

Sister Promotes Migrant Self-Help

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Lyons — "Cash Jets Thru Wheels" is the catchy title for the comprehensive migrant program proposed by Sister M. Rosaria Hughes, the executive director of the Wayne County Action Program (WCAP) with offices in the Social Services Building here.

The program, encouraging self-help and emergency assistance to migrants, literally goes on the road with a bus equipped with classroom facilities to bring classes into the camps and to provide transportation to services. The bus was late in arriving, but the attendance at educational facilities was made possible by utilizing the cars of crew leaders, government station wagons, and private cars from the camp.

Among the problems of the migrant workers described by Sister M. Rosaria are inadequate housing, unemployment, lack of opportunity for training and education, and unavailability of transportation to available services.

One educational aspect of the "CASH-JETS" (Jobs-Education-Training-Service) program, a 16-week course in practical subjects, is nearing completion. Sister sought special education funds which were made available through BOCES, and enabled courses to be offered twice a week with migrants being brought in directly from work.

A complete consumer education course, including cooking, sewing, comparative buying, and nutrition was offered at Sodus Central School. Provisions for child care were available.

A nurses aide course focused

on personnel policies and skills, while providing basic knowledge to raise general health standards which will be carried over into family situations.

Classes at BOCES in Williamson included carpentry, auto mechanics, and agricultural trades.

English classes are in progress at two of the Puerto Rican camps.

Sister M. Rosaria explains this approach is a beginning inroad to the objectives of changing daily life of the migrant so he may experience a new image of himself in the economic, social and political life in which he lives.

Outreach workers from WCAP and other county based agencies encouraged migrants to take advantage of the program.

Sister explained that WCAP has assumed a role as a catalytic agent in the cooperative effort on the war on poverty.

CASH JETS also has a job coordinator whose role is not designed to take workers out of the migrant stream, but rather to find permanent jobs for those who have resettled. Counseling and training programs are being considered by local companies.

The service emphasis encour-

ages utilization of services available through the Cooperative Extension, Social Services, Legal Aid, a grant from the North Carolina Council of Churches for emergency food and travel, and Wayne Co. Rural Comprehensive Health Service.

The stress is on service and helping people to help themselves. Sister M. Rosaria feels such stimulation to seek increased avenues to assure upgrading the mode of living for self and family can be achieved for those who find seasonal work a way of life.

Funding for the community action CASH aspect involving housing needs to be funded under the OEO program, is still in the planning phase.

Sister M. Rosaria, a member of Sisters of Mercy, was elected to the post of executive director of the Wayne County Action Program by the WCAP board of directors.

Auburn Drive Exceeds Goal

Auburn — Father Edward A. Shamon, pastor of St. Aloysius Church and chairman of the "Festival" to defray expenses of the expanded Christian Formation Program, announced the

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Father Champlin has authored numerous articles and several pamphlets on the liturgy, pastoral theology, love and marriage. In addition, he has written the following paperbacks, "Don't You Really



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Love Me?", "Together for Life," an illustrated marriage preparation text. He is editor and a contributor to "The Priest Today And Tomorrow."

His most recent book, "Christ Present and Yet To Come," released in April, concerns the "Role of the Celebrant in a Flexible Liturgy: and Worship at the Major Moments of Life."

His syndicated column, "Worship and the World" appears in about 90 diocesan papers, and experiences include radio and the narration of a cassette series, "Learning About the Liturgy."

This, the fourth in the teacher training series, will be offered once only, on Wednesday evening, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 6, at the St. Aloysius School Annex, 162 Van Anden St., Auburn.

Auburn Area Notes

Seneca Falls - Waterloo - Ovid — Inter Parish Program, on themes for Adult Christian, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 at St. Patrick's in Seneca Falls. Topic, "Faith: Where I meet God."

Waterloo — Rosary Altar Society Rummage Sale, Oct. 7 and 8, from 10 to 5 p.m. at the Grange Hall on Virginia Street.

King Ferry — The fifth in the Teacher Training Session sponsored by the Office of Christian Formation, "Audio-Visual Workshop", will be conducted at Our Lady of the Lake hall, Rt. 34B, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Auburn — Above "Audio-Visual Workshop", offered at Office of Christian Formation 162 Van Anden St., Wednesday, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Lyons - Savannah - Clyde — Interparish Program, second in Series of "Themes for Adult Christians", will be held Tuesday, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael's in Lyons. The topic, "Sacrament: Where I Meet Christ."

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