DCCW Votes To Retain Structure

The Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will continue to function as a part of the National Council of Catholic Women.

The decision was made in a marathon, four and a half hour session of the DCCW's board of directors held at Fairport's School of Religion building last Sunday (Sept. 17).

In a tense, often emotional meeting, the directors voted 25-19, to retain the basic structure of the DCCW as it now exists.

The group also elected Miss Josephine Fitzgerald of Hornell as president of the DCCW for a two-year term. Other newly elected officers were: Mrs. Frank Lyke of Manchester, first vice president; Mrs. Everett Murphy of Rochester, second vice president; Mrs. Charles Miskell of Geneseo, secretary, and Miss Laura Failey of Auburn. treasurer.

Basically, the two opposing views were these:

The "stay" (with the national group structured in a way comthe need for coordinated action and Jewish groups for future cowith the National Council of operation, and the need for a Catholic Women, the importance unified diocesan leadership of of having a Catholic women's Catholic women's groups.

Sr. M. Eleanor local DCCW (130 affiliates now **Funeral Mass**

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Eleanor, S.H.C.J., author of at the college, Sept. 6.

Sister Eleanor who was born in Rochester, daughter of the the national organization. late Dr. John R. and Mrs. Slater, died Sept. 2, 1967 in Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, Pa. Doctor Slater was chairman of the English department at the University of Rochester from 1905 to 1942.

A graduate of the University of Rochester, she received a master of arts degree in English from Harvard University. She also did advanced work at Columbia and Oxford universi

Always interested in social work, she spent a year as assistant director of the American Friends Service.

A convert to Catholicism, she entered the order of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in 1941 and began teaching at Rosemont College where she remained until her death.

Sister Eleanor had a long and variel literary career. Her first works appeared in "Quest" and in the Yale Series of Younger Poets and subsequently in many periodicals.

Her major works include "Afiong," a book for children, and "Jesus, Son of David" and "The Last Apostle."

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TAKING THE HELM. Miss Josephine Fitzgerald of Hornell was a key figure at recent DCCW meeting. She made a strong plea for retention of the present structure, was promptly elected as president for next two years.

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ing evidences in decline of the compared to 179 five years ago; annual convention workshop at tendance drop of some 400 women in the same time span) opted for structures independent of the national body.

The issues were argued at several books for children and length, some hassling took place professor of English at Rose over the acceptance of several mont College, Pa. was offered proxy ballots and then the voting took place.

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Mrs. Raymond G. Granston, Deanery President of St. Mary's of the Lake, Watkins Glen, will conduct the business meeting. All members of the Deanery's fourteen affiliates, representing some 6,000 women in the two Counties are encouraged to attend. A discussion of the future of the Deanery Council in relation to the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be fea-





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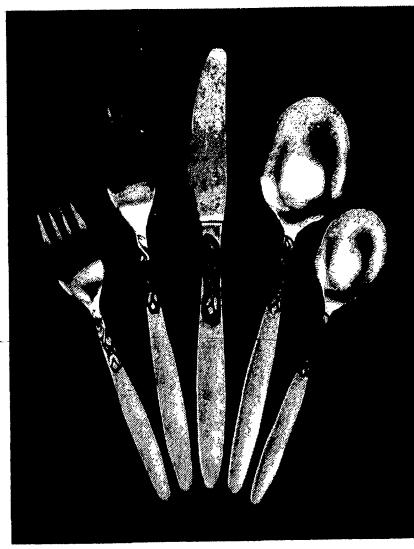
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