

65,000 Pupils Set to Return to Catholic Schools

By MARGARET CONNOLLY

The 97 elementary schools and nine high schools of the diocese will be back in business right after Labor Day. More than 65,000 pupils are expected to report.

Friday, Sept. 10, will be the first "regular" day in most of the schools, after an easing-in process beginning generally on Wednesday. The parochial schools of Irondequoit, for reasons of local convenience, will have opened Sept. 1.

What's new in school lies as much in manner and method as in content. The use of the "resource center" for guided, independent study, in upper grades; and, in high school, a reapportionment of time.

Various patterns of flexibility have displaced the traditional schedule which made one seven or eight period day much like another. The ninth grader from a parish school thus has more to cope with than a bewildering maze of corridors and stairways. More time is devoted at the start, therefore, to "orientation".

Reading practice for its own sake has become a high schools fixture, filling a gap that television opened. History courses are framed less on chronology, more on concept. Recent additions in this field are the so-called Black studies and Afro-Asian history. English departments continue to develop new options beyond the requirements of the standard curri-

culum. Courses in government and political science have been added in several schools.

Though hopes of tapping public funds have been suspended, the Catholic schools continue to attract roughly the same numbers. The diocesan education office said there would be about 55,863 grammar school pupils and 9,268 high school students.

Noting that enrollment figures are not complete until classes are well under way, other school spokesmen reported registration at last year's level, or higher.

Nazareth Academy, in its centennial year, went to 1,012, an increase of 157. Many of the new girls had been attending

St. Joseph's Business High School, which, phasing out, has only a senior class of 62.

At Notre Dame, Elmira, persistent campaigning by students and their parents, as well as faculty, and a general upgrading of the program are credited with attracting about 40 more freshmen, for an entering class of 216. There are 162 sophomores, 142 juniors and 130 seniors.

De Sales, in Geneva, expects its "usual" number—420 to 425.

The two largest schools, in suburban Rochester, are about at their limit. Bishop Kearney High has registered 1,850 students and Cardinal Mooney, 1,615.

With an entering class of 320—the same as last year's—Aquinas expects to maintain enrollment at about 1,100. McQuaid has registered 774. Mercy expects more than 1,000 and St. Agnes, about 800.

In the high schools' various fluid time-schemes, any given course may require a large lecture room one day, small conference rooms on other days, and access to resource materials in a spotty pattern of students' free time. The amount of available space is the constant. Whether this is all put together by computers or wizards, there is at least the possibility of a few traffic jams to be unsnarled between Sept. 8 and 10.



Sister Florian Reichert, left, puts a child to bed after lunch. Center, visiting Sister Rosalma greets a young girl. Right is Sister Anne Marvin.

Sisters Do Their Bit for Migrants

By LAURENCE E. KEEFE

Three Sisters of St. Joseph in Williamson, gave out large doses of loving kindness this summer to 76 children of migrant workers at the State Migrant Child Care Center.

Sister Ruth Anne Dupre directed both the program for pre-school children, housed in BOCES buildings, and the program for infants and toddlers, which was in the basement of the Baptist church.

Sister Anne Marvin, SSJ, assistant director of the day care center, cared for the 3-to-4-year-

old children, where she was helped by Sister Florian Reichert, SSJ, a group leader.

Many of the children brought in for day care, according to Sister Florian, came from 54 migrant camps currently the subject of legal action concerning violations of state codes.

Citing lack of concern for these children on the part of local growers, Sister Florian told of difficulty in securing a school bus for transportation to and from the center.

A chartered bus had to be

paid for by the Wayne County Rural Ministry.

A typical day for children brought in on the bus would start at 9 o'clock with a snack, followed by group activities, a lunch and a nap. After another snack and a free play period, the children would rejoin their families.

Although the Sisters of St. Joseph left on Aug. 13 to resume regular duties, the day care center will continue operation until the end of October in a scaled-down fashion as the migrant workers gradually leave for the South.

Chemung County School Program Paces Diocese

By DICK BAUMBACH
Elmira Correspondent

Elmira — "It's the first program of this type in the diocese, in that we have consolidated all the Catholic grammar schools in Chemung County. We also will have the first consolidated junior high school in the diocese."

That's what Sister Mary Agnes, regional superintendent for the Southern Tier, said in explaining how Chemung County Catholic schools will be taking the first steps towards a new scope of education never tried before in the diocese.

The consolidation of the county's five elementary schools will become a reality on Sept. 8 when the doors of the Chemung County Regional Catholic School System open for the first time.

One of the most innovative programs to be followed under the new program, which is being implemented by the Chemung County Catholic School Board, is the creation of a junior high school for students from four of the five Catholic elementary schools in the county. Students from St. Mary Our Mother, in Horseheads, will

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Corning Schools Regroup

Corning—On an effort to reduce the costs of education for Catholic pupils living here a consolidation of two of the city's three parochial grammar schools is planned for Sept. 8.

Only two of the schools will actually be consolidated but all three Catholic schools in Corning have joined forces under a new system called the Central Catholic Schools for the City of Corning.

Father Thomas Brennan, pastor of the Church of St. Mary's here, explained some of the developments in consolidating St. Mary's School and St. Patrick's School.

"Both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's are on the southside of Corning and in an effort to reduce costs and to utilize fully the facilities of St. Mary's school building we are combining classes from the two schools under one roof," Father Brennan said.

Students who have attended or will be enrolled in St. Vincent DePaul School, on the city's northside, will continue to attend St. Vincent's.

The new school system will be the responsibility of Sister Mary Krurow, supervising principal for the three schools.

Father Brennan said students in kindergarten through eighth grade and who live in either St. Mary's or St. Patrick's parish

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Making the Diocese Run

Chancellor... the Bishop's Executive

First in a Series

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Sitting behind a big desk cluttered with documents and schedules, Father James M. Moynihan, chancellor of the diocese, talked about his job: "The implementing of all church policy falls to this desk."

Father Moynihan was ap-

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pointed by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in 1967 and reappointed by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan. He received a doctorate in

canon law from Gregorian University in Rome, a degree essential to the office, which deals with all the canonical decisions in the diocese.

He described canon law as very interesting to study, but not too contemporary. "There is a commission in Rome working on revision of them right now," he added.

To describe the church office he began at the beginning.

"The code of canon law requires that every curia have a chancellor priest appointed by the bishop with the chief function of keeping the archives which contain all the records of diocesan business transactions. All the parishes and

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