis is the patron of social workers, you know.")

She has always had great respect for the value of home visiting, though, ever since she was stationed at St. John's parish school in Clyde. Her pastor there, the late Msgr. Joseph B.

Curtin, was a model of the good shepherd, she thinks.

"There wasn't a shack in the rural area that didn't know his presence, and he was very good to the poor," she remembers.

During the past year, she and Sister James, at Immaculate Conception were the only two nuns doing home visiting on a full-time basis. Mt. Carmel will soon add another home visitor, Sister M. Roberta, R.S.M. and St. Bridget's will be getting Sister M. Corona, S.S.J.

If Sister Regis is typical of what they can do, they will be welcome indeed.

—Father Robert Kanka

**New Faculty Members Announced at Nazareth**

Sister Helen Daniel, president of Nazareth College of Rochester, has announced additions to the faculty for the year 1966-67.

Joining the Department of Education will be Dr. Anthony Barraco, formerly associate professor of Education at State University College at Oswego. Dr. Barraco received his Bachelor's degree at State University College at Geneseo in 1949 after completing three years military service including England, France, Belgium and Germany.

Barraco received his Master's degree from Syracuse University following this, he did two years graduate work at Cornell University on an assistantship. He was recently awarded a doctorate in Education at the University of Buffalo.

Dr. Barraco's first teaching experience was in the Beonville Central School, where he taught at the elementary, junior and senior high school levels.

He also taught in the campus school at the State University College in Oneonta.

On the college level, he has taught at the State University Colleges in Cortland and Oneonta; at Cornell, where he supervised student teachers in addition to his regular duties; and at Oswego, where he also supervised student teachers, both on campus and in the public schools and also did field work in recruitment and admissions.

Coming to the Department of English will be Bruce R. Powers and Samuel Keiser. Powers has both his A.B. and M.A. from Brown University, where was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He also studied at the University of Pennsylvania in American Studies.

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CFM Speaker

Miss Genevieve M. Blatt, Secretary of Internal Affairs of the State of Pennsylvania, will be a featured speaker at the Christian Family Movement Area IV convention at Erie, Pa. on August 26-28. Her topic: "No Family Walks Alone."

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**Fashion Seminar**  
By LOUISE WILSON

LOUISE WILSON, Women's Editor, is heard 11 times weekly on station WHAM: 9:10 and 9:25 a.m., Monday through Friday; 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Unique in the country, as far as we've been able to discover, is the fashion seminar conducted annually by the National Clothing Company here in Rochester. It's both fun and fashion put together for store employees and special guests. The third seminar was held this past Wednesday evening at the Hotel Manger.

Exhibits and demonstrations by thirty-four suppliers were featured from five to seven p.m. Samter Horwitz, executive vice president, says, "We asked our suppliers to bring something to our salespeople that they could actually see and discuss. The inside story, so to speak."

"We wanted them to see how many of our fashions are actually made. We were anxious for them to see why one item at ten dollars is different from a similar item costing but five dollars."

Following the visits to the thirty-four exhibits, a four course dinner was served and enjoyed by store employees and their guests. "We got a 100 percent turn out," George Horwitz, President of the National informed us.

"The only ones who don't come are either out of town or on vacation. This applies not just to our full-time staff but to part time employees as well. And more than that — at least seventy-five per cent of our non-selling staff, (such as office people, tailors, porters and all the rest), turn out. It's really terrific the way this thing has gone over."

Why does the National do it? According to George Horwitz, "We do it only because we firmly believe that only by having a better informed sales force can we give better selling, better service to our customers. We feel it's really worth it all."

Following dinner, came color slides of merchandise personally selected throughout the store and photographed in color of employees or members of their families. James Horwitz, vice president of the National not only did most of the photographing before hand but also served as spokesman for men's fashions in pointing out the news, the excitement, the interesting features of fashions flashed from two projectors on the eighteen-by-eighteen foot screen.

From Jim, we learned and saw that lapels are wider. "This is due to the London influence," he explained. "The shaped look is the important thing. Color has really arrived." Burgundy and burnished gold stood out vividly on the screen. So did the suitings, stripes, checks, patterned looks.

"The London influence is everywhere," said Jim Horwitz and as the commentators for the women's fashions, we couldn't have agreed more. We had the opportunity of pointing out the British invasion in the feminine fashions: man-tailored shirts and dresses, ties, cuffs, peaked caps.

The low slung hipster slacks,

**Nazareth College Grad Receives Federal Grant**

Stacey Weilandt, a 1964 Nazareth College graduate, is the recipient of a grant which has been awarded under the Department of State's Educational and Cultural Exchange Program. She is one of six Doctoral Professors and three student assistants who will visit Poland as United States Specialists for one month duty status. Miss Weilandt is a native of East Northport, N.Y.

The United States team will participate in the English Language Teaching Program to be held this year in Krakow from July 26 to August 22. The overall aim of the Seminar is to enrich the cultural background of Polish students and to provide them with close contact with a number of native speakers.

Miss Weilandt will teach both University professors and students; her lectures incorporate the areas of present day American Culture, and Contemporary American Drama, Literature and Music.

As part of a three-man "acting team," she will dramatize a variety of excerpts from representative American plays — from Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire" and Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" to the avant-garde theatre of Murray Schisgal's "Luv." The drama group will also perform segments of musical comedy as it has developed in American theatrical history.

A graduate of The Academy of Saint Joseph, Brentwood, Long Island, Miss Weilandt received a B.S. in Music Education from Nazareth College of



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MRS. RICHARD Amacher - C  
Miss Kathleen O'Flynn, daughter of the late Mr. O'Flynn, Brook Rd., and Rich Amacher, son of Mr. Charles Amacher, Pl. Utica, N.Y., was August 6 in St. Joseph's Church, Rochester.

Father John Cavaliere officiated.

Maid of honor was Mrs. James Morrell, Bridegroom Alan Hasselwander, and Slomkowski, M. Amacher.

Best man was Dr. Usher, were Richard Alan Hasselwander, Slomkowski.

MRS. SAMUEL Morabito - S  
Miss Marilyn Scater of Mr. and Mrs. Morabito, 605 Roosevelt, Rochester, and St. Morabito, W. East Rochester, was August 6 in St. Joseph's Church, East Rochester.

Father John Cavaliere officiated.

Maid of honor was Wurttemberg, Bride the Misses Kathleen, is Indiano, Elaine, Mary Beth Aquino.

Richard Morabito, brother's best man, Carmen Morabito, piano, JuCison Blaz Levato.

MRS. MICHAEL Walsh -  
Miss Barbara daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Falbo, 52 Michael Joseph Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lochman Park, was August 6 in St. Joseph's Church, Rochester.

Monsignor Geoffici officiated.

Mrs. Joanne Pister's mitron, Miss Susan Falbo, was the bride, and Miss Betty was Miss Betty's bridesmaid, was Amico.

Joseph E. Walsh, brother's best man, were James D. Falbo, and Thon