

## 'Mod Scheduling'? Try St. Agnes High

"Mod scheduling" is becoming a term more frequently used in educational circles. In order to get a better concept of what it is and what it entails, the Courier-Journal offers this view of the system as it works at St. Agnes High School.

By SISTER THERESA DANIEL, SSJ

The school year at St. Agnes has been changed from four quarters to three trimesters. The school days follow a six-day cycle rather than the traditional pattern of five days, and the day itself is divided into the newest kind of division known as a Mod. Mods are 15 minutes each and classes are arranged with as many or as few mods as a teacher finds he or she needs — (yes, there are men on the faculty at St. Agnes).

Mod Scheduling does for education what the Motion Study does for industry. It means lab periods can be as long as needed; lectures and movies can be followed by discussion periods; grammar classes can be as short as needed; labs and chousers

can meet during the day rather than after a full day of study; classes can meet any time of day or any day of the week. How can Mod Scheduling work with an enrollment as high as 800?

Individual planning conferences with every student are held by the guidance counselors or the scheduling committee. The requirements set up by the State Regents get first consideration and from there on the talents, interests, and available time of the student determines how she will use her 24 modules of time each day.

Theology, although not a required subject for girls not of the Catholic faith, is offered under such interesting titles that most of them elect to take at least some of the sections.

"Day Six" is the "assembly program" day and can follow Day Five or coincide with the schedule of a touring company such as the Lincoln Center Performing Artists, or the ever delightful monologue specialist, Miss Mary Louise Hickey.

According to Jean Ivanuska, president of the Student Council, Mod Scheduling has added even more enthusiasm to the St. Agnes student body, as indicated by the enlarged number of students making first and second honor rolls, being received into the National Honor Society, participating in the very active Zonta Club, or the SRO crowds which packed the school auditorium at each performance of the "Sound of Music" in November.

Mod Scheduling is only one of the avant-garde offerings at St. Agnes High School.

If you're in Dramatics at St. Agnes High School, it's a Fine Arts Weekend in New York with a tour of the theaters; if you're in Home Economics, it's a tour of the fashion capitals of Europe in the summer; if you're in Math you get a special Computer course from a Ph.D. chemist from Eastman Kodak.

No matter what course you're in you can make the six-week, credit-bearing study-tour of the culture centers of Europe under the direction of the Foreign Study League.



Day Six at St. Agnes never comes on Saturday. Here, Jean Shady, left, studies her "mod" schedule while Yvonne Melchionne helps figure out what classes to attend.

## St. Agnes Schedules Entrance Examination

St. Agnes High School will information concerning entrance again offer its entrance exam to girls of the Rochester area interested in attending a private school for girls of all faiths, at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 7, during the day or 473-0882 from 4:30 through the evening.

The entrance exam and the girl's previous school record enable the members of the guidance staff and the scheduling staff to offer the best combination of subjects to the incoming student.

Since the inception of Mod Scheduling a year ago, St. Agnes offers many more variations of the required subjects as well as many more elective subjects than was possible with the traditional method of scheduling. The use of a comprehensive entrance exam aids in determining general directions which are then made more specific through individual consultation.

According to Sister Mary Margaret, principal at St. Agnes, students come not only from the immediate Rochester area, but from Avon, Lima, Spencerport and Canandaigua.

Anyone wishing any further

## School Musicians To Give Concerts

Two bands and a choir of singers from 25 high schools will perform tomorrow night at Greece Arcadia School, under the auspices of the Monroe County School Music Association.

More than 250 student musicians will take part, after rehearsals Friday and Saturday.

Sister Marie Stephanie of Nazareth Academy, public relations officer for the association, listed also these county-wide concerts: junior high schools, March 7 at Brockport, and elementary, March 21, Spencerport.



SISTER JOAN

## Sister Joan To Conduct Summer Tour

Sister Joan Sobala, chairman of the Department of Mathematics at St. Agnes High School, will help conduct a cultural tour of Europe again this summer.

Sister Joan, who last year took 15 students on a study-tour of the capitals of Europe, has been asked by the Religion Teachers Association of the Archdiocese of Chicago to act as co-director with Sister Ruth McDonnell, IHM, of Chicago, on a tour for teachers and students of religion.

Forty days will be divided among London, Brussels, Paris, Geneva, Florence and Rome. Catechetical centers in each of these cities have arranged lectures to be given by staff members. In addition to the lectures, excursions to major points of interest have been arranged from each city. In Geneva, a visit to the World Council of Churches will be offered. The historic centers of Assisi and Taize will also be visited.

Any director of religious education, supervisor of religious studies, teacher of religion (of any faith) or any teacher interested in catechetical and culture program. Students of religious education, 21 or older, are also eligible.

## Parish Sets One-Day Drive

Port Byron — The people of St. John's parish will be canvassed this Sunday, Feb. 1, in a drive for funds to remodel the church basement. The one-day goal is \$25,000.

Father Robert Kress, pastor, proposes to provide space for religion classes and meetings of parish societies. The campaign, led by John and Anthony Guldene, involves 30 workers.

## Confrontation

### Some Guides to Forming a Parish Council

By JOAN ZUMMO

For those parishes that have taken those first cautious steps toward establishing a parish council, and also for those that are fairly well established, there are a number of useful guides and publications available.

One of the most helpful publications in this area is "Today's Parish," published bi-monthly by Twenty-Third Publications, 666 Anthony Wayne Bank Building, Fort Wayne, Ind. 26802.

As the name implies the magazine is directed to all members of a parish and is concerned with all the various aspects of parish life. It features a number of articles on the formation and functioning of parish councils, and has a regular feature called "Council Exchange" which accepts editorial and informational contributions from readers.

Recent issues of "Today's Parish" included the following guidelines and questions for persons interested in forming parish councils. A basic

profile of a person who would make a good parish council member was given as follows: some theological formation from formal education sources as well as from experience gained in working in parish organizations; capacity for long-range vision; willingness to give generously of his time; a psychologically sound personality; willingness to accept "no" to his proposals; knowledge of current events in the church.

Persons to be avoided include the person who pushes new ideas without serious and adequate research; those who are extremely resistant to consideration of change; the person who is willing to help only on his own terms rather than according to the needs of the parish.

In another article, entitled "The Reluctant Pastor and the Parish Council" the following questions were proposed for priests who are faced with the prospect of establishing a parish council.

Do I really like to work with people or do I prefer to

let laymen handle the person-to-person functions? Am I a dominant person who will feel threatened by negative votes or proposal defeats? How dependent am I on group approval? Do I feel that efficiency is so important that I would limit involvement to a small number of individuals? Am I willing to delegate authority, share information, let others make mistakes, sweat out the time until the layman's formation process is complete? Will I take the time to form community leaders, work with all people? Am I impatient with long meetings? Will I be able to stick to a budget? Would I be satisfied with a voice but not vote at meetings, and would I be willing to abide by majority decision as long as it is not contrary to Church teaching or diocesan regulations?

This is just a sampling of the kind of aid that this magazine offers. It makes an excellent addition to a parish library or pamphlet rack. Sample copies may be examined at the CCD Office.

Other publications that may

be of interest are "Programs for Parish Councils" (\$1.50) and "Parish Councils" (\$2.25) by Bernard Lyons, available from Divine Word Publications, World Wide, Techny, Ill. 60082.

"The Sharing Community," Pflaum Press, Dayton, Ohio (\$1.50) is another possibility. A brief brochure which includes an overall view of organizing a council as well as a source list of films, books, and other aids is "How to Organize a Parish Council," available from The Chicago Voice, Suite 1612, 29 East Madison, Chicago, Ill. 60602. A practical aid with much usable information is available from Christian Research Foundation, Inc., 454 Dorchester Blvd. W., Montreal 1, Que. Ask for the "Report of the Parish Council Conference" held in that Diocese in 1969.

In coming weeks Confrontation will take a look at parish council activity in this Diocese.



1970 Leaders Inducted by AOH

New officers of Elmira's Ancient order of Hibernians are shown with some guests at a recent installation ceremony. Seated, from the left, are Timothy J. Lynch, vice president; John Dunn, state president and installing officer; Auxiliary Bishop McCafferty and Gerald F. McLaughlin, president. Standing: J. Peter Fennell, marshal; Father James Collins; Edward G. Earley, recording secretary; Jerome H. Kane, financial secretary; James F. Gallagher, sentinel; Kevin T. Coggins, chairman of standing committees; Father John H. Leary, chaplain, and John Dean, treasurer.

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Father Leon G. Hart, cpl of Aquinas Institut school and college teach than 20 years, has been assistant superintendent schools, effective July 1

He will be succeeded principal by Father Albens, CSB, rector of House of Studies on Fisher College campus.

Announcement of t ments were made today statement by Bishop Ho Very Rev. Joseph C. We onto, Canada, superior g Basilian Fathers.

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