

## Mission Sunday Slated Oct. 22

"People helping people is the kind of charity most needed today," began Father Joseph F. Reinhart, in speaking of Mission Sunday, a day of worldwide observance through prayer and sacrifice for the Church's missions. Mission Sunday this year will be Oct. 22 when collections will be taken up in every Catholic church in the world to support the missions.

Father Reinhart, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, explained the three major areas of help to which the Society responds each year, as it has since 1822, on behalf of the universal Church's Missionary Activity.

"First, the society supports 833 ecclesial areas still designated 'mission territory,' where the Church is present but cannot support itself. The offerings collected will support the people who are the Church and who serve the Church in these places where it is so poor that outside help is an absolute necessity. That's why our missionaries," Father stressed, "call your charity their 'daily bread;' without it, they literally could not live . . . without it they could not be teachers, doctors, social and spiritual leaders serving the most needy of peoples.

"Second, the society is able to help the young Church in the missions grow. Today, more

than 51,000 men are studying for the priesthood in mission seminaries. Your charity on Mission Sunday helps feed, clothe, and educate these men as well as the numerous new communities of Sisters, Brothers, and laity who are aspiring to be life-long servants of humanity and the Church.

"Third the society can send emergency funds when natural disasters strike anywhere in the world: famine, floods, earthquakes, and disease epidemics, as in Peru, Bangladesh, Biafra.

"The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is unique, because its support is not limited by national, geographical, racial, religious, political, or apostolic boundaries. This was the 'Love Without Frontiers' characteristic on which Pauline Jaricot based the Society 150 years ago: to gather the offerings of individuals into one common fund and distribute them equally and fairly to those missionaries most in need.

"This universal trademark is certainly a 'catholic' way for all to share in their love and support of Christ's Mission to our world today. We are celebrating a double anniversary this year — the Society's founding 150 years ago and the Society's becoming a 'Pontifical' Society 50 years ago when Pope Pius XI made it his own Society — the

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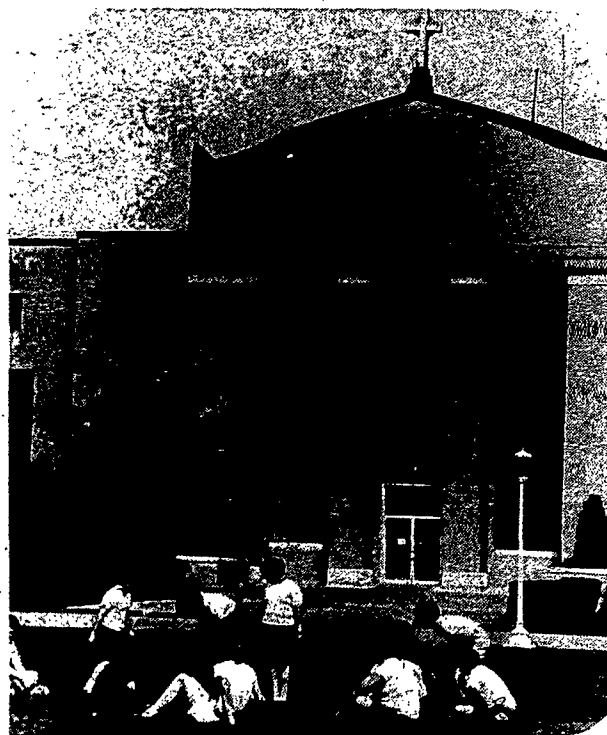


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### A New Home

Holy Childhood School, the only Catholic school in the diocese for retarded children, has moved into new quarters at 1150 Buffalo Road, where both teachers and students think the spacious classrooms and lawns are "just wonderful," in the words of principal Sister Seraphine. The school occupies the first floor of the building which will house the central pastoral offices later this month. Above, Sister Pius SS teaches reading in one of the new classrooms. Below left, a gym class plays on the wide lawn in front of the building; right, art teacher Lawrence Gerst points out a detail on a tree to the girls of his drawing class.

## The Lady at St. Bernard's Speaks of Liturgy and Life

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Often while waiting to interview someone, a quick glance at her library is a good way to pre-view the subject's thoughts.

The books of the newest faculty member at St. Bernard's — Creative Ministry, Man Becoming, The Language Gap and God, Christian Sacraments and Christian Personality — were good preparation for meeting the professor of Liturgy and Theology of Celebration.

Sister Margaret Mary Deegan, RSM, is the first woman to be a full-time faculty member at the seminary.

"I am teaching in terms of concepts," she said, "I don't teach what to do. I am facilitating not giving rubrics to follow."

Sister Margaret, of Hornell,

studied music at Nazareth College then went on to Catholic University for a masters degree in liturgy. One of three women in her class, she now is the only woman on the faculty of an all-male institution.

But it doesn't faze her in the least. She finds her new position "exciting, stimulating and challenging," and says she has been very well received.

Her basic belief is that liturgy today must be inclusive of the whole man: "all of his background and present life, from the anthropological, sociological, psychological as well as theological point of view."

Sister Margaret defines liturgy as a "way of expressing all of life in our relationship to God."

Celebrations will therefore vary with the group, she believes,

since each person will celebrate within the context of what he is.

She finds that her students, first year men as well as fourth year men, are very concerned with how they can enable others to pray and grow as well as providing for their own growth.

Finding that more people are becoming aware of the area of liturgy she is hopeful that as more people begin to understand their own role in it they will get more and more involved.

She feels that when changes came from Vatican II they came so fast many didn't understand.

"But now especially with the year of renewal, people are beginning to take a more active involvement in liturgy," she said. "And I foresee great variation from parish to parish, and there is room for that while still having the same basic meaning."

## Sister Mary Antonia Celebrates 50 Years

Sister Mary Antonia Hyde observed her Diamond Jubilee in the Sisters of Mercy Sept. 24.

Sister Mary Antonia entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1910 and made perpetual vows in 1912. She spent 20 years at St. John the Evangelist parish, Humboldt Street, where she was principal for 15 years and taught grades 5-8.

Another long stretch of time, 12 years, was spent teaching English, speech, history and religion at Our Lady of Mercy High School. She was also the dramatics coach.

Other schools where Sister taught were Holy Family School, Auburn; St. Ann's, Hornell; St. Mary's, Corning; and St. Mary's, Rochester.

In addition to the position of principal she has been a local superior several times and a Congregational Councilor.



SR. ANTONIA

At present, though retired, Sister M. Antonia is a member of the Mercy High School library staff and gives reading guidance.

## 'Work-Study' Takes Seminarians Far Afield

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

The modern emphasis on work-study programs has given a new dimension to Seminary Education.

Until five years ago seminarians had minimal on-the-job experience in ministry before graduation and placement in their first parish.

Since 1967 the program for

field work has grown. Last summer 19 seminarians had the opportunity to put the theology and philosophy they have acquired in eight years of education into practice, and some were disappointed in their inability to affect others.

For the third year St. Bernard's students took part in a national

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