



WONDER, DOUBT, UNDERSTANDING — All are phases of education.

## Sex Education Program To Stay in Curriculum

Improved rather than deterred by the public controversy of last spring, the diocesan sex education program will continue to be a part of the curriculum in the elementary and high schools this fall.

The Diocesan School Office in an official statement this week said: "Bishop Sheen, after reviewing the evaluation of the program, made at his request by two committees of laypeople and professionals, has passed their findings on the Diocesan Committee on Sex Education and approved continuation of the curriculum."

The program was introduced as a pilot course in 13 elementary schools in the Spring of 1968 and after revisions during that summer was used in most of the parish schools of the diocese during the past school year.

A survey conducted this June among 3,113 parents whose children had shared the program all year showed that 86.7 percent "approved" of the course material for their youngsters.

By vast majorities they agreed that "the amount of ma-

terial taught was just about right," that "sex education should be spread through the whole school life of the children," that the children "should know the proper medical terms for the organs and processes."

Father Daniel Brent, associate superintendent of schools, said that harassment of the schools by individuals and groups opposed to the content and the timing of the sex program will probably flare again this year.

"But parish meetings with the parents will be built into the annual offering of this material. The sex education program will not begin to be integrated into the pupils' courses in any school until the parents have had instruction in the purpose and content of the program for their children."

Announcing that a new manual for all parents to help them work together with the school teachers will be distributed, he emphasized that cooperation requires that the parents attend the preliminary explanation and keep up with what the children are getting in school.

"A positive result of the public outcry against the sex education effort last spring," he said, "is that parents who want the course for their chil-

dren have been awakened and are giving us more support against the critics of our effort."

The curriculum prepared for the high school students of the diocese has produced very little "static," Father Brent said. "This year's revision will contain improved material in the theological section on the theology of human sexuality."

Dr. Gerard T. Gueriot, chairman of the diocesan committee, said there will be some changes in the "vocabulary of the course, that is, the point at which the physiological terms for sex organs and processes will be introduced to the children."

Use of the proper terms has been found to be of "singular value in relieving embarrassment in discussion of sex," he said. "But our critics call this 'unnecessary frankness.'"

He said the course has been reviewed by educators, theologians, physicians and social scientists throughout the country and that its basic reception has been good.

"Many dioceses in the country are looking at its possibilities and others are using it as a model for writing their own courses."

## Cayuga County To Merge Parish Efforts

Beginning this fall, individual parish efforts at religious education in Cayuga County will begin to merge into a coordinated county effort.

The first steps are under way with the formation of a unified text program for grades 1-6. Paulist text series is being used for grades 1-3; and Sadlier's for grades 4-6.

Using one text in a given grade all across the county is making possible monthly teacher meetings on each grade level. These meetings will provide in-service training for the county's present CCD teachers and teachers-in-training.

In addition, theology, methods, art and music are being taught the catechists formally by a team of six priests and six sisters; and a center is being established in the basement of Sacred Heart Rectory in Auburn to serve this program. The center will also serve as an audio-visual library.

## McQuaid to Add Russian History

McQuaid Jesuit High School will introduce Russian history and literature into its curriculum this year, according to Father Albert P. Bartlett, S.J., rector.

Classes in third-year Greek also will be conducted for the first time. Studio art painting also is scheduled.

A total of 237 freshmen have enrolled in the school to bring the student body to 834, Father Bartlett said. Tuition is \$500 plus a \$50 fee.

## Statistics for Year

# 1,863 Took Courses In Adult Education

A total of 1,863 persons in the diocese paid money during the last 12 months to take courses in adult religious education.

That's the statistic released last week by directors of the Adult Religious Education Program (formerly known as the Adult Theology Program). It is sponsored by the diocesan Office of Christian Formation.

Courses, spaced over three, six and eight weeks, were given in 22 communities in the diocese.

Handling details are two Capuchin priests—Father Leopold Protomastro, OFM, Cap., and Father Cyriac Rosen, OFM, Cap., who are stationed at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Luchind Road, Geneva.

The program will begin its third year Sept. 29 with 13 courses scheduled in the Rochester area and 12 in other diocesan communities. Courses generally are slated for eight weeks during autumn and Lent, and six weeks after Lent.

Topics have been keyed to Testament and Bible history. Upcoming courses will include reviews of Vatican Council II, racial issues and marriage.

Classes are held one evening each week. Courses are scheduled this fall in Rochester at Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High School, St. Ambrose Church hall and St. Michael's hall, and at St. Rita's

in Webster. Others are planned for Geneva, Elmira and Ithaca.

No credits are given, and no examinations or recitations are demanded. Certain courses may require outside reading. Fees are based on \$1 per class.

Last spring Bishop Fulton J. Sheen gave three bi-weekly lectures as part of the course at Nazareth Academy. The "faculty" for the courses includes priests, nuns and lay.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) teachers who take certain of the courses may receive advanced CCD credits.

Information about the courses and a brochure with scheduled topics, times and places, may be obtained by writing the office of the Adult Religious Education Program, P.O. Box 231, Geneva 14456 (or telephone 315-789-1991).

### Dial-a-Lesson

A dial-a-lesson experiment is being organized for two years in four schools in Canada's capital city, Ottawa. Each of the schools' 110 classrooms will be connected to a video library. Instead of ordering films and projectors or watching the live school TV program, teachers can choose any recorded program by telephone, which will then be immediately played back over Ottawa's existing coaxial cable network and received on the classroom TV set.

## OCF Center To Open In Auburn

Auburn — Formal establishment of a Christian Formation Center is scheduled here Wednesday, Sept. 3.

Father Raymond Wahl, episcopal vicar for the Eastern Vicariate, and Father John J. Glogowski, Christian Formation coordinator for Cayuga County, announced that the office will be opened in the basement of Sacred Heart Church rectory.

The center will include an office and an audio-visual room.

Father Glogowski said regular meetings for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine catechists for grades one through six will begin that day in Sacred Heart School.

Six Priests and six Sisters will instruct the catechists at their regular monthly meetings. These instructions, Father Glogowski said, will take the place of the former 30-week teacher training course.

Instructors will include Fathers William Barrett, Bernard Carges, Conrad Sundholm, Charles Mulligan, William Gordiner and John Glogowski, and Sisters Helen Francis, Marjela, Cordis, Brian, Yvonne and Carmelita.

A similar program for preparation of catechists for grades seven through twelve is expected to be introduced in February. In the planning stages as well are city and county-wide Inquiry Classes for adults.

## More Parishes Charge Tuition

The financial bind felt by nearly every parochial school in recent years has resulted in a slow growth of the tuition system to supplement finances derived from the parish school collection.

According to figures from the Diocesan School Office, 56 parishes will charge tuition this year and 41 parishes will not. Five years ago only 43 schools had tuition fees.

One parish charges over \$100, 12 parishes ask for \$85 to \$100, 16 parishes get over \$65 and 14 others charge between \$50 and \$80.

### Literacy Work

The Papal Commission for Justice and Peace has recently created a committee, under the presidency of the Archbishop of Bahia (Brazil), to coordinate and promote the contribution of the Roman Catholic Church to the basic education of illiterates throughout the world.

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