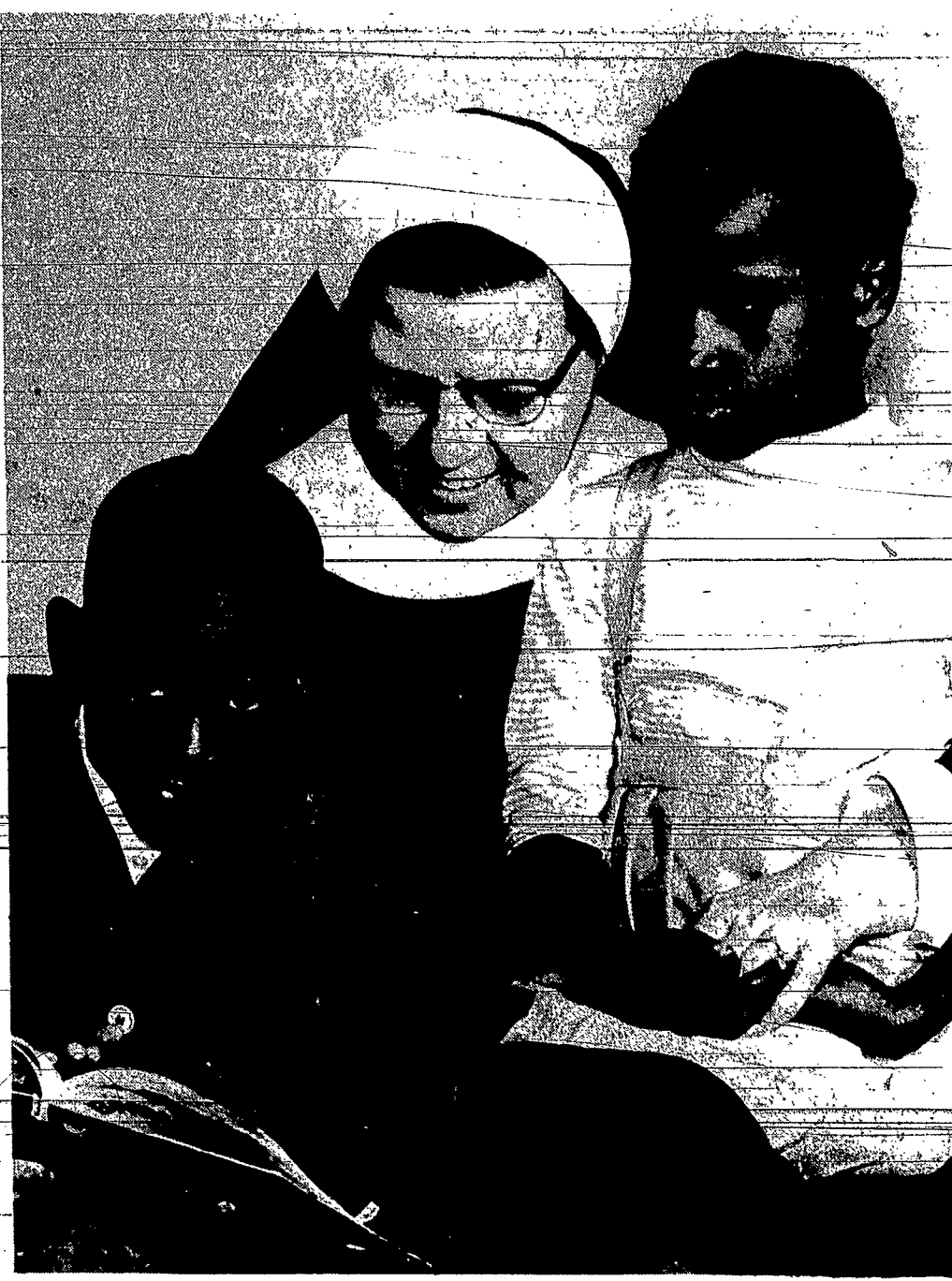




Chorus of 100 is made up of postulants, novices, junior professed and final professed Sisters from all apostolates of the Sisters of Mercy.



Sister Mary Joanne, co-director of Head Start, explains her part in "Word of My City" to two students at Mount Carmel School.



Sister Mary Giovanni sings a solo role in Mercy Sisters' production, "Word of My City."

Requiem Today For Father Hall

Father Charles Hall, only Rochester Negro to become a Catholic priest, died on Holy Saturday after a short but dynamic career. He was 38.

St. Augustine's High School, where Father Hall was stationed throughout his priestly career, received high praise in "Time" magazine two years ago.

Through the work of the Josephite Fathers, it stated, the



FATHER HALL

Clergy Institute On Prophets

Dr. Sheldon H. Blank, professor of Scripture at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, who has influenced the ministry of hundreds of liberal rabbis in the country through his interpretation of the meaning of the Hebrew Bible and, particularly, the prophetic faith, will be guest lecturer at the daylong Annual Institute for the Clergy to be held at Temple Beth Kodesh, Monday, April 10. His topics will be "The Prophet and the Way to Survival" and "The Prophet and God."

school "has become the Southern supply point of an intellectual underground railroad with branches to all parts of the nation." Speaking of his students, Father Hall said: "These boys have proven that they can achieve, and they are setting a high standard for other Negro students in Louisiana."

Requiem Mass for Father Hall will be offered this morning, March 31, in Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester. He died March 25, 1967 in New Orleans, La., where he had been a science teacher and counselor at St. Augustine's High School.

Josephite Father Hall, son of Mrs. Anthony Hall and the late Mr. Hall, came to Rochester with his family when he was five years old. He attended Immaculate Conception School and graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1950.

He studied at Epiphany Apostolic College, the preparatory seminary of the Josephite Fathers in Newburgh, N.Y. In 1954 he spent his novitiate year in the Society of St. Joseph at Newburgh and then studied theology at St. Joseph's Seminary in Washington.

Father Hall was ordained at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on June 4, 1960 and celebrated his first solemn Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester on Sunday, June 12.

The young priest pursued further studies at the University of Buffalo, St. Michael's College, Winooski, Vt., and took his master's degree in science at Loyola University of the South in New Orleans.

Father Hall was one of twelve children. Besides his mother, he leaves four brothers, Thomas G., Martin M., Donald R., and Patrick A. Hall; seven sisters, Mrs. Ronald (Roxanna) Weber, Mrs. Virgil (Diana) Fields, Misses Mary E., Isabella A., Katherine M., Teresa M. and Deborah A. Hall; all Way of Rochester; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

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'Impact Teacher' Award Won by St. Joseph Nun

Sister M. Jerome McLaughlin, S.S.J., of Mother of Sorrows School, Rochester, is one of forty instructors in Catholic elementary and secondary schools throughout the nation named winners in the "Impact Teacher" program of the National Catholic Educational Association, it was announced this week.

The 40 winners, along with 20 alternates, were announced at the NCEA's convention in Atlantic City, N.J. Some 20,000 people attended the convention.

The objective of the program was to get the ideas of teachers in Catholic elementary and secondary schools on what make a superior teacher. All teachers in U.S. Catholic elementary and secondary schools were invited to send in their ideas — in written or pictorial form.

The contributors of the 40 most thought-provoking entries, as determined by a panel of educational specialists, will take part in a seminar the first week in May at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

During the seminar, Sister Jerome and other winners will work together and with outside consultants to draft a "profile" of an Impact Teacher as a guide to other educators. They will also visit the U.S. Office of Education and a number of historical and governmental sites during their stay in Washington.

A native of Corning, Sister Jerome is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Maynard McLaughlin. She attended St. Vincent de Paul School, Notre Dame High School, Elmira, and Nazareth College.

In her entry, Sister Jerome said in part:

An "Impact teacher" is one who by her attitudes and personality is able to be creative, interesting, and lovable; one who is capable of changing the stereotyped 3-R classroom situation to the point of causing a "violent collision between the energy-packed child and the

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Sisters of Mercy Plan Music, Drama Production

The Sisters of Mercy will dramatize a kaleidoscope of American music and the arts at Mercy-High Auditorium on April 14, 15 and 16.

The production, woven around excerpts from some of the best and most typical works of poets, orators, musicians, and writers, will portray the growth of the American character through the years.

A group of 100 Sisters will sing a varied program including Handel's "And the Glory of the Lord", "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", a Stephen Foster medley, and Negro Spirituals.

A speech choir of 30 Sisters will interpret the words of famous Americans ranging from Jonathan Edwards to John F. Kennedy.

Individual Sisters will recreate scenes from "Raisin in the Sun", "Green Pastures", and "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

Mercy Guild members, who are sponsoring the presentation entitled, "The Word of My City," will be available in the parish churches of Rochester on April 2 to take ticket reservations.

Reservations may also be

made with any Sister of Mercy at the Motherhouse on Blossom Road. All seats are reserved at \$2.50 each.

The general public is invited to the evening performances at 8:30 on April 14 and 15, and to the matinee at 3 p.m. on April 16. A special performance for the Religious of the diocese will be held at 8 p.m. on April 12.

The proceeds from this all-Sister production will be used by the Sisters of Mercy to provide for the higher education of their young Sisters.

Southern Tier Inter-Faith Meeting

For the first time in the Elmira area, Protestant ministers and Catholic priests will come together for an Inter-Faith Seminar to be held Wednesday, April 5, at the Holiday Inn in Horseheads.

Jesuit Father David Bowman, newly appointed assistant director of the Faith and Order Department of the National Council of Churches will address the group. Father Bowman, from the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus, teaches at

Fordham University and works extensively in the ecumenical field. He is the first Roman Catholic cleric to work officially with the Council of Churches.

Very Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien of St. Mary our Mother Church, Horseheads, and the Rev. Robert Lester of Park Congregational Church, Elmira, will conduct a brief worship service adapted from the Lutheran Hymn Book. Rev. Herbert J. Gordon, pastor of Westside Methodist Church, is the chairman for the Inter-Faith Sem-

inar and Father Leo McMannus, pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, will be master of ceremonies for the day.

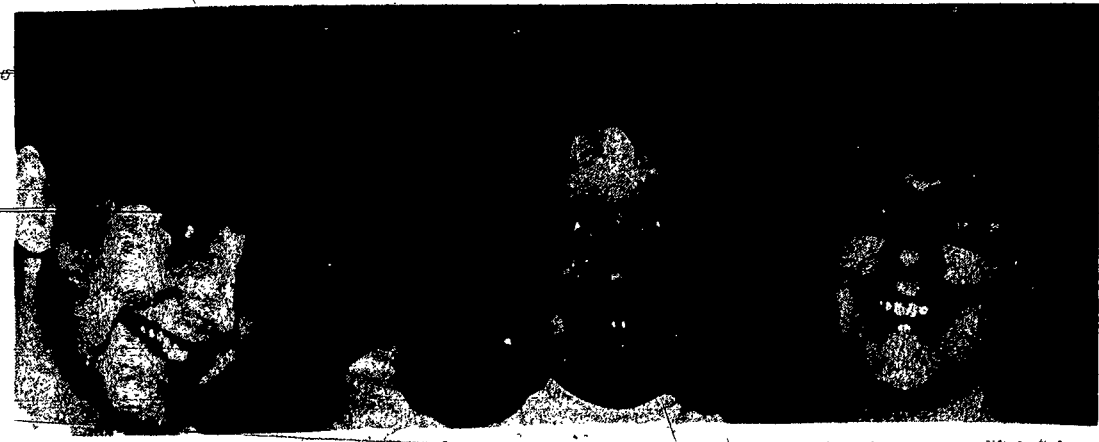
The Inter-Faith Seminar is the first of many hoped-for ecumenical projects planned by the newly formed Ecumenical Relations Committee of the Elmira area. The Ecumenical Relations Committee is made up of members of the Chemung County Council of Churches and the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission. This special committee is an outgrowth of the successful

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity services which were held in January in both Protestant and Catholic churches.

The Ecumenical Relations Committee is now arranging an ecumenical service for the entire community to be held Pentecost Sunday, May 14, at Emerson Auditorium of Elmira College. At this time Rev. William Norgren, Director of the Faith and Order Department of the National Council of Churches and co-author of the popular Living Room Dialogues will be the principal speaker.

Composed both of Protestant and Roman Catholic clergy and laymen, the Ecumenical Relations Committee includes Rev. Herbert Gordon, pastor of Westside Methodist Church, Rev. Joachim Brugger, S.A., St. John's Seminary, Montour Falls, Mrs. Alice Edminster, a laywoman of First Baptist Church, Ernest Grant, executive secretary of the Chemung County Council of Churches, Rev. Charles Gustafson, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Sister Maurine, R.S.M., of Notre Dame High School, Rev. Leo McMannus, pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, Rev. Bruce Porter, pastor 1st Presbyterian Church, Horseheads, Rev. Otto Vogt, Assistant Pastor of St. Patrick's Church and Rev. Roman Zablocki, S.A., St. John's Seminary, Montour Falls.

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Three St. Agnes High School scholarship winners are Elaine Glavin, Susan Mullen and Michele Szembrot.

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