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### Nun Nurse Aids Nurserying at Mercy Motherhouse

Sister Mary Rose Schum, RSM., who as a registered nurse works in the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse infirmary, gets back to nature in her spare time by tidying up the motherhouse grounds on Blossom Road. She's pictured on a big tractor-loader uprooting dead birch trees.

## Adult Confirmations Scheduled at 3 Sites

Adult confirmations are scheduled in three diocesan communities at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27.

The Sacrament will be conferred on that day in St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva, St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, and St. Charles Borromeo Church, Elmira Heights.

Bishop Hogan will officiate at Geneva, Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey at Auburn, and Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty at Elmira Heights.

Parishioners from the following communities are slated to be confirmed at the host parish:

Geneva — Geneva, Canandaigua, Clifton Springs, East Bloomfield, Naples, Phelps, Shortsville, Stanley, Interlaken, Ovid, Seneca Falls, Waterloo, Lyons, Newark, Sodus, Wolcott, Penn Yan.

Auburn — Auburn, Aurora, Cato, King Ferry, Montezuma, Moravia, Scipio Center, Weedsport, Clyde.

Elmira Heights — Elmira Heights, Elmira, Horseheads, Interlaken, Apalachin, Newark Valley, Waverly, Dryden, Groton, Ithaca, Trumansburg, Watkins Glen, Bath, Bradford, Canisteo, Cohocton, Corning, Hammondsport, Hornell, Wayland.



Knights Open Fund Drive

Pope Pius XII Council, Knights of Columbus, installed officers and launched its annual charity drive last night at a clambake at Christ the King Church hall. Above, left to right, are state deputy Wallace J. Stevenson; Vito A. Minei, state chairman for the charitable and benevolent program; Charles T. Cometa, who heads the council's fund raisers, and Thomas J. Grosodonia, who was inducted for his second term as grand knight. The drive provides such funds as the \$10,000 presented last year to the School of the Holy Childhood.

### St. Mary's Auburn

## Brochure Tells School's Plight: Costs Up, Contributions Down

Auburn—Costs of operating St. Mary's Parochial School here have been increasing at an average of 12.5 per cent annually, while contributions to the parish have been rising at only 5.25 per cent per year.

This and other facts about St. Mary's School were contained in a small 8-page printed brochure distributed last month to parishioners. In the preface Msgr. James D. Cuffney, pastor, notes that it was intended "to inform you of what we do, what we hope to do and what we aim to do."

The brochure, enlivened by 14 photos and three charts, was prepared by an ad hoc committee of parishioners, including Frederick Farrell, Clyde Howard, Nelson Hilliker, John Schattinger and Joseph Hassett.

A total of 26 persons, full time or part time, are connected with operation of the school, which has an approximate enrollment this month of 300 pupils.

They include four teaching Sisters of St. Joseph, eight lay teachers, a part time remedial teacher, a speech therapist, and two part time librarians; a

chaplain, nurse, three cafeteria workers, a part time custodian, and three playground directors.

Salaries, one of the charts delineates, comprise 69 per cent of the projected 1970-71 budget. Other categories: Fixed charges—social security, taxes, insurance, employe pensions, etc., 12 per cent; operation, maintenance and supplies, 8 per cent; telephone, heat, light and water, 6 per cent; instructional material, 5 per cent.

"Quality education," the committee states, "just doesn't happen; it is brought about by dedicated teachers and school personnel. We are fortunate to have such dedicated individuals at St. Mary's School."

As an instance, the brochure cites results of a New York State Evaluation Program conducted in grades 3 and 6 throughout the state. St. Mary's pupils were ranked higher than

those of public schools of the same pupil size in three of four categories. The results:

THIRD GRADE—Reading: St. Mary's, 56 percentile rank; public schools, 54 percentile rank; mathematics: St. Mary's, 55 percentile; public schools, 58 percentile. SIXTH GRADE—reading: St. Mary's, 72 percentile; public schools, 52 percentile; mathematics: St. Mary's, 56 percentile; public schools, 51 percentile.

"Our children at St. Mary's," the brochure continues, "not only receive a good education in the secular subjects, but our teachers also strive to bring out the moral and religious values which are so important for today's children."

Concluding, the committee asks for a "commitment now" by parishioners—"a commitment not only financial but one of interest and dedication."

## Keeping Tabs

(The deadline for Keeping Tabs is Thursday morning, for the issue of the following Wednesday.)

The people of St. Mary's, Canandaigua, will give a reception Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20, for their pastor, Father William Nolan, who marked the 30th anniversary of his ordination this year. The public is invited, from 2:30 until 5:30, in the school hall.

Spanish guitars and a German band will lend atmosphere to the St. Michael's parish festival, Sept. 17-20 on the school grounds, North Clinton at Clifton. Opening night, from 7 until 11, there will be carnival rides and refreshments. The booths will be open at 7 p.m. Friday. There will be a matinee for children at 5 p.m. Saturday, with bargain prices on the rides. Co-chairmen with Father John Reif are George Litzberger, Al Oechsle, Dick Cummings and Jack Hummel.

The St. Christopher Guild will open its season at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, with a social and business meeting in the Chili Fire Department hall, 3231 Chili Avenue.

The Alumnae Association of

St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Elmira, will hold its annual picnic and swimming party at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the home of Mrs. Doris Santry, 6 Hillcrest Drive, Fairport. Members are invited to bring their husbands and friends.

D'Youville College alumnae held their picnic last Sunday at Perinton Park.

The Mercyhurst Alumnae Association held a tea for area freshmen last Saturday at the Brighton home of Clair Todd Dyring.

Members of the St. Christopher Social Club plan to spend Labor Day weekend at Hidden Valley. The club will have a lawn party at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 at the home of Jeanne Whittman, 27 Apollo Drive. Reservations should be made with the hostess, at 647-9672. On Saturday, Sept. 19, the Christophers will attend the 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. James Church and have supper afterward at the Buccaneer. Gerry Yawman is taking reservations at 442-3326.

Holy Trinity Church clambake is listed at noon Sunday, Sept. 13, on the Webster paro-

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## Red Mass Scheduled Sept. 15

Bishop Hogan will celebrate the annual Lawyers' "Red Mass" at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin Street.

It will mark the 25th year that the special Mass has been offered here. The Red Mass—derived from the color of the vestments worn by the celebrant—marks the opening of courts after summer recess.

Public officials and uniformed delegations from the county sheriff's office and the Rochester Police Department will attend. Bishop Hogan will be escorted by a committee of judges of the Seventh Judicial District and by the president and past presidents of the Monroe County Bar Association.

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## Blue Army Sets All-Night Vigil

Eight priests will participate in an all-night worship vigil from 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, until 7 a.m. Saturday at Holy Rosary Church, under the sponsorship of the Rochester Chapter of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima.

Celebration of Mass will open and close the vigil. Priests participating at various hourly devotions throughout the night will include Father Albert J. Shamon, diocesan vicar for education, who is chapter moderator, and Fathers James L. Callan, Anthony J. Valente, Paul J. McCabe, Frederick W. Bush, James J. McLoughlin, Donald McCarthy, CSB, and Carl Belisch, CSB.

## Lung Disease Month

Rochester Mayor Stephen May has proclaimed the month of September "Children's Lung Disease Month" and urged all citizens of the area to support the Breath of Life campaign of the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation.

The annual door-to-door appeal of the Breath of Life Campaign for funds to combat children's lung diseases began yesterday.

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