

Auburn Sister Attends Parish Ministry Session

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

AUBURN — Sister Dorothy, parish assistant at St. Mary's, Was one of 18 members of six different religious communities to attend a five-week Parish Visitation Workshop at Mt. St Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio

The workshop was planned as a laboratory experience for Sisters already engaged in or planning to enter the new apostolate of parish ministry and in terested in improving their skills and confidence

Sister Dorothy describes the role of the Sister-visitor as an extension of the pastor in the home counseling, and seeing if there is a problem to be resolved or referred.

Traditionally most sisters have fulfilled their role of service as educators in parochial schools, but the Sister director of the workshop (noted sisters are entering this recently opening area

Mercy Wins

Press Awards

Publications at Our Lady of

Mercy High School and two of

the school's students were no-

tified recently of top honors won in the annual contest sponsored

by the Catholic School Press As

Juli Winter, who graduated in

June, received the first place

award in the feature-writing di-

vision for an interview with

The Quill, newspaper, and the Mercedes, literary magazine, re-

ceived the highest rating, "Publication of Distinction." The Veri-

ťas, yearbook, won All-Catholic,

June graduate Mary Anne Donovan merited honorable

mention in the feature-writing

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of apostolic service because of the need for them

In addition to two days a week in field work in the Cincinnats area, the workshop included daily prayer experiences, frequent liturgies, group discussions and special outside field trips to broaden the Sisters' own social awareness.

The workshop stressed the sisters need to be aware of cultural and social economic backgrounds of the areas in which tey work

Although parish ministry encompasses the broad area of parish work, the workshop focused mainly on home visitation

Sister Dorothy chose parish visitation and nursing home field work experiences to enhance her skills in her work at St Mary's Sister has been working mostly with the elderly, seeing to their material as well as spiritual needs. Her approach also has involved the development of a corps of volunteers to assist with visitation of the elderly, and scripture service in a local nursing home.

Highlights for Sister Dorothy included the examination of the psychological and theological aspects of death and dying, and understanding the different stages of dying and grief. Also, the ethics of counseling and concepts of confidentiality, along with interviewing techniques.

Sister felt the opportunity to compare her work with others was especially helpful as well as sharing in new approaches to problems 'already facing her in her daily ministry at St. Mary's

In the heart of America, 13 states and 18 million people have been plundered.

They're the victims of an obscene era in our country's history. People imprisoned in a powerless, poverty-stricken colony. By government. By industry. By rich absentee owners. And all too often by the most exploitive power force possible: a combination of all three.

There's little choice left for the people of Appalachia. They can remain, hungry and sick, in mine-ravaged hills. Or they can migrate, hungry and sick, to the cities. And the ghettos grow.

Easy lessons in exploitation. You have to be sharp. Sharper than the people you're trying to take advantage of. Give them little or no education, then take them over. When you're in Appalachia, you start by taking over their property.

Exploitation is a cinch if you're an unscrupulous mining company. You buy the land, sometimes for as little as \$1 an acre. Put the local people in hock to the company store. Soon own the "company town". And eventually buy and control most of the local politicians, judges and bureaucrats.

Coal mining by the strip method obliterates trees, pollutes streams and destroys the land for farming for at least 10 years. The law requires that the company restore the land. But the company that owns the mining rights may own the law enforcers too. So if the land is reclaimed, it's done at the expense of the taxpaying public. You, as well as the Appalachian poor.

<u>Collusion, corruption and bureaucratic bungling have</u> nearly killed Appalachia. The federal government has established agencies to serve both the miners and the mining companies. But these agencies have become little more than arms of the industry. Coal is a highly lucrative business. Yet Washington allowed itself to be pressured by the coal industry into subsidizing production and market research programs that cost taxpayers well over \$20 million a year.

The federal government spends only \$8.70 per capita per year on education in Appalachia. Versus \$27.88 nationally. Monies for education are rewards from Washington — handed out in direct proportion to the amount of political muscle an area has. Isolated backwoods hollows can't muster the clout to compete with thousands of other special-interest groups demanding a "piece of the pie".

Health is another example. There's a health crisis in

RAPE.

Pro-Life Lectures Planned in Geneva

Geneva — Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Willke, internationally known lecturers and authors of "Handbook on Abortion", will lecture in the Geneva area Tuesday, Sept. 26 at Hobart College at 3 p.m. and at Club 86 at 8:15 which will be free of charge and open to the public. They are sponsored by the Geneva Right 10 LIC Chapler, Mrs. Jane Schultz, president

The Willkes will begin their round of speaking engagements on the radio program "Sound Off" heard from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on station WSFW in Seneca Falls. After a luncheon with reporters, the Wilkes will address an audience at Hobart College at 3 p.m. Their evening

Problem Pregnancy?

For free confidential help call Birthright: 716-328-8700. Office Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., weekdays; 24 Hour record-o-fone to receive messages. schedule will begin with a dinner at 6:15 p.m. at Club 86 in Geneva followed by the final lecture at 8:15 p.m. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased from Mrs. Schultz.

The pro-life couple will show slides of aborted babies and a film showing an actual abortion. In his lecture Dr. Willke explains that abortion is not the pet issue of one religious group. He presents just the medical facts and never cites religious or emotional reasons why legalized abortion should be banned.

ANTIQUE SHOW

The sixth edition of "The Collector's Show and Sale" will be held on Sept. 16th and 17th at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. This is the largest coin, stamp and antique show in western New York featuring over 35 dealers from the United States and Canada.

This show features such diversified things as rare books, art and cut glass, rare coins and stamps and fine decorator candies

This is only part of what's killing Appalachia. We haven't space to cover the whole story here. But we plan to tell you about the rest of the horrors in future advertisements.

<u>Appalachian poverty programs. For everyone but the</u> <u>poor</u>. Years ago the Appalachian poor would not accept charity. No matter what. They were strong. Individualistic. They still are. But instead of developing projects to help them help themselves, the federal government has programmed many of them into a reluctant acceptance of the welfare state and its demeaning dole. And your tax money pays for it.

<u>A way the Appalachian poor can find their way back</u> to life. These proud people long for the joy and satisfaction of making their own way through creative, productive work. And we of the Appalachian Development Fund want to give them this work once more. Through real jobs that will keep the money right in Appalachia where it's so desperately needed. Real jobs you can help create.

We have enterprising plans. Plans to develop training programs around Appalachia's natural resources and around the strong talents of Appalachia's hardcore poor.

These plans cover many areas: lumber, food production, woodworking and other crafts; cooperative and community tourist developments. Some of them are under way. Like the Bread and Chicken House Cooperative at Big Stone Gap, Virginia — a production and marketing venture run by a multi-racial group of women. And the Suiphur Gap Chair Factory. This Kentucky plant has brought in 20% more industrial revenue to Brethitt, its home county.

With your help we'll assist people hungry to help themselves and help one another. Simply by distributing funds to the community groups that start the work, and by providing the sense of community needed to keep it going.

All that Appalachia asks is a chance to regain its heritage.

Appalachian Development Fund, Inc. 864 Weisgarber Road N.W., Knoxville, Tennessee 37919

A tax-exempt fund of the Commission on Religion in Appalachia (a cooperative group of 17 Christian denominations in the area).

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