

Sisters Schedule Workshop

An inter-Community workshop, directed to the study of pre-retirement and retirement for religious, will be held tomorrow, Feb. 14, at Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse, Co-sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of St. Joseph — but open to all nuns in the Rochester diocese — the event will feature individual speakers, panels, question and answer sessions.

This "first-of-its-kind" workshop in Rochester is a response to a combination of factors, according to the two sisters who are the co-chairmen.

Sister Marion, SSJ, director of Social Services at St. Ann's Home, pointed out: "One reason comes from the emphasis of the Second Vatican Council on the individual and the updating of convent life. This has brought nuns into contact with new areas of concern, one of which is aging." Sister Marion herself is a member of a three-nun committee delegated by the Sisters of St. Joseph Chapter to choose a retirement coordinator for that Community.

Sister Teresa Margaret, director of geriatrics for the Sisters of Mercy, explained further: "The number of aged nuns in convents is increasing, as the life span lengthens and fewer young girls enter religious life. Religious orders now (along with lay institutions) are setting an age for retirement in contrast with the past when nuns usually worked as long as they were physically able."

The two keynote speakers for the day represent not only religion, but industry: Sister Joëlse, director of



SISTER MARY FLORENCE

the retirement program for the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Wisconsin; and Edward Groth, director of employe benefits at Eastman Kodak.

Three other nuns, already engaged in "second careers," which are con-

Sister Mary Florence, the Mercy Sisters' historian and archivist, is seeking memorabilia connected with the community. Anyone possessing old photos or letters should contact Sister at the Mercy Motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Road, Rochester.

nected with the aging, also will be heard on a panel: Sister Mary Michael, IHM, co-administrator of the Kundig Center, a hotel-motel for senior citizens in Detroit; Sister Augustine, CSF, director of the LaFarge Institute of Life-time Learning in Wisconsin; and Sister Eligia, SSJ, a staff visitation assistant at St. Ann's Home in Rochester.

The 200 nuns expected to attend will be asked during the day to fill out two questionnaires. One is to gather information for a general survey. The other requests personal information to be used by the specific communities.

Eventually, all sisters over 30 from the two larger Rochester communities will receive the questionnaires.

In preparation for the workshop, two local nuns attended a similar program at Madonna College in Detroit at the end of January.

Sister Teresa Margaret, RSM, and Sister Mary George, SSJ, were among the 41 sisters (and one priest) representing 23 separate orders that participated for two weeks in the unique



SISTER TERESA MARGARET

workshop conducted by Woodrow Hunter of the University of Michigan, one of the top authorities in the country in working out programs for the aged.

According to Hunter: "Where the lay retiree has two sides to his life: work and family, the Sister in the main has only her work. She has lived a life that is completely self-giving, and it may be hard for her to see why she must give up the work she has done."

"She needs to be given opportunities to go on living in a way that is meaningful to her. We're trying to find satisfactory service substitutions for that work."

The two nuns attending the workshop agreed that the requests coming into religious communities daily indicate the many areas where older sisters may still serve fruitfully and creatively. To run day care centers, to act as foster grandparents, to teach adult education, to tutor and coun-



SISTER ELIGIA AND FRIEND.

sel are some of the general areas under study.

"Some of our nuns have moved happily out of active apostolates into other almost fulltime 'second careers,'" said Sister Teresa Margaret. "Their example is an encouragement to us, and, we hope, to other sisters approaching this time of life."

Two specifically referred to were Sister Eligia, SSJ, 82, a member of the workshop panel, who goes regularly to assist at St. Ann's Home; and Sister Mary Florence, RSM, 71, who serves as the Sisters of Mercy archivist and historian, and is a member of two governing committees.

Although the planned workshop is the first of its kind in Rochester, the National Conference of Catholic Charities in Washington, since 1963, has been working on this problem. Sister Marion is secretary of the Commission on the Aging for that organization.



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Bishop Hogan was principal guest at annual Auburn Curia Legion of Mary meeting Feb. 8 in Victor. Pictured from left are: Father Raymond Wahl, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Auburn, and Curia spiritual director; Miss Virginia Wallace of Auburn, Curia president; Father Albert Shamon, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Victor, host to meeting; Bishop Hogan; Mrs. Donald Butler of Victor, and Father William Trott of St. Bernard's Seminary faculty, diocesan Legion spiritual director.

Bishop Hogan Addresses Legion of Mary

Victor — Legion of Mary praesidia from nine parishes in the Auburn Curia drew praise from Bishop Hogan last Sunday afternoon at their ninth annual general reunion here.

Bishop Hogan, who celebrated



FATHER TORMEY

Father Tormey Program to Begin Sunday

"God in the Headlines" is the title of the first radio series produced by the new diocesan Office of Communications beginning this Sunday evening at 6:45 p.m. on WHAM of Rochester.

Father Richard Tormey, executive editor of the Courier-Journal and director of the Communications Office, will produce the weekly program and be heard on it frequently.

Describing plans for the broadcasts, Father Tormey said: "We chose the title for this program, asserting that God is part of our daily living, because of a conviction that in almost every news-story and nearly every trend which shapes the way we all live, there is some kernel of spiritual principle related to God our Creator."

Guest-interviews, discussion of articles in current periodicals and reviews of books and movies will be used frequently. Because WHAM has the power to be heard in every county of the diocese the material will be of general diocesan interest and rarely limited to subjects in Monroe County.

Mass and preached in St. Patrick's Church and who addressed the legionnaires at a subsequent dinner in DiPacifica's Restaurant, described the Legion as "a significant extension of the work of the pastor."

Calling for "renewed zeal for your very effective apostolate," he told his listeners they would remain vital and have assurance in the personal value of their efforts "by continuing to ask the Lord's help, as well as that of His Blessed Mother," and "by continuing to listen to what the Lord is saying."

Harold Connor Succumbs at 70

Mass for repose of the soul of Harold H. Connor of Caledonia, advertising manager of the Courier-Journal for 24 years until his retirement in 1966, was celebrated last Saturday in St. Columba's Church. Mr. Connor, 70, died Feb. 5, 1970.

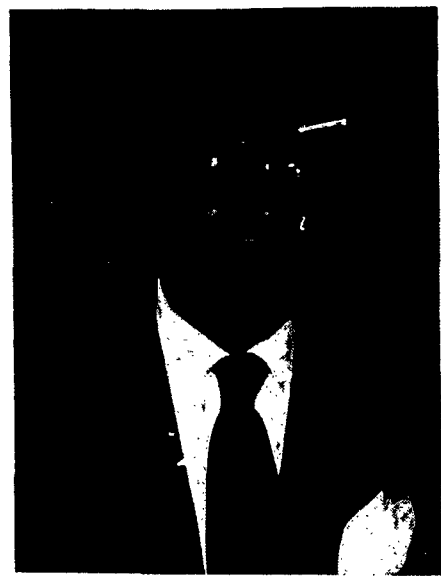
Principal celebrant of the Mass was his son, Father David W. Connor, chaplain at Cornell University. Bishop Hogan was present in the sanctuary.

Concelebrants were Father Gerald T. Connor, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Penfield; Father Daniel F. Holland, assistant director of the diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; Msgr. John S. Randall, Courier-Journal managing editor, and Fathers Winfried Kellner, Albert Delmonte and James C. Burke.

Mr. Connor is survived by his wife, Mary Gibson Connor; four sons, Father David Connor of Ithaca, Harold Jr. of Snyder, John P. of Depew and Gregory of Caledonia; one daughter, Mary Ellen of Caledonia; three sisters, Sister Francesca, RSM, Sister de Pazzi, RSM, and Mrs. Helen Nordhausen, all of Rochester; a brother, Raymond, of Rochester; two grand-

children, and several nieces and nephews.

Born in Rochester Feb. 1, 1900, Mr. Connor attended Old St. Mary's School, East High School and Old Cathedral High School. After brief service in the U.S. Marine Corps he joined his father in the clothing business, both as a model and salesman.



HAROLD CONNOR

After a few years as a salesman with the Case-Hoyt Corp. and the Rochester Journal-American and Rochester Sun newspapers, he joined the Courier-Journal in 1942 as advertising manager.

Cenacle Plans Lenten Talks

Two series of Lenten talks on the church and religious life will be conducted beginning Feb. 17 at the Sisters of the Cenacle House, East Avenue, Rochester, under the sponsorship of the diocesan Adult Religious Education Program.

The two three-part courses will be conducted by Father Leopold Protomastro, OFM, Cap., co-director of the program.

The first series, entitled "The Church: Should It Survive?," is slated

at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17, March 3 and March 17. It will evaluate ideas presented by Rosemary Ruether in her controversial book, "The Church Against Itself."

Titled "The Religious Life: Should It Survive?," the second series is scheduled Feb. 24, March 10 and March 24. Presenting some of the ideas found in "Experience in Christian Community," Father Leopold will seek to explore problems and solutions.

Communication Is Aim Of Police, Spanish

Improved relations between Rochester's Hispanic community and the police were evident last Sunday at the first in a new series of "workshops" for the two groups at the Spanish Center behind Holy Redeemer Church.

More than 20 policemen attended. Plans call for the same number of other police to be at each monthly workshop — meaning that at the series' end more than 300 policemen will have participated. Five similar sessions were held last year.

Jorge Colon, director of the Spanish Center, noted among others three reasons for a more cordial and optimistic mood.

One, he said, is Officer Joseph Malone, who speaks Spanish, now operates out of an office at the Center, and has been appointed liaison between the police and the Spanish-speaking.

Others he noted are the formation

of the Puerto Rican Committee for Better Police Relations and the establishment of a group of Puerto Rican volunteers who are able to assist the police as interpreters at any hour of the day or night.

Aquinas Plans \$75,000 Drive

Aquinas Institute will launch its most ambitious Annual Giving Program on March 7, the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. According to co-chairmen Thomas Riley and Jack Palvino, the goal is \$75,000.

Riley and Palvino said the month-long campaign is necessary to offset the operating deficit of the school. The remaining \$45,000 deficit is expected to be covered by the annual summer festival in June.

Liturgy Changes To Be Discussed On Family Rosary

Special discussions on the forthcoming changes in the Mass rites and other reforms of the Church's liturgy will be added to the nightly radio Family Rosary for Peace all during Lent.

Father Benedict Ehmann, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Father Lewis Brown of Assumption Church, Fairport and Father John Whitley, C.S.B., of Aquinas Institute faculty, will speak on liturgical matters to backup the instruction program now underway in all parishes.

Family Rosary is carried seven nights a week at 7 o'clock on the network of WSAW-Rochester, WRLX-FM, Auburn, WCLL-FM, Corning and on the audio channel of television cable service in the Auburn, Corning, Hornell and Elmira areas.

Father Ehmann will conduct a liturgical question and answer program every Monday evening treating of ritual and music. Listeners may send questions to him at 401 Orange Street, Rochester, 14611.

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