

## Confirmation For 8th Graders

Confirmation will be given to pupils in the eighth grade beginning this September, rather than to pupils in lower grades, according to an announcement made at the Pastoral Office this past week.

Father Michael C. Hogan, Bishop Sheen's secretary, made the announcement in a letter to priests of the Diocese.

Father Hogan said "many questions about Confirmation" prompted his writing the priests as follows:

"In accordance with Bishop Sheen's desire to have the Confirmandi given a more intelligent Christian dedication to their lives, the age level for Confirmation has been raised. In order to reach the desired maturity the approach will be gradual. The next class you present for Confirmation should be in the eighth grade.

"In the meantime a good practical course in Christian living and witness, especially in charity, should be started."

## Basilian Fr. Pappert To Mark Silver Jubilee

Basilian Father Edward C. Pappert will celebrate his silver jubilee in the priesthood at a Mass at St. John Fisher College chapel Sunday, August 20, at 11 a.m.

Father Pappert, now a member of the faculty of the University of Windsor, Canada, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pappert of Rochester. He attended school here including Aquinas Institute. He entered the Basilian community in 1933, attended the University of Toronto and did graduate study at the University of Detroit.

Father Pappert was ordained on August 15, 1942 in Toronto by Cardinal McGuigan and said his first Mass on August 16 in St. Boniface Church, Rochester. The following year he was stationed at Aquinas Institute where he remained until 1948. He then resumed graduate studies in English and obtained a Ph.D. from the University of Ottawa.

Since 1950, Father Pappert has been stationed at the University of Windsor in Canada. He has held various offices in Canadian and American Catholic Education Associations, including the Presidency of the Canadian Association of Departments of Extension and Summer School. He is vice-chairman member of the International Congress of University Adult Education and represented the universities of Canada at the World Congress in Copenhagen in 1965. He has been on the Executive of the Association of University Evening Colleges and Chairman of its Finance



FATHER PAPPERT  
At present, Father Pappert is Director of Extension at the University of Windsor and President of the Ontario Association of Departments of Extension and Summer Schools. He is Vice-Chairman of the John XXIII Center, the organization for Ecumenical and Catholic Adult Education of the London Diocese.



ON CENSUS WORK Brother Frank Waser and Damian Wilson take housewives in curlers for granted as they go about their parish calls.

## Josephite Brothers

### The City Is Their School

A Rochester priest in New Orleans, La., is directing a unique training program for Josephite Brothers, who are receiving special "on the job" training.

Josephite Father Richard Wagner, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. Francis G. Wagner live at 354 Magnolia St. in St. Monica's parish, feels that his community is setting a new pattern in formation.

The Josephites direct their apostolate to the American Negro, both in the South and in the inner cities of the North.

The Brothers formerly trained in the peaceful country locale of their Newburgh, N. Y. house. Since last fall, however, they've been immersed in the melee of big city living in New Orleans.

A recent article in the "Josephite Harvest" explained the country to city change for the brothers in these terms: "For his future work among men, he will train among men. He will no longer stay apart from, but will enter into the world where his vocation will be lived."



FATHER RICHARD WAGNER  
"—out of our walls"

He emphasizes that "community spirit" means more than just one's own religious community. He encourages the young religious to think in terms of "the greater and true community of men on the street."

The on-the-job training of the Brothers reflects this outlook. When they took up a census in a New Orleans parish last fall, it was more than the traditional parish survey. It touched every home, dealt with a range of environmental problems from housing to employment to religious observance.

To emphasize their solidarity with their neighborhood, the Brothers don't even have their own chapel. They recite the morning prayer of Lauds around the breakfast table; but they say Vespers in the church next door, where they share in the daily parish Mass.

## Prelate, 75, To Retire

Vatican City—(RNS)—Giacomo Cardinal Lercaro, Archbishop of Bologna, Italy, has requested Pope Paul to permit his retirement from the archdiocesan post he has held for 15 years.

The noted Italian cardinal will be 76 years old on Oct. 23. His request for retirement was made in accordance with the Pope's directive suggesting that bishops resign upon reaching the age of 75, subject to papal approval.

As Cardinal Lercaro's request was reported at the Vatican, it was also announced that the Pope has named Bishop Antonio Poma of Mantova, Italy, as Co-adjutor Archbishop of Bologna, with the right of succession.

Cardinal Lercaro won wide attention during the Second Vatican Council as a leader of the so-called liberal element in the Church. He is president of the post-conciliar Commission on the Liturgy, and had a major role in the Catholic liturgical reforms approved by Vatican II and promulgated by the Pope.

Earlier this year, in an unusual gesture, the Pope intervened directly to praise and defend Cardinal Lercaro after he had been attacked in a pamphlet for his "liberalism." The pamphlet was written by an Italian Catholic author, Tito Casini, and included a preface by Antonio Cardinal Bacci, known for his conservative views and as a staunch advocate of Latin, who recommended the booklet.

## Geneva K of C Picks Grand Knight

John F. Peck was recently elected Grand Knight of Council 272, Geneva for the 1967-68 term.

Peck, a 17-year member of the K of C, resides at 58 White Springs Rd., Geneva. He is also a member of the American Legion, VFW, the Geneva Rod and Gun Club and the EIKS Club, Illion, New York.



BROTHER DAMIAN WILSON leaves the state run Charity Hospital in New Orleans, after a day's training in his nursing field.

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## Two Sisters of Mercy Mourned; Accomplishments in Order Are Cited

Tributes to two Sisters of Mercy, Sister Mary Germaine Whitty and Sister Mary Teresa Major who died at the Motherhouse Infirmary, this week, were being expressed by members of the community.

BOTH SISTERS joined the Religious Sisters of Mercy in 1915; they both professed First Vows in August 1918; both taught the primary grades for over 40 years; both were one year short of celebrating a Golden Jubilee in Religion; both were born into large families.

They died within a week of one another on the feasts of two great patron saints of the Order: Sister Mary Germaine on the Feast of St. Anne; Sister Mary Teresa on the Feast of St. Ignatius; and both are remembered by their sister colleagues and their pupils for their special love and care for the children, the old, the sick and the poor.

BORN IN COUNTY Waterford, Ireland Nov. 25, 1893, Sister Mary Germaine Whitty was brought to this country as a small child by her brothers and sisters with whom she lived until she entered the Sisters of Mercy in February, 1915 — the same year she began her teaching career at Mt. Carmel in Rochester.

In 1918, Sister taught at St. John's, Clyde and then was transferred to St. Ann's, Hornell for the next 11 years. She taught a year at St. Patrick's, Owego. Followed by another four years in St. John's, Clyde.

Twenty years after her first mission to Mt. Carmel, Sister Mary Germaine returned in 1937 for a stay of three years before she was re-assigned to St. Ann's, Hornell, from 1940-1963. She retired in 1963 and had been at the Motherhouse Infirmary on Blossom Road until her death on July 28, 1967.

Two brothers and one sister survive: William Whitty of Fall River, Mass.; Michael Whitty of Bristol, Rhode Island; and Mrs. Albert Rodé of St. Louis, Missouri, also, several nieces and nephews, including a priest: Father John Whitty of Gorham, Kansas.

at Holy Cross and Mt. Carmel. From 1931-32, Sister was at St. John's, Clyde; then spent four years at St. John the Evangelist's on Humboldt Street, Rochester; she was transferred to three different schools during the next 12 years: St. Cecilia's, Elmira, '37-'39; Holy Cross, '39-'42; St. Salome's, Rochester, '42-'46; and again Holy Cross, '46-'48.

During the following decade,

## Fisher Students Explore Theology, Literature

An experimental program in inter-disciplinary learning has been in progress this summer at St. John's Fisher College. In the currently running Summer Session, students attending classes in theology have joined other students in English in weekly instruction and discussion sessions. The joint sessions, introduced on a trial basis, have proved eminently promising, according to the course directors and participants. A total of thirty-five students are enrolled in the two courses.

Students in theology study "The Problems of God in Modern Literature." Over the course of the summer they have explored such tributary themes as The Problems of Belief, of Existence, of Freedom, of Evil and The Hero as Saint. Professor William G. Walker is the instructor in the theology course.

The English class, considering "Modern American Writers" from the Civil War to the present, has taken for its theme the notion of her in modern American literature. It has drawn on such authors as Whitman, Twain, James, Hemingway, Faulkner, Arthur Miller, Archibald MacLeish and the Black Humorists to examine the concept of man that has evolved over the course of American literary history. Clarence A. Amann is the professor teaching the literature course.

In the last session of each week the students, of both courses meet together for an hour and half of discussion of one or two works they have read in common. Considered in the joint discussions have been Song of Myself (Whitman), Let-

Sister taught the second grade at St. Mary's, Corning. She spent one year at St. Patrick's, Owego. Her final two years of teaching were at the same school where she had begun 41 years before, Mt. Carmel in Rochester, from 1958-60.

Two of her eleven brothers and sisters survive: Sister Mary Adelaide, also of the Rochester Sisters of Mercy and Mrs. Agnes Bothwick, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Asked to summarize his evaluation of the experiment, Walker said, "Since to my knowledge this is the first experiment of its kind at St. John's Fisher, it may very likely set a precedent for the future in other related disciplines. For not only has the shared experience between theology and English been a highly enlightening one for everyone concerned, but has introduced the student to a unique synthetic approach possible only in such an inter-disciplinary program. Thus, through the study of contemporary radical theology and modern literature, a secularizing tendency can be discerned that has mutually affected both areas. Speaking on behalf of theology, it is precisely this type of approach that is being initiated at a growing number of graduate schools with the intention of making theology increasingly relevant to other areas."

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