

# New Efforts Begun In Drug Control

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Ithaca — Two recent events signalled new efforts here to curb the use of drugs, particularly among youth.

On Oct. 1, Richard Murdock of the Tompkins County probation department became drug coordinator for the county. Murdock, a native of Bloomville and a graduate of Ithaca College, is a former Peace Corps representative. He has worked in several drug-related activities in the Ithaca community and has been conducting a weekly group therapy session at the Open House, a local facility for young people who have personal problems.

On another front, the Rev. David Martinez of the Assembly of God Church launched the Ithaca Teen Challenge Center, a program directed toward today's troubled youth and drug addicts.

The center, on South Aurora St. will endeavor to bring young people new hope and purpose in life through Christ. It will provide live-in accommodations for youth undergoing the drug rehabilitation process.

The staff at the Teen Challenge Center will include Bible College students, youth workers, and former drug addicts who have overcome their habits while enrolled in similar programs. By means of street meetings, youth rallies, school assemblies, literature distribution, and personal contacts, many young people and drug addicts

will be challenged to enter the program. The Center will house the director, supervisor, staff workers and drug addicts or youth in need of help. Mr. Martinez said that when a person enters the center he is expected to kick his habit "cold turkey." He is presented with the Gospel and the hope that Christ will deliver him from his habit. Staff workers will work continually with him. When he is physically able to be up and around he is welcome to remain at the center. If he wishes to leave no one will stand in his way. The center is not promoting any denomination or religious belief—only Jesus Christ, Mr. Martinez pointed out. Financial support comes from various denominations through pledges, donations, and gifts. In addition, organizations outside the religious communities have shown an interest in helping financially. The program has the full backing of the Tompkins County Narcotics Council.

Mr. Martinez said Teen Challenge was intended to serve the southern tier and triple cities area and nearby Pennsylvania towns, as well as the Ithaca area.

## 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.

Corning—Members of a committee which drew up a constitution for the Corning Catholic School this past summer were recently saluted by Father Thomas J. Brennan, pastor of St. Mary's Church here.

St. Mary's School and St. Patrick's School in Corning joined together this year to form Corning Catholic School, South, while St. Vincent DePaul School was renamed Corning Catholic School, North, under a Catholic consolidation program for Corning which began in September.

In naming the lay members of the committee who drew up the document to give the Corning Catholic School Board its guidelines for operation, Father Brennan said it was the desire of the principals and clergymen involved with the lay individuals to "express our thanks to them for many hours of labor and dedication to the

# Corning School Group Lauded

cause of Catholic education in Corning."

Members of the committee were: Dr. J. N. Panzarino, chairman (St. Patrick's), Lee Austin (Immaculate Heart of Mary), Miss Frances Barrett (St. Mary's), Dr. Paul Bennett (St. Mary's), Thomas Gehl (St. Vin-

cent's), Peter Martuscello (St. Vincent's), Gordon Metcalf (Immaculate Heart of Mary), Dale Noll (St. Patrick's), Mrs. Gerald Rossettie (St. Mary's), V. J. Santilli (St. Patrick's), Mrs. Joanne Sofia (St. Vincent's), Richard Wardell (St. Patrick's) and John T. S. White (St. Patrick's).

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Groton — Confirmation will be held at St. Anthony's Nov. 9. Adults expecting to be confirmed should contact Father Joseph M. McNamara.

Ithaca — The Fall dance of St. Catherine of Siena parish is scheduled for Oct. 23 in the parish center. The Women's Council of St. Catherine's has begun a book club which will build up the parish library. Those who join will have something to say about the selection of books for members' use.

Penn Yan — Court St. Michael of St. Michael's parish is sponsoring a Halloween masquerade for members of the society and their guests on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Watkins Glen — Forty Hours Devotions will open Oct. 24 at St. Mary's of the Lake Church.



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