



Father Daniel Brent, associate superintendent of diocesan schools, discusses problems with Salvatore G. Musso, coordinator of special assistance programs.

## Msgr. Roche Views Schools' Prospects

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association of the state's Catholic Bishops) will publish their study-papers on 'The State of our Schools'. We expect dramatic changes in the structure and financing of the diocesan school systems will be announced then for implementation within a few years," he said.

Discussing curriculum adjustments for the coming semesters, both educators were enthusiastic.

"Our curriculum people have been working on a handbook on minority cultures to help teachers broaden the pupils' inter-racial and intercultural understandings," Father Brent said. "Teachers will be given project ideas, bulletin-board and reading tips to enliven the students' awareness of racial and cultural issues in our changing times."

There is a shift away from emphasis on the textbook, he explained, to keep the children "up with the times" and be "existential on all their subjects."

Msgr. Roche spoke of immediate changes in the religious curriculum in the schools as putting "a stiffer structure in the teaching of religion."

"The Christian Formation office of the diocese, headed by Father Albert Shannon, has distributed specific guidelines for teachers in elementary and secondary grades.

"Using the series of books called 'Come to the Father' in the elementary schools and 'Choose Life' in the high schools, our students will be

## Workshop Planned in Cleveland

Allen Park, Mich.—The National Catholic Preschool Association will hold its Fifth Workshop Sept. 27, at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mary Reed Newland, nationally known author of *We and Our Children* and *The Family and the Bible*, will be the main speaker at the general session. Mother of seven children, Mrs. Newland will share her insights on preparing children for the gift of faith with the fullness of Christ's life.

The day-long workshop will feature sessions on Creative Arts, Music, Psychology of the Preschool Child, Classroom Techniques, Administration, Modern Catechetics, Worship and Missions. Persons of all faiths who work with young children are invited.

With its emphasis on preschool religious instruction, the workshop has become a popular source of information and inspiration for participants, who come from all over the country. Two years ago the United States Military Academy at West Point sent ten cadets—all preschool religion teachers at the Academy's Chapel—to attend the workshop.

A volunteer lay organization, the National Catholic Preschool Association offers guidance and assistance in setting up Catholic Sunday Schools for preschoolers. Such schools are designed to develop close cooperation with the home, aiding parents to meet their responsibilities for the religious education of their young children.

Further information about the Association, its workshop, and its program of services may be obtained by writing to: National Catholic Preschool Assn., P.O. Box 310, Allen Park, Michigan 48101.

### NURSING ALUMNAE PICNIC TOMORROW

The Alumnae Association of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing will hold their annual picnic and swim party at 2 p.m. tomorrow, Aug. 23, at the home of Mrs. Doris Santry, 6 Hillcrest Drive, Fairport.

## Uniforms: 'Potato Sack' or 'Very Smart'?

Do girls who attend Catholic high schools and who are required to wear uniforms tend to resemble sacks full of potatoes?

At least one such student in the Rochester diocese seemed to think along those lines.

Sheila Schomburg of 1850 Clover St., a senior at Our Lady of Mercy High School, said the new A-line blue jumpers to be adopted this year are "better than the old plaid ones, but I don't like them. They have no style."

In fact, added Sheila, "They are potato-sack looking."

Catholic schools are private schools. Thus when State Commissioner Ewald B. Nyquist said that school administrators "may not use fashion or taste alone as criteria for school dress regulations" it affected Catholic school students not at all.

Instead, students at each Catholic high school must abide by the requirements for dress as set by the policy makers of the school. In some cases the principal alone makes the decision. In others, parents, a committee and even students formulate the rules.

To discover what the dress requirements are throughout the high schools of the diocese we talked to administrative representatives. Then to find out what the students involved feel about the modes of dress we talked to some of them.

Sometimes the administration and the students do not see eye to eye on what is modish or fashionable.

Interestingly enough a secretary at Our Lady of Mercy, Mrs. Jeannette Culross, a graduate of the girls' school, described that same A-line jumper termed "potato sack" by Sheila Schomburg as "very smart."

Mercy students also have a blue shirtwaist for spring and fall weather. "Neat" oxfords or loafers are required footwear. Sandals not allowed. Neither are bare legs.

McQuaid Jesuit students must wear sports jackets, dress shirts and ties and hair must be cut in a "manly manner."

"Manly manner" is a much used term in Catholic schools attended by boys this fall. At least three different administrators used that particular phrase when questioned about boys' styles.

Peter Tonnerly, 175 Nunda Blvd., a senior at McQuaid this year, said, however, what constitutes a "manly manner" is up to the discretion of the prefect of discipline.

Tonnerly said he does not believe in any type of uniform and he is not particularly happy with the sports jacket rulings. He feels that more freedom should be allowed students in making a choice.

Blazers are the thing at Bishop Kearney High School. Both boys and girls wear them. Boys add gray slacks, shirt and tie, the girls blouses and pleated skirts.

Mrs. Harry Smith, 20 Pierce St., spoke for her daughter Kathy, a senior, and vice presi-

dent of Student Council, and said she thought "she had no quarrel with the uniform at all."

Mrs. Smith said it gave Kathy more freedom of choice when it came to buying special dress-up clothes. The grey suede oxfords that are required with the uniform she could do without, however, her mother said.

A spokesman at Bishop Kearney said he had been told that it was the parents' wish that students wear uniforms.

St. Agnes students perhaps have as much color choice in uniforms as any Catholic girl students.

While they wear maroon jumpers, white blouses and maroon oxfords during the winter months, they have a choice of

blue, pink, green or gold shirtwaists for spring and fall.

Another mother we reached while attempting to call a St. Agnes student for comment asked that she not be identified but said her daughter just loves them. She can spend more money on her better clothes. Besides, being at a girls' school I don't think she minds the uniform look."

The gray blazer-plaid skirt combination at Nazareth Academy is being phased out with the introduction of navy blue vests to wear with white blouses and skirts in a choice of style and fabric. A light blue shirtwaist dress for warm weather will be introduced this year.

Aquinas requires suit coats, ties and shirts for its all male

student group. So does Mt. Carmel at Auburn for its boys. Girls wear blazers, skirts and blouses.

Spokesman for De Sales of Geneva could not be contacted. At Notre Dame High School in Elmira, assistant principal Sister Janet Wahl had an interesting observation when asked how students felt about the required sports jackets for boys and blazers for girls. She said:

"Elmira isn't Rochester. We don't have the far-out fringe." Most students she felt, appreciated the economy aspect of uniforms although there are some gripes.

As far as problems with long hair, she said she knew of only two instances where officials asked to have them trimmed.

## CCD Audio-Visual Statistics

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine office reported recently the following statistics on the use of audio-visual materials by CCD teachers.

- From September, 1968 to June 1969, 885 films were used.
- 36 out of 57 parishes in Rochester use movies and filmstrips on a regular weekly or monthly basis.
- 42 out of 132 parishes in the surrounding counties use movies and filmstrips on a weekly or monthly basis. Most are sent to these parishes by mail or bus.
- "Inscape" was the most

popular movie this year with "Parable" running a close second.

- "Tuned - Out Generation" (Guidance Associates) was very popular this year with both parents and high school discussion groups.
- Klise's new film "In the Name of Jesus Christ, Let's Celebrate" just purchased in January, was used a great deal in parish discussion groups with adults.
- On the elementary level, "Kree" is used a great deal, and "Good News of Christ" is out considerably at Christmas and Easter.

## Enrollment Shows Rise

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fairly stabilized at about 800, for St. Agnes, and 950 for Nazareth. Aquinas reported a "normal" enrollment of 1,120 and McQuaid, about 850.

Tuition increases were announced recently for McQuaid—\$50, for a total fee of \$550; Aquinas—up \$50, to \$450; Mercy—\$50, to \$350, and Kearney—\$25, to \$350.

The schools of the other three cities in the diocese, all coeducational, reported a total registration of 1,736. Mt. Carmel, in Auburn, has 735; Notre Dame, in Elmira, 571, and De Sales, Geneva, 430.

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