

Sister's a Parish Assistant

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — Sister Dorothy Quinn, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph, assumed a challenging new role Sept. 1, as a full time parish assistant at St. Mary's here.

A teacher in the elementary school system in the Rochester Diocese, Sister comes to Auburn from her most recent teaching assignment at Immaculate Conception in Rochester. Sister Dorothy at one time was on the staff at St. Mary's School in Auburn, and may be more familiar to Auburnians as Sister Bernice, her name before the use of the given name was optional.

"My actual duties as a parish assistant are not fully outlined yet," Sister Dorothy explained, "but, the role is in the process of being fully defined as the needs of the parish and community are explored and determined."

Sister's initial assignment included familiarizing herself with Mercy and Auburn Memorial hospitals. She has been visiting local nursing homes where she has encountered a warm reception from patients and administrations. One aspect of her work may be expanding the opportunities for lay people to participate in such apostolic work.

Sister is undertaking a census in the Melone Village Housing complex to familiarize her-

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self with needs and concerns of parishioners.

Msgr. James D. Cuffney, pastor of St. Mary's, indicated Sister Dorothy's emerging role leaves room for innovation and experimentation as it is as new to her as it is to the parish. He feels response to the unmet

needs to be determined will increase the parish's ability to fulfill its Christian commitment to find ways to reach all segments of the community.

While augmenting the priest's work in areas such as visiting the sick and personal contact with parishioners, Sister also will enable the priests to fulfill other commitments.

The use of sisters in pastoral work is a growing trend nationally although as yet, in most situations, it is a duty assumed by sisters in addition to teaching assignments. Work as parish assistant will be Sister Dorothy's full-time assignment.

Msgr. Cuffney stressed Sister is a member of the parish team, working closely with the priests, and involved in setting parish goals and priorities. Sister is involved in weekly planning sessions aimed at coordination of parish work efforts and increased coverage.

While Sister Dorothy will be associated with the OCD program at St. Mary's, her responsibility will focus on strengthening the participation of children by encouraging attendance and working with parents in this regard.

Keeping Tabs

Bishop James E. Kearney will celebrate First Saturday Mass for Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, at noon Oct. 1 in Corpus Christi Church. The public is invited.

A sale of children's next-to-new clothing will be held Tuesday, Oct. 5, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Highland Avenue at Winton Road, for the benefit of the St. Martin de Porres Center. Books, craft work and baked food also will be sold. Mrs. Gerald McGuire, president of the center's auxiliary, has charge. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

A garage sale is scheduled for this weekend, Oct. 2 and 3, at Our Lady Queen of Peace, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Mother of Sorrows hall from 1 until 7 p.m. Oct. 4 and 5.

The first general meeting of AFACE, the Aquinas parents' club, is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 5. President George Weidner will open the program in the school auditorium at 7:40 p.m. Father Albert Gaelens, principal, will speak. Later, parents will meet in groups with their sons' teachers.

A fashion show will be sponsored by St. Pius X Rosary Guild at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, in the parish center, 3000 Chili Ave. Women and teenagers of the parish will be models. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from the chairman, Mrs. William Carney, 889-4543. Mrs. Robert Schickler has charge of refreshments.

The Catholic Widowed Par-

Bishop McCafferty To Say Vigil Mass

Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty will celebrate Mass Oct. 1 for the monthly First Friday all night vigil sponsored by the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima.

The Mass will be at 9 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 414 Lexington Ave.

ents Club will meet Friday, Oct. 1, at St. Theodore's School hall, 168 Spencerport Rd. Dr. Lawrence Lipsett, Director of the RIT Counseling Center, will speak. Reservations will be taken for the October social event, a cabin party, at Henrietta Town Park. Details may be obtained from Hal Moonen, 244-7027.

Members of the Women's Club of St. Charles Borromeo, will entertain their daughters at a tureen supper in the school hall at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5. Reservations may be made through 683-6459.

The Rosary Society of Our Lady of Mercy will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4. Mrs. Edward Braiman will talk about consumer action.

Enrique Rueda of the Monroe County Drug and Alcohol Council will address the Holy Rosary Guild and members' families Tuesday night, Oct. 5. The meeting will begin with church services at 7:30.

St. James Rosary Society will open the season with a 7 p.m. Mass Monday, Oct. 4, followed by a tureen supper. Afterward, members will roll bandages for injured Vietnamese orphans.

Greece Supervisor Fred Eckert will describe the town's recreational facilities at the first meeting of St. John's Home-School Association, at 8:15 tonight, Sept. 29.

Our Lady's Guild of St. Louis Church, Pittsford, will give a tea in the rectory at 2:30 this Sunday afternoon, Oct. 3.

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The Men's Club of St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport, will hold a clambake Saturday, Oct. 23, at Spencerport Firemen's Park. John French and Len Windhauser are chairmen. The club recently sponsored the annual parish picnic, with Tony Zamaira and Cappy Willis in charge.

Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Mother of Sorrows Oktoberfest. There will be dancing from 9 until 1. Tickets are available at the rectory.

The St. Christopher Social Club for young adults will give a party this Saturday night, Oct. 2, at Tavern on the Mall, 3400 Monroe. Dinner will be served at 7. For information: Rose Marie Zeppetella, 328-4055; Jim Potash, 235-0067.

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Auburn Area Notes

Auburn—The fourth session, Pre-cana conference, is scheduled at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at St. Alphonsus School, Geneva Street.

Cato—The third session in the teacher training series will be at St. Patrick's Hall, Main Street, Cato, Thursday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Auburn — "Liturgy in the Classroom," fourth teacher training session, Office of Christian Formation, will be 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6 only, 7:30 p.m., at St. Aloysius School Annex, 162 VanAnden Street. Father Joseph Champlin, director of the National Bishops Committee on the Liturgy, will speak.

Seneca Falls—Donald A. Ver-

zillo has been elected grand knight of Seneca Falls Council 222, Knights of Columbus. Verzillo succeeds Frank Lamanna who was elected trustee for three years. James Moreland and George W. Crelley were elected trustees for two years and one year respectively.

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