

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 interested 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

of apostolic service because of the need for them.

In addition to two days a week in field work in the Cincinnati 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 they 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.

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 to Life chapter. 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 WSWF in Seneca Falls. After a luncheon with reporters, the Willkes will address an audience at Hobart College at 3 p.m. Their evening

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.

ANTIQUESHOW

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.

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Mercy Wins Press Awards

Publications at Our Lady of Mercy High School and two of the school's students were notified recently of top honors won in the annual contest sponsored by the Catholic School Press Association.

Jul Winter, who graduated in June, received the first place award in the feature-writing division for an interview with David Brinkley.

The Quill, newspaper, and the Mercedes, literary magazine, received the highest rating. "Publication of Distinction." The Veritas, yearbook, won All-Catholic, the next highest rating.

June graduate Mary Anne Donovan merited honorable mention in the feature-writing division.

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

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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.

Collusion, corruption and bureaucratic bungling have 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 Appalachia. Existing hospitals are facing bankruptcy and have no money for supplies or personnel. But your tax dollars are being squandered on bricks and mortar for new hospital buildings, some of which are almost next door to the old.

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