

# Their Work Is Cut Out for Them

Considering the growing emphasis in the Catholic Church on lay involvement and renewal, plus the changes in the philosophy of general education among educators, not to mention the financial crisis of the schools, the Interim Diocesan Education Commission has its work cut out for it.

The commission comprises 18 people who advise Bishop Joseph L. Hogan in the direction and coordination of all diocesan efforts regarding the total teaching mission of the church. It is "interim" because it will eventually be a subcommittee of the diocesan Pastoral Council.

Since its first meeting in October, the commission has been meeting bi-monthly to review and evaluate past efforts in order to be able to submit recommendations on major programs, policies and priorities for the five divisions of education: general, religious, adult, special and campus ministry.

The only action taken so far by the commission is the recommendation to Bishop Hogan to accept the short range financial plan for Catholic schools which has come to be known as the Driscoll Plan.

The plan, which will not be acted upon by Bishop Hogan until he hears the opinion of various advisory groups, has been called the Driscoll Plan after Norman Driscoll, of Trevor Court, Rochester, who was chairman of the ad hoc committee that drew it up.

There are three other ad hoc committees concentrating on areas of immediate concern: one is looking into ways to finance special education, another is studying the needs of adult education. The third, which is trying to come up with an effective approach to religious education, made a progress report at the Feb. 28 meeting.

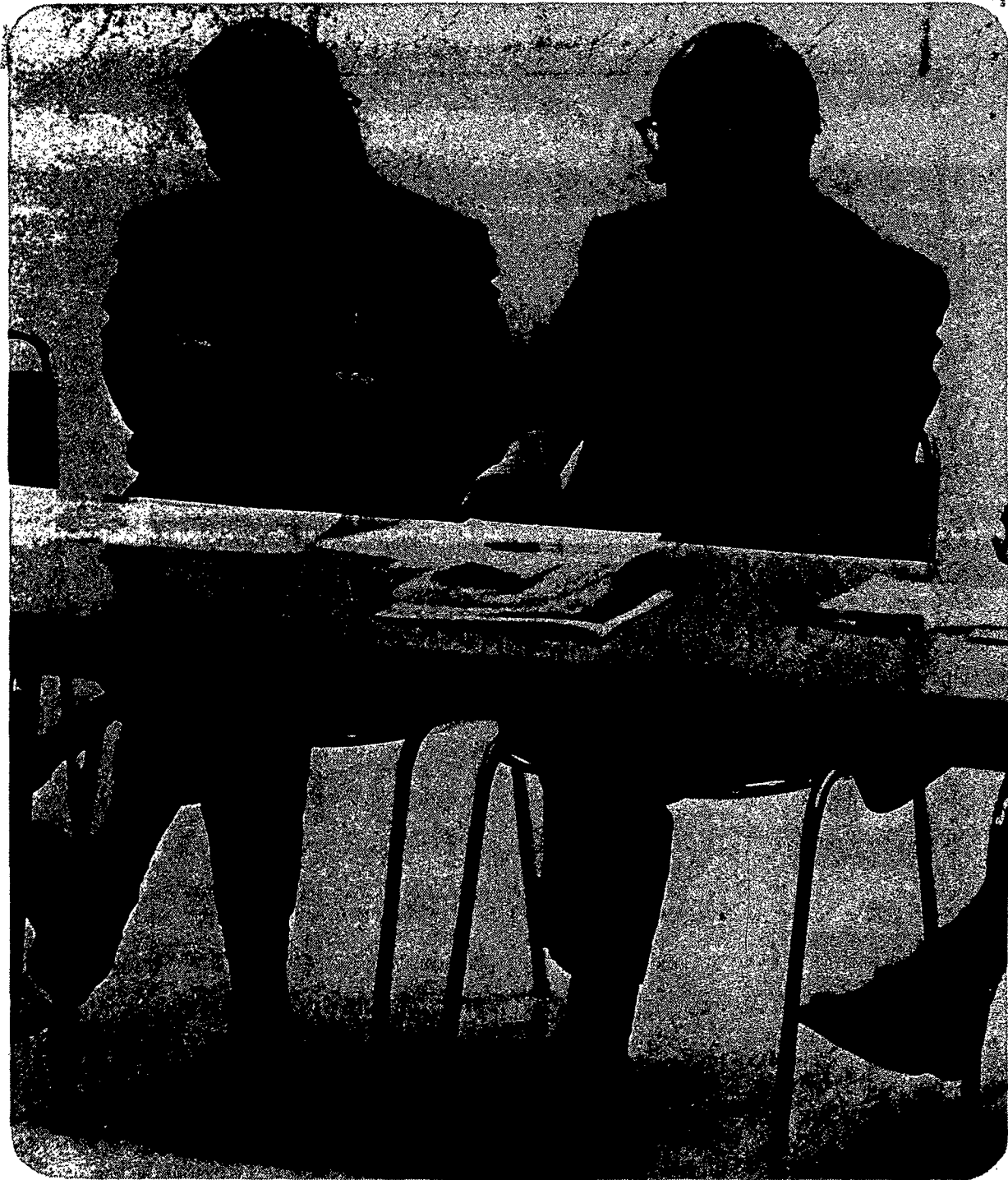
The 18 members of the commission were chosen as follows: two members were nominated by the priests' council — Father Joseph D. Donovan, pastor of St. Marks, Kuhn Rd., and Msgr. William M. Roche, pastor of St. Catherine Church, Ithaca.

Two members were nominated by the Sisters' Council: Sister Rosemary St. Peter, principal of St. Ambrose school and chairman of the commission, and Sister Marie Lynch of St. Paul's in Webster.

Seven members were chosen by Bishop Hogan: John F. Wood of Allens Creek Road, Rochester; Dr. Andrew Guidarelli of Scotts St., Rochester; Brother Edward M. Tracey, principal of Bishop Kearney High School, Donald Rimlinger of Holcomb; Mrs. Nancy Rubery of Palmyra; Benjamin Harris of Elba St., Rochester, and a student member, Paul Menges of the University of Rochester.

Five members were chosen by the five directors of education: Richard Kurz, of True Hickory Drive, Rochester; Mrs. John Pfleging of Penfield; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Maurer of Penfield; Dr. Richard D. Zakia of Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, and Norman Driscoll.

The five members chosen by the division directors will be replaced by the chairman of the five diocesan education subcommittees as soon as parish councils and the regional structure are organized and operative.



Father Joseph D. Donovan (left) listens while Father Albert J. Shamon, vicar of education, makes a point.



Father Robert Collins takes advantage of a coffee break to see what commission members are thinking.



Sister Marie Lynch, an ex officio member of the commission, making a few end of meeting announcements.