



Father Daniel F. Holland, head of the diocese's Year of Renewal, listens as Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty makes point to regional coordinators.

Sister Helen Malone:

Reflections on a Changing World

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Sister Helen Malone has been at Nazareth College since 1943. "I love every stone and tree in the place," but says that it's time for new leadership and new ideas.

She has retired as its president. After 17 years as a professor of English and Speech and 12 years as president of a small Catholic women's college, Sister Helen has strong ideas about such institutions, Nazareth in particular.

She wants men on campus, she wants a co-educational environment, but she does not want men taking leadership roles such as editor of the school paper or president of the student body, "as so often happens when men go to an opened up girls' college."

Women that come to a girl's college come expecting to have these jobs, she said. "If a man is satisfied to come here, a school primarily for women, great," she added, "but we are not turn-

ing the place upside down to have co-education."

Even in the face of financial difficulty, facing all colleges, and especially small private institutions, Sister Helen believes that given other positive factors, like location, an extraordinary good college for women can survive.

"I think the small colleges that make it in these crucial days will be the ones that look at their weaknesses as well as their strengths," she continued. One strength of Nazareth, according to her, is its smallness, which makes its program more flexible. And a must, she feels, for a small college is area cooperation.

"I feel so strongly about this, that we should be able to change our calendar to match area colleges so we can use others' facilities and programs."

But, the women that attend her college, what does she think of them? With a sweep of her arm, and bending close to emphasize her feelings she said "I abom-

inate the question, 'What do you think of today's youth?'"

She does not like generalities about anyone. In a serious, thoughtful tone she added, "I would say this: the war has been a terrible experience."

"I do think the international media, bringing the war home has been a terrible awakening. And the young people are affected." But, she continued, "we are meant to be affected, we are affectable people."

She quotes her favorite line of Edna St. Vincent Millay's verses, "Oh world I can not hold thee close enough," and says in her soft voice, "that's it, that's how I feel."

Her future? She isn't certain.

For a year she will rest, collect herself, and decide what will be the next "chapter." But she knows rest will not last long after so many active years. We shall be hearing more from Sister Helen Malone.

Regional Leaders, Diocesan Officials Lay Council Plans

By CHARLES RANDISI

The Trenholm East Inn provided the setting for a workshop June 4-7, for 10 Pastoral Council regional coordinators, their assistants; members of the Department of Education, the Office of Human Development, and the Liturgical Commission, and other guests involved in the formation of the Pastoral Council.

The three-day Co-ordinators' Workshop provided a training session for the regional coordinators.

There were three main thrusts. First, the group determined their own roles as coordinators. Second, Bishops Joseph L. Hogan, John E. McCafferty, and Dennis W. Hickey formalized the discussion with speeches on their hopes for regionalization, the Year of Renewal, and the Pastoral Council. Finally, there were informal agreements between the coordinators and the departments which will serve as resources to the coordinators.

On Sunday night, June 4, the agenda was reviewed by Msgr. Donald Mulcahy, executive secretary of the Pastoral Council Formation Committee.

Then Bishop McCafferty gave the keynote address. He said that the session's "immediate goal" was to "determine how best to evoke" an unremitting response from the Church. He called the regional Coordinator "a genuine stimulator of authentic renewal and enthusiasm."

Bishop McCafferty also stressed that Bishop Hogan, by the selection of regional coordinators, intended to share his power with them "to meet the current needs of the people who are seeking and searching for the truth and peace of Christ."

On Monday, Father Valentine Jankowiak addressed the theological seminar on the document, "The Mission of the Church to the Diocese of Rochester" (Courier-Journal, 5-31-72).

Later that day, Frank Basler, a professional group leader, led a discussion on goals. The seminar emphasized priorities, hopes for the process of renewal, and a consensus on what was to be accomplished.

Here the coordinators, with the aid of Basler, agreed upon several goals for diocesan communications. One goal was to make the Church more visible in the regions through frequent meetings of the bishops, the coordinators, priests, and the people. Another was to involve the people in decision-making processes after they are adequately informed on the issues.

On Monday night, Bishop Hickey spoke on the profile of the Diocese of Rochester. His talk centered on vocations to the priesthood, the distribution of the clergy, and the problems confronting the personnel board.

Father Douglas Hoffman began the Tuesday events with a practical theology seminar. The purpose of the panel discussion was "to bring Christian tradition and faith to bear on life at the 'grassroots' of the diocese."

On Tuesday afternoon, Basler again led the group in a problem

solving session. Here, they listed some of the obstacles to accomplishing the goals they set the previous day.

Specialists from the departments of education, human development, and liturgy talked on Tuesday night. It was a give-and-take session where the departments told what they expected to get from the regional coordinators as well as what they expected to give them.

The coordinators did likewise. "Contacts" were drawn up with the assistance of Basler, and informal agreements were reached.

Father Charles Mulligan, director of the Office of Human Development, presented the first of these "contracts" for approval by the coordinators.

He asked for teams which would work on Human Development within the borders of each region. He stressed that people working on these teams should be "knowledgeable" people representative of different groups within the counties, or "people with general respect for the poor." Further, they must not have "aggressive or negative feelings" about self-help organizations.

On Wednesday, the day began with an address from Bishop Hogan.

He reaffirmed his faith in the Year of Renewal, and pointed out that the regional coordinators were his representatives for the year, and that they were given a voice in setting the guidelines for the future of the diocese.

Father Albert Shamon, vicar of education, outlined plans for regional educational teams. He used an example of a region with 12 parishes. Under this ideal, there would exist three contact teams of four parishes each. The teams would go back to their own parishes and "find out where we've been and where we're going" in regard to inter-parochial education.

Father Daniel Brent, superintendent of Catholic schools, then urged the coordinators to support the total concept of Catholic education with special emphasis on regionalism.

Sister Michael, representing CCD, said that priorities or

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Is There Room In Your Heart?

Jimmy is a tall, husky, good looking boy, of 12 whose biggest wish now is to live in a normal family.

His last few years have been in a group home where he finds it hard to share parents with nine or ten other boys.

Those close to Jimmy describe him as cooperative, diligent in school work and enthusiastic for swimming and camping.

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