



Kiss!

Mary F. Hannick, executive director of Genesee Settlement House, gets a kiss from one of the many children for whom she has made the pre-school program possible. After 25 years of community service, Miss Hannick retires this month. A party honored her at the house on April 25.

Elmira Jr. High Faculty Meets

By **DICK BAUMBACH**
Elmira Correspondent

Elmira—Faculty members of the new St. Patrick's junior high school board here met for the first time Sunday night to exchange ideas on what role the new school should play in providing Catholic education in this area.

The new junior high school is part of an overall consolidation of Catholic schools here. The new school will open in September for seventh and eighth grade pupils.

Sister Clare Frances Mogenhan, newly-appointed principal of the junior high school, presided over the meeting of faculty members.

The group discussed schedules, what subjects the teachers would be responsible for, what the teachers would like to see incorporated in the new school and the possibility of a flexible program of education.

Among the staff members are three federally-funded teachers. They are an art in-

structor, guidance counsellor and a music teacher.

The new faculty members are:

Sister Clare Francis, principal; Sister Mary Bernadette Aselan, vice principal; Sister Robertina Finegan; Sister Joan Cawley; Sister Margheretta MacCarthy; Mrs. Joseph Shon; Sister Mary Bernarde; Mrs. John Monaghan; Douglas Burnmeister; Sister Mary Brigid McCarthy; Richard Frissell; William Tozer, and Mrs. Thomas Patterson Jr.

At Seneca Towers They Want 'A Little Religion'

By **MARGARET CONNOLLY**

The news that's coming out of Seneca Towers these days sounds sometimes like "religious tensions," sometimes like a demand on the landlord for better service. Far from it, neither element is present, say the energetic women behind the story.

All they want is space—the regular use of a "public" room for an infrequent hour.

Jean Lance would like to have a home Mass on First Friday, Ruth Tuttle would like to be able to set up more than the 20 chairs that crowd her living room on "Bible book review" days.

They didn't set out to establish a general principle, nor did they expect any controversy, both made clear. Working separately, each polled her friends, then asked for the use of a room.



MRS. TUTTLE MRS. LANCE

Mrs. Lance has in mind the carpeted but as yet unfurnished library as a quiet, private place for Mass. She goes to church, and so do many of her friends, but naturally there are shut-ins in an apartment house limited to retired people. On the first Friday of April, Msgr. Richard M. Quinn, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, brought Communion to some of them.

"He said he would come for Mass if we had room, and if people wanted him to," Mrs.

Lance said. She sent a list of 58 names with her request to the management. "I know there are more," she said.

Mrs. Lance and Mrs. Tuttle are so little interested in making a public issue of "religious services" that they would have been hard to find, but for a friendly woman who disclaimed any concern at all. People sitting in the handsome lobby lounge one afternoon last week declined to discuss the matter, but one resident came up with Mrs. Lance's name, and Mrs. Lance told of finding common cause with Mrs. Tuttle.

The latter was sorting out borrowed chairs after her weekly Bible hour. Pastor Ralph E. Gruenberg of North Baptist Church is taking a class systematically through the Old Testament in his Bible Book Review course. Drawing on a total of 29 interested women, Mrs. Tuttle's group runs from 16 to

20 every week and has included, she said, "a Catholic, a Jew and a Mormon."

"If we could use the card room for an hour, just one hour a week," she mused. "Or maybe the art room. After all, if we don't play cards or paint—why can't we use one of these rooms in our own way? They're frequently vacant for hours."

To a quoted objection that everyone would want to use the same place on Sunday, Mrs. Tuttle replied, "Nobody wants anything on Sunday."

As for a suggested ecumenical service, that is the last thing anyone wants, she said; "altogether beside the point."

"I wish we could just stick to the point; I wish we could consider precisely the small thing that has been asked."

"A little religion," Mrs. Lance had observed, "helps us all to get along with each other."

Hike for HOPE Set for May 2

Figure on 21,000 teenagers hopping the shoe-leather express bound for Laredo, Texas, a Navajo reservation in Arizona, and the goodship HOPE itself mercy bound around the world.

Figure the round trip covers 25 miles, from Aquinas Stadium to Winton Road and East Ave. and back again; and the money raised will circle the globe.

Departure time for HIKE for HOPE, a totally teen-organized march to get funds for Project HOPE, and the largest such venture in the nation, is 9 a.m., Sunday, May 2.

The hike was organized through Teen League of Rochester, under the chairmanship of David Polan, a senior at McQuaid Jesuit High School.

Check points along the route are Catholic churches; and the

diocese's Division of Religious Education promoted the hike through its CCD program.

According to Matthew Weider, publicity director for the march and a sophomore at McQuaid, a feature of this year's march will be the Establishment Oasis, a free hot-dog and soft drink stand at the Academy of Medicine, manned by such local luminaries as Dr. Louis K. Eilers, board chairman of Eastman Kodak; Stephen May, Rochester's mayor; William Lee, president of Sibley's, and a host of others.

Polan said of the oasis, "That is what the hike is all about—a chance to build some bridges across an unnecessary generation gap . . . and to prove that we are good kids and a lot more capable than many people realize."

Holy Name's Deacon To Be Ordained Friday

The Rev. P. Frederick Helfrich, a deacon in full-time service at Holy Name of Jesus parish in Greece, will be ordained to the priesthood there this Friday night, April 30. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will confer the sacrament at 7:30. Priests of the diocese are specially invited.

Father Helfrich is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Helfrich of Maplewood Avenue, Spencerport. He will say his first Mass at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2, in his home church, St. John's, Spencerport. A reception will be held in the parish hall from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday.

The ordination is the second of four scheduled for the diocese this Spring.

Father Donald J. Curtiss was ordained April 17. The Rev. Mr. David Mura will become a priest next month, and the Rev. Mr. Peter Bayer, in June. Several other St. Bernard's men will be ordained in the Fall.

Father Helfrich, 26, a graduate of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, advanced



FATHER HELFRICH

to the diaconate two years ago. While he was at St. Bernard's, his field assignment was with the Rochester Area Multiple Sclerosis Society. He took his clinical pastoral education at the Lancaster, Pa., General Hospital, working out of St. Monica's; he served with the South West Ecumenical Mission in the summer of 1969, and last year he was deacon at Our Lady of Mercy, Greece.

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