

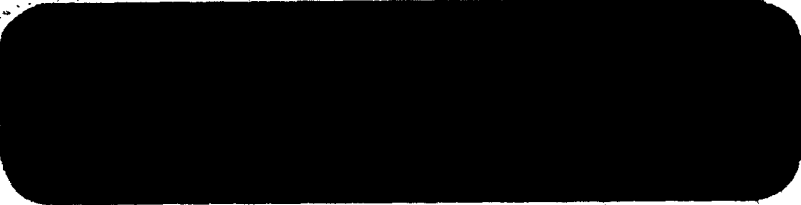
Owasco Parishioners Get At The Heart of the Matter

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Owasco — Sacred Heart Parish in Owasco has real "Heart" — "Heart of The Matter," the monthly mimeographed newsletter which has come to reflect parish thought and life, and serves to stimulate it.

Sense of community, concern, channel of communications are concepts used to describe the role the newsletter has come to play in fostering parish involvement.

"I see it as an opportunity to have some effect; as an active role for the laity, as opposed to the traditional Christian situation of people listening to the priest and being in a vacuum," commented editorial board member, Mrs. Martha



McMahon. Said Mrs. Frieda Lyons, it "counteracts the feeling of the laity that they are not an integral part of the parish."

The newsletter was born in March of 1969, based on a parishioner's past experience with a similar publication. Mrs. Sally King ignited the spark, backed by the then assistant at Sacred Heart, Father Charles Mulligan, and the newly formed parish council.

The assistant pastor, Father Phillip Billotte, is on the board, and a welcome contributor. The

undertaking has full support of the pastor, Father Raymond Wahl. But, "Heart's" strength comes from its being a lay effort which runs on its own steam.

The ten issues a year are planned around matters of parish, community and church concerns uppermost in people's minds. Topics have ranged from abortion, to war and peace, to support for Catholic education. Book reviews, humorous articles, letters to the editor and features such as the telephone poll provide variety and opportunity for expression.

Auburn Area

Notes

Port Byron — Officers of St. John's Altar and Rosary Society elected for the 1972 season include: president, Mrs. Anthony Guidone; vice president, Mrs. Ronald Falsey; Secretary, Mrs. Kirk Sprague and treasurer, Mrs. Gilbert Baker.

Red Creek — Parish council meeting at St. Thomas, at 8 tonight, Nov. 17.

Auburn — Guidelines for designing and renovation of church interiors will be discussed by Father Robert McNamee, at an open meeting at 7:30 tonight, Nov. 17, in Holy Family Hall, 89 North St.

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