

School Survey...Some Recommendations

This is the first of a series explaining recommendations based on the diocesan survey concerning schools. Sister Patricia Donovan compiled the report from the survey and from personal visits to and study of schools throughout the diocese.

By Margaret Connolly

A diocesan pastoral council and a pyramidal structure of school boards were proposed today as agencies for coordinating Catholic education and welding the parish schools into a system through the 12 counties of the Rochester Diocese.

Releasing the first two chapters of a detailed report on the schools, Sister Patricia Donovan, RSM., stressed her conviction that "the 'school problem' is a pastoral problem."

"Decisions affecting the future of parochial schools are

decisions which will affect the future of the whole Christian community," she observed.

Her report is part of the School and Society Survey for the Seventies which already has revealed, through an opinion poll, that the Catholic people expect the parochial schools to continue. A majority of those who answered a questionnaire last Spring voted for the diocesan pastoral council and school board that the report recommends.

Sister Patricia, who has directed the intensive six-month scrutiny of school problems and public attitudes, said she was sure that problems would diminish when the community at large realized that the Catholic people were "taking an imaginative new approach, setting aside the parochialism that divides us."

Evidently recognizing the seeds of controversy in some topics she proposed for discussion, Sister Patricia urged that the discussion start at once among representatives of 13 diocesan departments.

Father Leon G. Hart, CSB., a special assistant in the school office since he left the principalship of Aquinas in June, spoke of this diocesan group as "an interim sounding-board" to be used until the diocesan pastoral council could be organized.

To be examined for "feasibility and level of acceptance or rejection" are such matters as parish boundary changes, consolidations of living quarters, disposal of surplus property, redistribution of religious and clerical personnel.

Also proposed for discussion:

"Consolidation of groups of schools into new and self-sustaining corporations, independent of parish corporations."

"Reorganization of existing neighboring parochial schools into schools of religion, primary, middle and junior high schools."

Bi-weekly meetings were suggested for the proposed interim group that would have members from the pastoral office, and the offices of human concern, communications, schools, CCD, Christian formation;

Also, the comptroller's office, campus ministry, secondary school principals, religious congregations, Priests' Senate, diocesan consultants, liturgical commission.

The diocesan pastoral council would deal with religious

education in all its facets; with diocesan and parochial financial obligation and, in concert with the major superiors, with allocation of religious personnel.

The diocesan board of education would be a single policy-making body dealing with "temporal concerns." There would be regional boards to initiate any school mergers within their territory, to plan structural reorganizations suited to local needs and to negotiate with public school officials for cooperative services.

Finally, at the root of this plan to "insure parental primacy in responsibility," would be the parish school boards, maintaining the schools, determining internal policies, devising departmental budgets and raising special funds for local use.

High Schools Set Up Office for Innovation

A new office to stimulate and bring in new trends of educational innovation and invention, and to coordinate curricula has been established by eight Catholic high schools in the Rochester Diocese.

Father Joseph F. Gersitz, S. J., principal of McQuaid Jesuit High School and president of the Rochester Catholic Diocesan Association of Secondary School Administrators, said the new office will "assess and coordinate current programs in the diocese's secondary schools and . . . attempt to generate curricular change, assist in the improvement of instructional methods and materials, and aid in the professional growth of school staff members."

Directing the work of the office will be Franklin L. Kamp, dean of studies at King's preparatory School until its closing in June.

A native Rochesterian, Kamp received his undergraduate degree from St. John Fisher Col-

lege and a Master's degree from the University of Rochester. He joined the faculty of Saint Andrew's Seminary in 1960 and taught English and History for seven years prior to moving into an administrative capacity at King's when it was established by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen in 1967.

Kamp developed and managed many of the innovative educational programs at King's and will utilize that special experience in his new position, Father Gersitz said.

The eight schools participating in the program are: Aquinas Institute, Bishop Kearney High School, McQuaid Jesuit High School, Nazareth Academy, St. Agnes High School, St. Joseph's Business High School, Notre Dame High School and De Sales High School.

An office for the project will be located at St. Joseph's Business High School, 120 Franklin St. in Rochester.

Theological Cluster Names New President

Dr. Arthur R. McKay, president of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, and of the American Association of Theological Schools, has been chosen to head Colgate Rochester Divinity School and its affiliates. He will take up his new duties Sept. 1.

Dr. McKay, 52, was president for 13 years of McCormick, a Presbyterian institution. Before going there, he held pastorates in Binghamton and Merrick, L.I., and was a professor at Russell Sage College in Troy. He is the author of two books, *God's People in God's World*, and *Servants and Stewards*.

He long has favored the type of "ecumenical cluster" that has developed at Colgate Rochester, through the cooperation of St. Bernard's and the addition to the campus of Bexley Hall (Episcopal) and, in September, Crozer Theological Seminary (Baptist), now at Chester, Pa.

Ecumenical cooperation is not to be sought in terms of a "least common denominator,"

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

William C. Dougherty, long known as a teacher and administrator in the Elmira area public school system, has accepted the position as chairman of the Religious Formation Board of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Elmira Heights.

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the new president stressed. "I think it's at its best when each tradition maintains its strength, then out of strength the schools seek after new things together."

Dr. McKay succeeds Dr. Gene E. Bartlett, who has taken up a pastorate in Newton Centre, Mass., and will teach at Andover Newton Theological School.

Chemist to Teach Artists At Nazareth College

A chemist teaching artists? Sounds unusual, but Harry Hollander is an unusual man.

A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Hollander is a teacher, industrial consultant and inventor who will be conducting a special workshop in plastics from July 20-31 at Nazareth College of Rochester.

The workshop is designed for college art students, art teachers and industrial artists who want to make use of this fairly new media.

Hollander explores space age materials to see if today's artist and craftsman can find uses for these plastics in his work; delves into the use of plastics

in three dimensional paintings, shows students the formula for making cheap negative molds of any dry object; and talks with artists about paints and chemicals of the future which will eliminate flaking and fading.

In between, he may dramatize the properties of plastics by turning liquids into solids in mid-air or frying an egg after pouring an inch of plastic resin into a pan and heating it for 45 seconds.

His first book on plastics as related to arts and crafts will be published this fall.

Further information on the Workshop in Plastics may be obtained from the Director of the Summer Session at the college.

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Rochester Hibernians Host State Convention

Ireland's history, legend and lore were commemorated in Rochester June 25-27 at the 75th biennial convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Auxiliary. Pictured at sessions' closing dinner in the Flagship Hotel are (from left): seated — Walter Anderson, master of ceremonies; Father George S. Wood, pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Greece, and AOH county chaplain; Mrs. Dorothy Flynn, convention cochairman; standing—Francis McDonough, convention chairman, and Father Donald J. Murphy, pastor of St. Pius X Church, Chili, and chaplain of AOH Division 2. Bishop Hogan celebrated the convention's opening Mass and Bishop James E. Kearney was principal speaker at Communion breakfast.

Blue Army Envoy To Speak Here

Mrs. Bertha Putt, a Blue Army envoy from Michigan, will speak in Rochester, July 16 and 17. Mrs. Putt will speak on a variety of topics including the Fatima message, Padre Pio, the Pilgrim Virgin of the USA, and the Blue Army.

Mrs. Putt will speak July 16 at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph's Infirmary and at 8 p.m. at the Rundel Library. On July 17, Mrs. Putt will address the Rochester chapter of the Blue Army at Holy Cross School at 8 p.m.

Novena to Patroness Set At St. Anne's Church

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Naughton, pastor of St. Anne's Church, 1600 Mt. Hope Ave., announced that the 41st annual novena in honor of St. Anne will be conducted by Father Karl Seitz, CP., a Passionist priest.

The novena will start Saturday, July 18 and continue until Sunday, July 26, the feast of St. Anne.

Novena services will consist of a Mass, sermon and novena prayers each evening at 7:45.

Another feature of the no-

vena will be the veneration of a first class relic of St. Anne. This relic was obtained by Msgr. Naughton during a trip to Rome. Novena booklets will be available for those attending services. Confessions will also be heard following each service.

Devotion to St. Anne is an ancient and world wide practice and the novena in the local church dedicated to her will provide an opportunity for the residents of the area and visitors to renew their devotion to St. Anne, according to Msgr. Naughton.

NAZARETH GRAD WINS NBEA AWARD

Miss Carolyn Ann Smith, a 1970 graduate of Nazareth College, received the National Business Education Association's award for outstanding achievement in business education.

Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett J. Smith of Winstead Road, Rochester. She is employed by Eastman Kodak.

CLOTHING NEEDED

The Brockport Migrant Day Care Center is in need of baby walkers, bouncers, carriages, playpen pads, children's shoes, clothes, books and records in good condition. For information please call Mrs. Wakefield: 637-5327.



50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriele F. Ciacio of Springfield Avenue will note their 50th wedding anniversary on July 26. Msgr. M. A. Connell will offer Mass for them at St. Philip Neri Church at 5 p.m., followed by a family dinner at the Crescent Beach Hotel.

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