

Education Programs Reflect New Thinking

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Ithaca — Various programs are being launched throughout the Ithaca area that reflect the latest thinking on the subject of religious education. A summary of the parish program schedules:

Beginning this week, religious instruction classes at ST. MARY'S OF THE LAKE Parish, Watkins Glen, will be conducted for all students in the Watkins Glen central schools and the Odessa-Montour central schools. Students in St. Mary's of the Lake Parish will meet in the parish center for classes; those in ST. BENEDICT'S Parish will hold classes in the Church Hall of St. Mary's of the Lake. Details on days and times for the meeting of the classes may be obtained by contacting St. Mary's Rectory.

ST. MARY'S Church, Rushville, and ST. THERESA'S Church, Stanley, also begin their religious education classes this week. On Mondays, Grades 2-6 from Gorham School will hold classes at St. Theresa's, 2:20-3:20 p.m. Students in Grades 7-12 from both St. Mary's and St. Theresa's Parishes will meet 7:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Theresa's. On Tuesdays, Grades 2-6 from the Rushville School will meet at St. Mary's 2:20-3:20 p.m.

There will be no bus service this year, and Father Norbert L. Nolan is asking for volunteer drivers to assist on Mondays and Tuesdays with the younger children. He stated that because of the transportation problem, those wishing to register in the religious education classes must meet two requirements: (1) the child must be attending Mass every Sunday; and (2) only children coming to Mass at St. Theresa's or St. Mary's churches each week can be accepted.

The religious education program of ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA Parish, Ithaca, is already in full swing. Pre-school and Grade 1 meet Sundays 10:10-10:45 a.m.; Grades 2, 3 and 4 meet Sundays, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; and Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 meet Mondays 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, Ithaca, initiated its program this week. The Saturday group of elementary school children will meet 9:30-11:15 a.m., and the Sunday group from elementary school will convene at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 4 marked the beginning of the Monday 7 p.m. program for 7th and 8th Graders, and the Brooktondale-Elementary Release Time Program is operating Tuesdays, 1-1:50 p.m.

An innovative program in religious education has also started this week for all Ithaca area high school students at the "Tin Can" in Stewart Park. Classes will meet 7-9:30 p.m., Sunday evenings.

Besides Immaculate Conception and St. Catherine of Siena, other area churches involved are the Congregational, Lutheran, Presbyterian churches, as well as St. Paul's Methodist. An updated schedule of "Tin Can" programs offers the following courses:

• ROCKING THE ARK — How the Church does or can

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handle social issues. Conducted by Rev. Jack Thomas.

• CELEBRATE LIFE — Group experiences in celebration. Why and how people celebrate life. How the Church celebrates life. Emphasis on planning and experiencing different types of real, human celebrations and worship services within the small group and for all involved in the "Tin Can." Conducted by Sister Nancy McGowan.

• TEEN THEOLOGY SEMINAR — This seminar will first determine areas to explore and through discussion, serious presentations, and independent study, will try to fulfill those needs. Conducted by Father Gramkee.

• SO WHAT? — An open seminar to raise questions and explore values through personal and interpersonal activities and provocative films. Conducted by Michael Stanley.

• CHRISTIANITY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD — Research and comparison of Christian religions on such topics as Christ, Pope, Eucharist, other sacraments, etc. History of Christianity. Tradition, Scripture, politics of belief. In general, ecumenism through knowledge. Conducted by Father David Mura.

• A NEW DAWN — Reflections on youth culture, values, meaning, and searching toward a New Dawn — symbolized through film, music, art literature and discussion. Conducted by Dan Brooks.

• PEOPLE — The group will explore the meaning of "people"; their realness and falseness; their relationships, feelings and religious experiences. Self-awareness and interpersonal awareness as a basis for a deeper Christian awareness. Dating. Human sexuality. Conducted by Jack Logomarsino.

• CHRISTIAN THEMES EXPRESSED ON FILM — Maximum of 15, minimum of 6 persons. Knowledge of photography presumed. Includes themes, composition, basic techniques of film-making. Script-writing, shooting and editing a film. Conducted by Rev. Bill Allprandi.

• EXPERIMENTAL FAITH STUDY IN PRAYER — History of different spiritual needs and experiences from primitive man to 20th century. Man's search for himself in relationship to his "God". Mysticism. Spirituality of the East. Conducted by Sister Kathleen Clary.

• NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY — Discussion, lecture group which will center on the Gospels for a practical and spiritual understanding of what they mean in today's world. Conducted by Joe Laiocona and Dennis Szeba.

• WHO AM I? WHERE AM I GOING? — You can wait for the future to happen to you. Or you can begin now in creating your future. Through a series of private and interpersonal activities you can focus your present situation and participate in your immediate future. Conducted by Rev. John Scherer.

• SIMULATION GAMES — Simulation of real-life situa-

tions to tie together contemporary issues and Christianity. Conducted by Rev. Dick McCaughey.

• FEMALE RAP GROUP — Role of women in the Church, school, society, Women's Lib. Conducted by Mrs. Sandy Scherer.

• SENSITIVITY TRAINING — Will include what experiments among the group have to do with Christianity. Conducted by Dick McCaughey.

A two part adult religious education series is being held in Room 108 of Immaculate Conception Parochial School on Tuesday evenings. Father David Mura is conducting an 8-8:55 p.m. class in Sacred Scripture and Father David Gramkee follows with a 9:05-10 p.m. course in Basic Catholic Christian Ethics.

Mission Sunday

A date to mark down and remember — Oct. 24, Mission Sunday. On that day, through Sunday collection at your church, you will be able to help the most deprived people on earth. Be generous.

CALC Plans Peace Rite

Clergy and Laymen Concerned (CALC), an interreligious organization for social action, will sponsor an interfaith Peace Service at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. as part of a nationwide movement to call a "moratorium on business as usual."

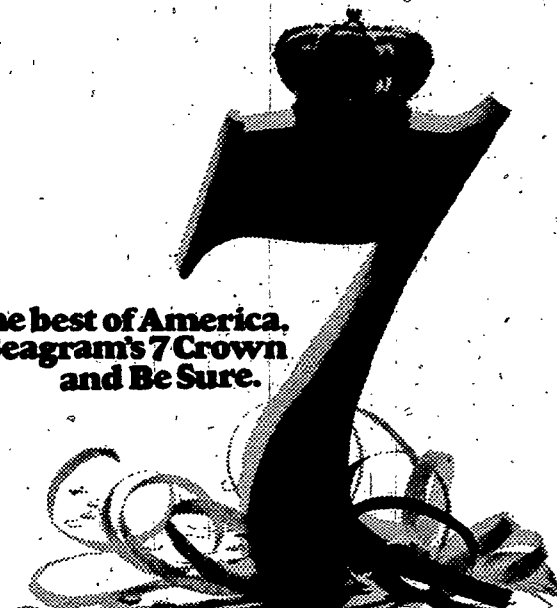
Father David Connor, a Rochester diocesan priest and nationally known foe of the Selective Service System, will preach at the service.

CALC also plans a continuous showing of films and distribu-

tion of literature at several Rochester area churches.

Sister Margaret Hall, RSM, a spokesman for the group said, "contrary to popular misconceptions the war is not winding down for the Vietnamese because the destruction continues with the help of American war technology. Our primary concern in all of these activities is to awaken the American conscience to this fact and mobilize the moral and political pressure needed to end the killing."

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