

Signup Near Peak For Elmira Jr. High

Elmira — Registration for Elmira's new Regional Catholic Junior High School reached 361 pupils this week, exceeding expectations of the Chemung County Catholic School Board.

Approximately 20 more admissions could be accepted for classes to begin in September in St. Patrick's parish school building, according to Sister Mary Agnes Zimmer, RSM., coordinator for the board.

Students from six parish schools will transfer to the junior high and 26 pupils will come from area public schools, Sister Mary Agnes said.

"No tuition will be charged," she said. "The Junior High will be financed by the pupils' parishes in the same way present 7th and 8th grades are."

The faculty of principal and 15 teachers — four men, six laywomen and six Sisters — are all presently teaching in the parochial 7th and 8th grades. All have their Bachelor de-

grees, three have the MA and all are working for further degrees.

The school will have two Sisters for music instruction and two teachers in art and guidance under federal Title I funding. The children will be divided into 13 home rooms with 193 in 7th grade and 163 in 8th grade.

Registration distribution: From Our Lady of Lourdes parish — 27 from 7th grade, 27 from 8th grade and 7 from public schools; St. Anthony's — 15, 20 and 1; St. Casimir's — 30, 30 and 3; St. Mary's — 44, 25 and 6; St. Patrick's — 29, 25 and 4; SS Peter and Paul — 29, 33 and 5.

St. Patrick's school was totally renovated ten years ago and is in excellent shape for the new venture. The lunch room is being decorated and the library audio-visual section is being equipped with junior high materials pooled from all the participating parishes.

Beware of Temptations

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principles and resolutions; when he stands firm in the first step of sanctity; when the grace of God is active in him. Are you so far advanced? Would you dare to accomplish as much? Are you another Thomas? The majority of people must conquer temptations in other ways, as we shall see next.

2. A certain wealthy banker was in the habit of counting his money early each morning. While so doing he had a young barber, son of respectable parents, come to shave him. One day the young man's hand trembled and he cut the banker.

The next morning the same thing happened. Terribly frightened the young man fell to his knees at the money table and confessed that because of the money he had planned to murder the banker; the banker forgave him, but henceforth the shaving took place far removed from the money table.

CONSIDERATION: Do not continue putting yourself in the near occasion of sin. Avoid places where you would be exposed to anger, lust, avarice, drunkenness, etc. Man is weak. Remove source of temptation from children. Avoid the company of people who ridicule holiness of life.

3. A certain servant threatened with death another servant of a rich man. Fearing for his life the fearful servant told his master, who tried to quiet his fears by promising that, should the other carry out his threat, the police would seize him and he would be properly punished. The fearful servant replied that it would be too late, for the harm would already be done. He begged his

master to remove the wicked one before he could carry out his threat.

CONSIDERATION: Man cannot always easily escape from temptations. There are times when he must oppose them most strongly — he must make them harmless, remove them with brutal force.

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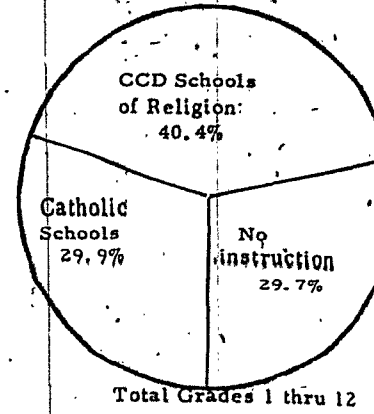
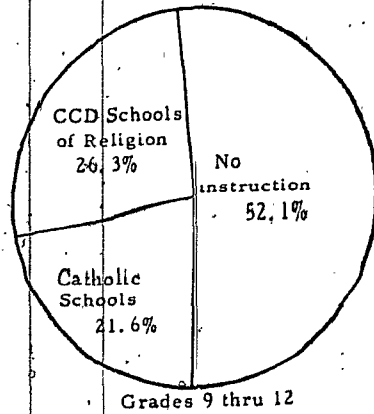
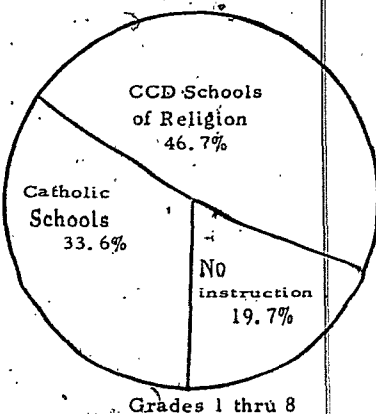
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METHODISTS NAME NUN

New York — (RNS) — Sister Helen C. Volkomenor of the Providence Community in Seattle, has become what is believed to be the first Roman Catholic nun employed as a staff member by a national United Methodist agency.



Graph shows diocesan religious instruction breakdown.

42,000 Lack Religious Education

(Continued from Page 1A) graders in the whole diocese (48 per cent).

But about 80 per cent of children in the lower grades are getting religion courses in either their parochial school or the CCD program, he said.

The CCD schools of religion, he said, are teaching as many

children this year as last but the number of youngsters getting no instruction has risen, particularly in the high school years.

Father Holland has hopes that solid implementation of the Educational Task Force suggestions will soon help to change the trends.

"It's still a dream in this

diocese that every child in the parish be given an equal share of the financial resources of the parish for his religious education," he said. "Our diocese is the worse for it, unfortunately.

"We must hasten the day when each parish will utilize a full-time professionally trained educator for both adults' and children's religious education programs."

Bishop Acts on School Report

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would get some money from the pool shared by schools which had a larger number of nuns and fewer lay faculty salaries.

• An "emergency fund" of at least \$150,000 gathered from the parishes for use in the 1972-73 school year shall be planned by a group of pastors and parish school board members.

• Appeals to the State Legis-

lature and Governor Rockefeller for educational monies will be continued.

• A Steering Committee to work with the Bishop's Lay Advisory Board shall be set up to make arrangements for a possible annual education appeal and other money-raising ideas for the school system.

There will be a double goal for the action steps he has ordered, the Bishop said: — "Quality religious education for

all and a strong Catholic school system."

Such a school system is needed in these times, he declared, because:

"Our youth must have stabilizing moral and spiritual values; the Church must present herself as a cultural humanizing factor in this world; and our country must preserve pluralism, freedom of choice, freedom of religion and the rights of parents — foundation stones of society."

Catholic Aide Hits Talk Of Cut in Aid to Needy

Albany — "The attempt to make the poor the principal victim of taxation as well as the victims of the rise in living costs is an outrage," said John Szulgit, of the State Council of Catholic Charities Directors. Szulgit was commenting on the proposal to cut back assistance to the needy currently being discussed on Capitol Hill.

The plan, to reduce assistance to 90 per cent of need level, is being promoted as an answer to the mail legislators are receiving on the governor's budget.

The Catholic Charities directors have supported a 7.2 increase in assistance, the plan proposed by the State Department of Social Welfare and endorsed by the governor in his state of the state message Jan. 6.

The increase will bring support up to a 1970 level only, Szulgit pointed out, since it is based on May 1970 prices. (The present assistance plan is based

on May 1969 prices).

"While there is a lot of talk about getting cheaters . . . it just doesn't square with the facts. Who are the cheaters? Certainly not the blind, or the aged, or the children?"

"A look at who is getting assistance just makes it impossible for those urging a cutback to be serious about 'getting the cheaters'."

"Less than 3 per cent of those receiving assistance are employable . . . that is able to hold a job and not working. Now they may be physically able but not skilled; or they may never have been employed at all and have no experience or training or education.

"Since the unemployment rate is 6 per cent that means that the people on assistance are twice as good at finding a job as the average worker . . . since only 3 per cent are employable and not working.

Dear Gov. Rockefeller,

I am writing to you to express my support for the Speno-Lerner Parent-Aid School Bill.

I request you to use your influence to get the bill out of committee.

I further request you to press for the bill's passage when it comes to vote in the Assembly and in the Senate.

(Signed)

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