



Seminarians watch "Tuesday's Child," a National Association for Retarded Children movie, as part of day of information held Saturday at Bosco House.

Workshops Held at Bosco House

Seminarians, nuns and priests are learning of the nature and needs of handicapped people and the church's role in their care.

Saturday, Feb. 12, was the first of seven information days being conducted at Bosco House, 1150 Buffalo Rd.

The day mainly consisted of workshops presented by local specialists, who are: Mary Lou Swicklick of the Monroe County Association for Children with Learning Disabilities; Donald Miller, director of the sheltered workshop at the Al Sigi Center, 1000 Elmwood Ave.; Mark Costello, director of edu-

cation at the Hillside Children's Center; Winifred Fletcher, director of the cerebral palsy association; Donna Ferri, president of the Organization for Accessible Buildings; Father Thomas Erdle, diocesan chaplain for the deaf, and Raymond Griswold of the Monroe County Association of the Blind.

School Administrators Hear of Emergency Plan

The diocesan education hierarchy attended the Rochester Association of Catholic School Administrators' February meeting to explain the work of the Interim Diocesan Education Commission, and the emergency financial plan for Catholic schools in Monroe County.

Sister M. James Lynch, assistant vicar of education, introduced Sister Rosemary St. Peter, principal of St. Ambrose school and member of the education commission, who explained that the education commission holds the future of general decision making.

She explained that the 18-member commission is concerned with all five divisions of education: religious education, campus ministry, special education, adult education and general education, and has been working in all these areas.

Her summary of the commission's organization and its activities paved the way for Father Daniel Brent's presenta-

tion of the short range financial plan: The plan calls on parishes that want to keep their schools open to help other parishes keep their schools. The parishes would contribute to a common fund.

The plan is the only thing so far to come from the interim commission. It has been recommended to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan as the short range solution to some schools' financial crisis situation.

Since Bishop Hogan will not act on this recommendation until he knows what his advisory groups think of it, Father Brent has presented it to the Priests' Council, Sisters' Council and the Council of Inner City Parishes for their reaction. These for the most part have been negative.

The administrators' association reacted neither negatively nor positively, only asked a few questions and urged that a final decision be made soon so they can know how to plan their budgets.

Principals Name NEA Delegates

The Rochester Association of Catholic School Administrators elected two delegates to attend the upcoming National Education Association's elementary school principals' convention in Florida.

Sister Roberta Tierney of St. Philip Neri School and Sister Maria Theresa Alaimo of Holy Redeemer were elected to attend the third annual convention of public and private school principals. The Rochester Association has given \$100 each year so two representatives could attend the conference.

Sister Virginia Steinwachs of Holy Rosary school attended the convention last year and characterized the organization as "a very powerful group." She said last year's conference was "very stimulating for the principals."

"Catholics pay a yearly dues of \$20 but are treated as second-rate citizens," she explained. "We are trying to get better recognition."

He Can't Go Back

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with-weaken their alliances with America.

"To the South Koreans and South Vietnamese, the president of the United States is not only president of the United States, but the leader of the free world. When he didn't even consult them on his plans they were very upset. They felt they had a very strong ally, and now they fear he will make concessions to the communist Chinese."

He compared the changes and problems that are taking place in the society of Vietnam to those that took place in China during the communist revolution. "In both cases the communists wanted to impose communism on them."

The Catholic Church is very much interested in the outcome of the South Vietnam struggle, he continued, because there are 2 million practicing Catholics in the country.

"Vietnam has had Catholic

bishops for 300 years," Father de Jaeger reported. "The Vietnamese are dedicated. There have been many vocations there, so many they have begun sending them as missionaries to other countries."

Father de Jaeger started two Catholic schools in South Vietnam, two newspapers and a magazine that the Vietnamese write in English. He also told of two Catholic Universities and five secular universities that were started since the United States has been there, which he maintained showed that despite the war, education work and the Church are growing very fast, and "the people are preparing for the future."

On the subject of drugs in China, Father de Jaeger explained: "They do not allow their own people to use drugs. But there are 12 large factories for converting morphine base into heroin. Approximately 10,000 tons of illegal drugs are exported annually, making killer narcotics Red China's principal export product."



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