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## Education Office Lists Promotions, New Titles

Promotions and new titles came to five members of the General Education Office staff this week as Father Daniel Brent, Superintendent of diocesan schools, announced changes in the duties of associates formerly called coordinators.



Salvatore Musso will be deputy superintendent and Mrs. Grace Conway, assistant superintendent for personnel.

Sister Mary Agnes Zimmer, RSM, will be regional superintendent for the Southern Tier schools. Sister Mary Irene Gardner, RSM, Sister M. Beatrice Neukircher, SSND, and Sister M. Cyril Smelt, SSJ, are all promoted to the rank of assistant superintendent for instruction.

In announcing the promotions Father Brent said: "The current prestige and professionalism of our Catholic schools are the fruit of the unique con-

tributions of these staff members. The complexity of the challenges of the immediate future require that each of them shall serve with the authority and responsibility implied in their new titles."

Musso, of 555 Sawyer St., in St. Monica's parish, has been coordinator of Special Assistance Programs for the diocesan schools since 1966. Before that he taught for 12 years at Ridge-wood Junior High. A graduate of State University at Brockport, he has done graduate work at the Universities of Syracuse and Rochester, at Catholic University and Italy's University of Florence.

His new responsibilities as deputy superintendent will cover specific assignments representing Father Brent.

Mrs. William S. (Grace) Conway of Pittsford, is responsible for recruitment of lay teachers for diocesan schools and the certification and professional improvement of lay facilities. She interviews all prospective teachers, evaluates their academic and personal qualifica-

tions, and refers them to the parishes for eventual employment.

Sister Mary Agnes Zimmer, RSM, coordinator of Chemung County schools for the past two years, will be the representative of the superintendent to administer and supervise all parochial schools of the Southern Tier.

She holds degrees from College Misericordia and a master's degree in school administration from Fordham University. Besides teaching in several parish schools of the diocese, she has been principal at Holy Family in Auburn and educational supervisor for the Mercy Sisters. She has been associated with the Schools' Office since 1963.

Sisters Beatrice, Irene and Cyril, now titled "assistant superintendents for instruction," will be jointly responsible for curriculum improvement and coordination. They will supervise the instructional programs in all parochial schools in the Rochester metropolitan area.

Sister Mary Irene Gardner has a B.S. from St. Bonaventure University, and a Master of Education degree from the University of Rochester.

Sister M. Beatrice Neukircher holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Nazareth College, taught in parochial grammar schools for 25 years and has been on the School's Office staff for seven years.

Sister M. Cyril Smelt has been especially trained for inner-city work and has done field work in New York City's Harlem and Chicago's South Side.

These assistant superintendents will be responsible for in-service training, textbooks, evaluation of audio-visual materials, faculty rapport and morale, parental and pastoral relationships.

Sister Beatrice is a specialist coordinating all the language arts plus social studies, geography, and history.

Sister Irene is a specialist in mathematics and science.

Sister Cyril is the office's inner-city expert closely concerned with the parish schools in Rochester's midtown area.

### Nowaks Mark 60th

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nowak of Hudson Avenue marked their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 20 by renewing their vows in St. Stanislaus Church. A family gathering followed in George's Lounge.

The Nowaks are active in parish societies. They have eight children, 22 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

## New Sisters' Council Holds First Meeting

The Diocesan Sisters' Council, with 23 members elected by 14 of the religious communities serving the Diocese of Rochester, held its first meeting Sept. 26 and received the challenge of Bishop Hogan to "exert a tremendous influence on the Church by your faith, your talents and your constructive energies."

"I am convinced that great blessings will come to this diocese and its Bishop through this new channel of knowledge, grace and corporate witness," the Bishop said.

Welcomed as one of the continuing steps in the gradual structuring of a future "Diocesan Pastoral Council", the Sisters' Council has grown from two meetings of an informal steering committee of 14 Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of St. Joseph whose communities total 1,262 of the 1,477 Sisters in the diocese. Sister Mary David McCall, SSJ, and Sister Mary Sullivan, RSM, co-chaired the steering committee.

Sister Mary Walter, superior of the Sisters of Charity of St. Mary's Hospital, was elected temporary chairman of the new council. Its next meeting will be at Bishop Kearney High School on Oct. 30.

Committees for By-laws, Agenda and the Goals and Objectives of the new organization were named.

Sister-members of the new council were selected by their respective communities, the number of delegates proportionate to the total number of each group working in the diocese.

The Dominican Sisters in Elmira and the Carmelites of Rochester asked not to be involved in the active work of the council but promised the assistance of their prayers. The Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart have not yet accepted representation in the council.

Bishop Hogan asked the council to initiate research on diocesan issues and to sponsor inter-community involvement in civic as well as diocesan affairs. As an immediate task he suggested that the Council offer the Educational Task Force its opinions on the teaching-Sister's role in the parochial schools' future.

Bishop Hogan asked the Council Sisters to "cross community lines" and see themselves as his "collaborators and partners in the apostolate."

"The diocese desperately

needs all of you," he said, "no matter how large or how small your number, no matter how specialized or far-flung your apostolate.

"Our diocesan-planning needs the feminine, maternal principle of the Sisters. Any organization run totally by men lacks something. Like the Blessed Mother, you are an extension of Christ, helping present Our Lord to the world with warmth and womanly refinement."

Members of the Council are: Chairman, Sister Mary Walter, St. Mary's Hospital; Sister Charity, Holy Angels Home; Sister Frances Masiello, Filipini Sisters, Watkins Glen; Sister Maria Lauren, Trinitarians; Sister Gladys, Missionary Sisters of Guadalupe; Sister Bernice Staub, Bishop Kearney High School; Sister Ronald Burns, St. Boniface; Sister Julia Frances, St. Theresa's; Sister Mary Peter, SS. Peter and Paul, Auburn; Sister Mary de Lourdes, Most Precious Blood Sisters; Sister Michaeline, St. Josaphat's; Sister Joan Alice, Mercy Hospital, Auburn; Sister Marie Halligan, Cenacle Convent.

Also Sisters of St. Joseph: Sister Helene Garvin, Sister Jamisetta Slattery, Sister Mary David McCall, Sister Elizabeth Ann Le Valley, Sister Eleanor Volpe, Sister Florian Reichert; Sisters of Mercy: Sister Mary Bride Claire, Sister Ann Miller, Sister Mary Brigid Quinn, Sister Mary Bonaventure Hall.

## 6 Seminarians Get Masters

On Oct. 1, Bishop Hogan bestowed the degree of Master of Theology on six students of the St. Bernard Seminary Class of 1970. It was the first time in the history of the Seminary that this degree was awarded, since the Master's program was first launched in the school year 1969-1970, with six selected students of the senior class as pioneers.

Recipients of the degree were: Rev. Mr. Peter T. Bayer (Rochester); Rev. Richard P. Desaulniers (Providence); Rev. Marc Anthony Dorio (Camden, N.J.); Rev. Gene E. Gianelli (Hartford, Conn.); Mr. Michael F. Stanley (Rochester); and Mr. Venard J. Chanski (Norwich, Conn.), who was awarded the diploma in absentia.



### 'Assigned' to Foreign Missions

Second graders at St. Pius X School, Chili, check globe for location of mission to which each has been "assigned" to highlight Mission Sunday Oct. 18. Twenty-four youngsters representing 12 missionary orders will appear in habits for a "departure" ceremony at St. Pius Church on Mission Sunday following 12:30 p.m. Mass. Pictured are Kathleen Freitas (left) a "Sister of Charity," assigned to Sudan, Africa, and Kathleen Doran, a "Sister of St. Joseph," assigned to Materira, Brazil.

## Diocesan Appointments



Father Lewis Brown, to assistant pastor, St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, from the Church of the Assumption, Fairport (effective Oct. 15).

Father William Gordinier, to assistant pastor, Guardian Angels Church, Rochester, from St. Mary's Church, Waterloo.

Father Winfred Kellner, to assistant pastor, Church of the Assumption, Fairport, from St. Cecilia's Church, Rochester (effective Oct. 15).

Father Philip J. Lioi, to Chaplain of Ithaca College, from Guardian Angels Church, Rochester.

Father Paul J. McCabe, to Chaplain of Eastman School of Music (part-time).

Father Kevin Murphy, to Chaplain of Finger Lakes Community College, Canandaigua (part-time).

Father James A. Williams, to be assistant pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church, from chaplain, Nazareth Academy.