

# Confrontation

## She Makes CCD Work

St. Theodore's CCD and Margaret DeJonge aren't exactly synonymous but it is difficult to imagine one without the other.

President of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine at St. Theodore's since its official organization four years ago, Mrs. DeJonge has been the one person most responsible for an efficient and well run program that is one of the larger in the Diocese. She has administered programs that had enrollments of nearly 800 children in grades 1-6 alone. Due to the establishment of new parishes, the present enrollment for grades 1-6 at St. Theodore's is now "down" to about 600 children, but is increasing each year.

Not content simply to supervise 600 youngsters, more than 20 teachers, several adult and teenage helpers and office workers, this busy mother of five also teaches a class of third graders, spends hours each week doing office and paper work and serves as member of the Christian Formation Committee of the parish and of its parent committee, the Parish Executive Board.

A survey of the CCD program at St. Theodore's parish attests to not only the labor and devotion of this woman, but also to her far sighted and comprehensive view of religious education. Some of her methods and organization tactics may aid you in administering your Religious Education program.

This administrator had started on this year's program before last year's ended. Last spring, under the direction of Mrs. DeJonge, a door-to-door survey was conducted through the entire parish. The Rosary Society furnished workers to take a census of all children of school age in the parish. Parents were furnished with material explaining the religious education programs and registration procedures.

The next activity to take place was registration. Held on three different days short-

ly after classes ended in May, and officially closed at that time, this early registration allows the maximum amount of time to assign teachers, to recruit and assign teachers. This method also eliminates students "dribbling" into classes throughout the school year. New parishioners are allowed to register their children when they move into the parish.

Parents who have failed to register their children for a given year are given the option of registering the child the next year at his CCD grade level rather than his regular school level, or they may work with the child at home and, subject to an interview with a parish priest, may bring him up to his proper grade level for the following year.

All parents are encouraged to recognize and accept their primary role in the Christian formation of their children. With this goal in mind, a required part of the child's religious education at St. Theodore's will be attendance by the parents of First Communicants and children receiving First Penance at several parent education meetings.

In service training for teachers will be launched with a workshop planned and taught in part by one of the parochial school sisters in the parish. Plans are also under way for joint meetings of CCD and parochial school parents. This cooperative effort stems from the workings of a committee consisting of the assistant pastor, the principal of the parochial school, the head of the Sunday school program, and the president and vice-president of the CCD program. This Christian Formation Committee is also an example of the far reaching effects of a well organized CCD program, since it is an off shoot of the larger parish executive committee which was formed as one of the results of a series of CCD sponsored adult education programs held during Lent last year.



Sister Mary V. Hicks, OSF, pronounced her final vows Aug. 29 at the Franciscan Sisters' St. Elizabeth Motherhouse in Allegany, N.Y. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon J. Hicks of Our Lady of Good Counsel parish. Twenty-five other sisters also took vows at the perpetual profession ceremony.

## 3 Male Students In Nursing Class At Hornell Hospital

Hornell — Three male students were among 29 freshmen welcomed this week to St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing. They are Robert Stone of Hornell, Thomas Cornwall of Machias and Garry Crysler of Silver Springs.

They are the first men students in the 57-year-old history of the school. The new class brings enrollment to 74—making it the smallest school of nursing in the nation to be accredited by the National League for Nursing.

The freshman class includes two Sisters of Mercy, Sister Kathleen Ann Kolb and Sister Mary Kathleen O'Brien of Rochester. Among other members of the class are:

Kathleen Dailey and Angela Morey, Hornell; Barbara Ann Kelly and Karen Kolmer, Rochester; Jacqueline Bishop, Avon; Karen Boss, Spencerport; Marietta Feiock, Clyde; Debra Lanse, Newark; Marcia Riffle, Corning; Diane Sullivan, Dansville.

## Parish Societies List Events

The women of Holy Rosary parish are invited to the Rosary Guild's "Get Acquainted Night" on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Church services at 7:45 will precede festivities in the school hall.

A tureen supper will start the season for Our Lady's Guild of Holy Name of Jesus parish, Greece, on Sept. 16, after 6:30 p.m. Mass.

St. John of Rochester Women's Club will hold a membership tea Sunday, Sept. 14, 1969, from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Walter Shane, 75 Crescent Hills, Perinton. The chairman is Mrs. Paul Crann.

The Mothers' Club of Corpus Christi will meet at 7:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15. The Soul Singers will entertain.

A Diet Workshop Open House will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at St. Joseph's, Penfield.

MOONEY TEA  
Cardinal Mooney Women's Guild will entertain the mothers of freshmen at tea Sunday, Sept. 14, at 2:00 p.m.

The Mothers' Club of Nativity parish, Brockport, also will sponsor a Diet Workshop Open House, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17.

St. Rita's Society will hold a tureen supper at the barn on the church grounds, Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Co-chairmen are the Mesdames Harold Peiffer and John Bareis.

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