

Parish School Cultivates 'Ripeness for Learning'

Ithaca — Approaching the end of her first year as principal of Immaculate Conception school, Sister Raymond Mary recently detailed some of the programs that have been inaugurated in the school this year.

Grades 1-3 regularly have received instruction from the Ithaca Community Music School and lessons in conversational French from Mrs. Mauboussin. The French program has been "delightful," the principal said. In small groups, the children sing, dance, and talk to the animals in French. According to Sister, the program seems to have verified the phenomenon that little ones learn a new language more easily than adults.

An individualized reading program has been set up in Grades 2 and 3. Using three reading rooms, the youngsters are diagnosed as to reading skills and separated into small groups according to those skills. The groups are cross-graded so that everyone can meet success. There is not one textbook but, instead, many textbooks, cassette tapes, and other learning devices.

The 4th and 5th grades are similarly divided among various reading groups once their abilities are diagnosed. They use one textbook and follow a system that entails a new leveled approach to reading. This enables each youngster to progress at his or her own rate. The program will be extended into Grade 6 next year.

Junior high pupils have become composers this year, Sister

continued. Professor David Riley of Ithaca College has been instructing the 7th and 8th graders in a special compositional approach to music. Instead of first learning the works of other composers, the young people have been encouraged to use and experiment with their own beat and sounds as an approach to music appreciation.

The entire school of 308 students uses the facilities of the Learning Center, which is just over a year old. It is staffed by teacher aides and volunteer mothers.

The gym program, under the direction of Randy Coon, also involves the entire school. Each child has two periods a week of organized gym instruction, as well as a 15-minute activity period during the noon hour. The noon activity period is supervised by Ithaca College cadet teachers. In addition, an afternoon sports program keeps the students busy most days of the week.

In addition to those programs, Sister Raymond Mary noted an intangible quality she described as a climate of social and emotional ease that allows the child a "ripeness for learning."

Registration for the next school year is in progress and two public events have been scheduled. April 19 is Sports Night, and the 4-8 graders will be giving a gym demonstration. On May 4, a Special Program Night will enable all to see and hear the new music and French programs for Grade 1, 2, 3 and 7, 8.

Newman Study Day Set for Cornell

Ithaca — The Newman Diocesan Study Day will be held at Anabel Taylor Hall on the Cornell campus on Saturday, April 15, from 10:30 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Dr. James Campbell of Eisenhower College will keynote the theme, Man the Believer.

The program will include workshops on the following topics: science, technology and belief — Ann and Jim Anderson; interpersonal relations and belief — Father Ronald Gaesser and George Lavery; Eastern religions and belief — Edwin Burt.

A fee of \$3.50 will cover lunch and dinner.

Ithaca Area Notes

Ithaca — The next pre-marriage series sponsored by Immaculate Conception Parish will be held Friday evenings, April 21 and 28 and May 5 in Room 108 of the school (Buffalo Street entrance). Please call 273-6121 to pre-register for this series.

Ithaca — The St. Catherine of Siena rummage sale is scheduled for April 14. St. Catherine's annual anniversary dance will take place April 29 in the parish center.

Ithaca — A three-session training program designed to increase the counsellor's ability to help people solve their problems has been scheduled for the Wednesday evenings of April 12, April 26, and May 3, 7:30-10. Rev. John Scherer of Oak Avenue Lutheran Church will conduct the series at his church. Additional information may be obtained from Ruth Wimsatt, 272-5436, of Alternative, Inc.

MISSIONARIES REJECTED

Stockholm — (RNS) — Eight Swedish missionaries representing a Pentecostal revival movement have been ordered out of Pakistan, according to a Swedish Radio report. No reasons for the ouster were disclosed.

Junior Legion Ceremony Held

Our Lady of Joy was recommended as a model to the Junior Legion of Mary by Father Joseph Bernier, guest speaker at the annual Acies held March 26 at St. Cecelia's, Rochester.

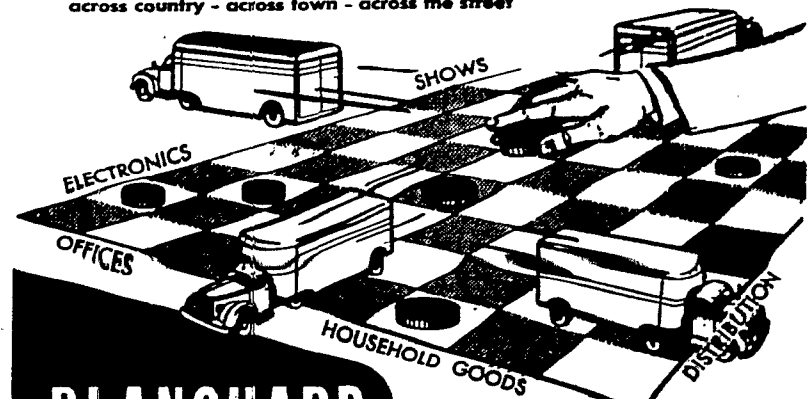
After a concelebrated Mass, 130 young people took part in a ceremony dedicating their lives and work to the Blessed Mother. A Christian should accept the will of God joyfully, "work with a smile," Father Bernier told them.

Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty pointed out the silence of Christ during His passion, in reference to the silence which Legion members keep about the good they do.

The bishop concelebrated a folk Mass with Father Thomas H. Wheeland, spiritual director of the Junior Curia, and Fathers William Trott, Robert Bradler, Conrad Sundholm and Winfried Kellner.

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The Money In-Between Time

Springtime is like a "money in-between time," a chance to catch our breath: hopefully Christmas bills are all paid, and we prudently start putting a little away, anticipating vacation, graduations, and weddings. Even better, for many people this in-between time brings an addition to their pocketbooks by way of tax refunds.

What's my point? There are several. Many people ask what they can do additionally to help the missions and the world's poor? Many people, feeling the strain of present-day inflation, still send a sacrifice regularly and write they wish it could be more.

There are many ways to give to the missions, and this "in-between time" is one opportunity we hope is not missed. The missionaries serving in the most poverty stricken areas of the world have no "in-between time" . . . no vacation . . . no tax refunds. The spiritual and material suffering of the poor goes on; the relief, hope and progress missionaries bring depends on your support, financially — true — but first by your concern and love, and by the unseen power of your sacrifices and prayers.

Springtime is often a time when mission concern and sacrifice is forgotten. Yet here is a special opportunity for sharing. When many of us are catching our breath and feeling refreshed with spring fever, the missions begin to feel the additional hardships of neglect. This year could be different if our springtime embraced the poor of the missions!

Springtime offers extraordinary opportunities to help the missions: a share in your tax return is one way to thank God for your work, your health, your means of sustenance. Spring cleaning? Remember the missions — old gold, silver, and jewelry, given to the Society is always appreciated. UNNEEDED Life insurance policies, gift annuities, and remembering the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in your Will are other ways of helping the missions.

We have no savings clubs, but a weekly or monthly donation can provide a missionary seminarian with a year's education, a catechist's monthly support, a leprosarium with the needed medicine, and on and on.

Most of all, please use this springtime to grow in the love of Christ by remembering in a special way your fellow human beings who need to know your love all year round. Please clip out this column and send that special gift for others today.

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Low-Cost Clothing Store Opens April 11 in Ithaca

Ithaca — ACT (Area Congregations Together), instrumental in helping to launch a number of social aid programs in the Ithaca area, is joining groups representing a broad cross-section of the community in opening "Bib & Tucker," a low-cost used clothing store in the Clinton Hotel at N. Cayuga and W. Seneca streets.

The store is directed by a 15-member management council. On it are representatives of ACT, the Salvation Army, the Golden Age Club, EOC, FISH, the Ithaca Youth Council, the Welfare Rights Organization, and the volunteers who assist in staffing the store. Also lending a helping hand in getting the project started are local Boy Scouts who assisted in cleaning the store.

Volunteers to operate the store and good used clothing are urgently needed. Hours of operation will be 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, with volunteers splitting each day's work into two three-hour shifts. Persons interested in volunteering or donating clothes

should contact Eleanor Parker (273-3125) or Joan Loehr (272-6349).

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