



Future of Catholic School System Debated

Priests, nuns and parishioners attended series of meetings throughout the diocese recently to express views on parochial schools before members of the diocesanwide Educational Task Force. Pictured is crowd at St. Anne's School, Rochester. In foreground are Father Gerald E. Dunn, pastor of St. Theodore's Church, and Msgr. Patrick J. Flynn, pastor of St. Helen's. At left is Msgr. John E. Maney, pastor of Corpus Christi. Final of seven such meetings by Task Force, which will make recommendations to Bishop Hogan, slated at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at DeSales High School, Geneva.

Educational Task Force Visits Auburn, Corning

Parishioners in Auburn and Corning met the Diocesan Educational Task Force in lengthy meetings last week to discuss the future of their schools.

Although both groups dis-

cussed the realities of teaching — Sister shortage and rising costs for school operation in their communities — no final proposals were given to the Task Force.

Its duty is to analyze the overall diocesan school situation and present guidelines to Bishop Hogan and diocesan school officials by the end of the year for future community and diocesan decisions about the make-up of the parochial school system.

Auburn wished its meeting to be called "exploratory" and indicated that consolidation of pupil groups or centralization of administration were controversial ideas in the community. No local decisions or recommendations were given to the Task Force.

St. Mary's and St. Patrick's school boards in Corning have nearly completed analysis of proposals to merge their schools, the Task Force was told. A decision may be expected early in December when the entire membership of the parishes has been fully informed of the proposals.

St. Vincent de Paul parish, stating an intention to continue its school as it is, reported satisfaction with its school plant, its financial position and future enrollment prospects.

Nearly 150 from the Corning parishes of St. Vincent's, St. Mary's and St. Patrick's parishes attended the meeting in St. Mary's school hall on Thursday. Lay leaders and pastors addressed Task Force members Father James Marvin from Wayland, Sister Anne Miller, RSM, of Rochester, Robert McDonald of Geneva and Dr. Thomas Curran of Elmira.

Pastors, principals and school board members from Sacred Heart, Holy Family, St. Mary's, St. Hyacinth's and St. Alphonsus' parishes met on Wednesday in Auburn.

Task Force representatives present were John Herbert of Auburn, Sister Ruth Agnes Kesselring, SSJ, and Sister Anne Miller, RSM, of Rochester, Father Albert J. Shamon, Vicar for Education, Father Gerald T. Connor, assistant vicar and Father Leon Hart, CSB, assistant superintendent of schools.

A meeting in Dansville last evening brought representatives from parishes in Wayland, Avon, Bath, Hornell, Perkinsville and Naples to talk to the Task Force.

Seneca Falls, Waterloo and Geneva parishes will meet in Geneva on Thursday.

Mercy Sisters Name Assistant Superior

Appointment of Sister Marietta Hanss, RSM, director of novices for the diocesan Sisters of Mercy, as assistant superior general was announced last week by Sister Mary Judith Heberle, superior general of the congregation.

Installation of the two nuns and of three others elected to the Sisters' Council took place at a Mass Sunday, Nov. 8, in the Motherhouse Chapel on Blossom Road.

Named to the council were Sister Mary Bonaventure Hall, vice principal of Our Lady of Mercy High School; Sister Therese Richardson, a member of the previous council, and Sister Mary Walter Hickey, head of the history department at Mercy High.

Prior to her new appointment, Sister Marietta was a member of the Mercy Foundation Team, an instructor at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell, and principal of St. Joseph's School in Penfield. Sister Mary Bonaventure is also president of the congregation's senate.

Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty officiated at the installation Mass. Also present were Father Anthony Valente, chaplain at Mercy High; Father Richard Tormey, diocesan di-



Sister Bonaventure

Sister Walter



Sister Marietta

Sister Therese

rector of communications; Father Sebastian Falcone, OFM, Cap., of St. Bernard's Seminary faculty, theology consultant for the Mercy Order; Father Lawrence V. Murphy, diocesan director of vocations, and Father Walter Hanss, assistant at St. Monica's Church.

Miss Foley to Head Department at Nazareth

Alice L. Foley has been named the first full-time director of Continuing Education of Nazareth College.

The appointment of Miss Foley, presently assistant superintendent for Instruction and Pupil Services, Brighton Central Schools, was announced by Sister Helen Malone, president of Nazareth College. Miss Foley, past president of the New York State Teachers Association, will assume her new duties July 1, 1971, after concluding 36 years of service in the Brighton Schools.

According to Sister Helen Malone, "Miss Foley's appointment underscores our determination to enlarge the scope of our Continuing Education program to fill the increasingly expressed need of area women of all ages for education and self-enrichment. Miss Foley's rich experience in the field of education and her stature in the community uniquely qualify her to help us meet this objective."

Sister Barbara Ann, chairman of the Mathematics Department, has been serving in a part-time capacity as head of the program since the beginning of this academic year. Under her direction, twice as many evening and Saturday courses are now being offered as last year and enrollment has substantially increased to 195 part-time and 25 full-time students.

Continuing Education courses

2 Pre-Cana Conferences Set

Two Pre-Cana Conference Courses — a marriage preparation for engaged couples — will begin next month in Rochester.

The four-part discussions are sponsored by the Family Life Bureau of the diocesan Department of Adult Education. Director of the Bureau is Father Robert L. Collins.

Sessions for the Rochester area will be conducted in St.



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are planned for three different groups of students: those who have a degree and are seeking certification; those working for a degree; and those simply interested in further education and training.

A summa cum laude graduate of Nazareth College, Miss Foley received her M.A. at the University of Rochester and also pursued graduate studies at Fordham, the University of Wisconsin and Columbia University. Nazareth conferred upon her the honorary degree of Doctors of Letters in 1960 and she presently serves as secretary of the college's Board of Trustees.

Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 69 Whitney St. Participants may select any one of three similar conferences scheduled on Sundays. The schedule:

Rochester — Sundays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27; St. Francis Hall, 3, 5:30 or 8 p.m.

Ithaca — Dec. 4, 11, 18, 20; Immaculate Conception School, 8 p.m.

Parish Worship Committees To Present Yule Projects

Advent and Christmas projects for parish worship committees will be presented in a meeting at Nazareth College on Wednesday, Dec. 2, expected to attract representatives from 24 city parishes. Similar meetings for 51 liturgical committees in formation outside of Rochester will be announced for Auburn and Elmira next week.

Msgr. William Shannon, of Nazareth College faculty, chairman of the diocesan Liturgical Commission, announced the project as an opening step in the effort of the commission to reach some 75 Parish Worship Committees with assistance in their structure and activities.

A mailing of two bulletins for instruction of the parish chairmen and their pastors is planned for next week.

The commission is laying out a two-year outline for priorities, Msgr. Shannon said, to broaden the effectiveness of liturgical understanding. Hopefully, every parish will set up a worship committee to assist the pastor and deepen the impact of the liturgy on all worshippers, he said.

Priorities are: Continuing education of committee members through discussion, instruction and speakers at meetings; continuing education of the parishioners to build good attitudes through information about the why and how of liturgy; renewals of parish liturgy as demonstrated in the Eucharistic celebration and the administration of the Sacraments; evaluations of parish progress in music, planning of worship, personnel and material facilities used.



Golden Jubilee

Sister Mary of the Ascension, OP, celebrated her Golden Jubilee recently at the Dominican Monastery, Syracuse, with Mass said by a former neighbor of her Rochester family, Bishop Walter Feery. Assisting at the Mass was her grandnephew, John Nastasi, student at St. James School, Irondequoit.