



Sister Eleanor Volpe, SSJ, principal of Blessed Sacrament and chairman of the Catholic school administrators, asks a speaker to address the meeting. To the left of her is Sister John Bosco Boss, SSND, principal of St. Michael's and treasurer of the group. To the right is Sister Ronald Burns, SSND, vice chairman and principal of St. Boniface, and Sister Anna Louise Staub, SSJ, secretary and principal of St. Augustine. The group met in Sacred Heart hall.

Principals Asked to Discuss Alternatives to 'Finals'

BY BARBARA MOYNEHAN

A proposal was made to waive all January and June diocesan examinations by Sister Irene Gardner, assistant superintendent for instruction, at the monthly gathering of Catholic school principals Oct. 12.

At the meeting of the Rochester Association of Catholic School Administrators, Sister Irene asked the principals to discuss alternatives to the exams with their faculties.

"Teachers will have to use creative ways to arrive at a report card mark," she continued, "we don't want teachers teaching for exams. Instead, spot tests, very simple, attitudinal tests aimed at various levels, in various areas, would be sent out periodically to check on how things are moving on."

Testing was just one of the topics to receive the attention of 25 principals gathered to exchange professional help, air problems and communicate with the diocesan Office of Education. There are 31 Rochester Catholic school principals, from schools which have different needs, but they are united by their belief in the role of the Catholic school in education.

Finance was a major item on the agenda. First, Mrs. Grace Conway, assistant superintendent for personnel, reported that according to a recent letter from Internal Revenue Service, wages that were to be effective Sept. 1 can not be implemented. She also clarified that any new teachers who had been paid a new wage must revert back to last year's wage in the next pay check, and teachers must refund the difference.

Sister Eleanor Volpe, chairman of the association, raised the question of representation

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of educators at financial meetings to Salvatore Musso, deputy superintendent of diocesan schools.

She pointed out the importance of principals being consulted when financial matters refer to educational matters. A discussion followed and a proposal was written up concerning such representation.

Sister Sheila Luber of Sacred Heart, the association's representative to the Diocesan Federation of Catholic School Administrators, introduced discussion of the federation.

The role of the federation was defined as advisory, not legislative. It is a vehicle for principals to arrive at a rapport with the superintendent of schools, Father Daniel Brent, and to inform him of issues of concern. Only the superintendent's decisions are valid, Musso pointed out.

At last month's federation meeting the parochial schools' relations with the museum, planetarium, and art gallery were discussed, Sister Sheila reported. It was suggested that the association have a museum representative, as the public schools have, so they too can share the advantage of attending planning meetings of the museums and see at first hand what is available for their classes.

The last topic of discussion was the In-Service Day planned

for Rochester teachers on Nov. 12. It is an educationally oriented day when teachers learn by demonstrations of new teaching techniques.

Others on this year's executive committee with Sister Eleanor Volpe of Blessed Sacrament are: vice chairman, Sister Ronald Burns of St. Boniface; treasurer, Sister John Bosco Boss of St. Michael's; and secretary, Sister Anna Louise Staub of St. Augustine.

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