



Who's Ahead?

It's hard to figure who is top man in the Aquinas' class of 1973. Leading the whole school academically are seniors Thomas Lynch and Vincent DiLella (seated, l-r). Lynch has an average of 99 against DiLella's 98.8, but in quality point ratings, DiLella edges Lynch, 5.736 to 5.704. Standing behind them are leaders of the other classes (l-r), John Monaco, sophomore; David Sedita, freshman, and William Hayden, junior. The school gives full-tuition scholarships each semester to those who achieve the three highest scores in each class, and half tuition to those in the next four slots, accommodating ties with extra grants.

Spiritual Care Unit Planned at St. Mary's

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Something new, a spiritual care department, is in the works for St. Mary's Hospital.

Presently assisting at the hospital are chaplain Father John V. Rosse who has been there since 1959, 10 Daughters of Charity, and a Protestant clergyman who works there half a day a week. Parish priests also visit their parishioners.

But the effort is not comprehensive enough to meet present needs, according to the hospital chaplain and administrators.

A department of pastoral care allows a hospital to provide planned, organized and coordinated delivery of the services needed to meet the spiritual needs of patients.

Father Rosse stressed that the organizing of this new office does not imply that "we have not given adequate spiritual care for 100 years, since we've been here."

The reason for such an office now, he explained is the complexities brought about by advancements in the health field which demand organization and special training for ministering to the sick, and their families.

Another reason that St. Mary's is establishing it now is it has the resources, both financial and in staff.

St. Monica's Adds Kindergarten

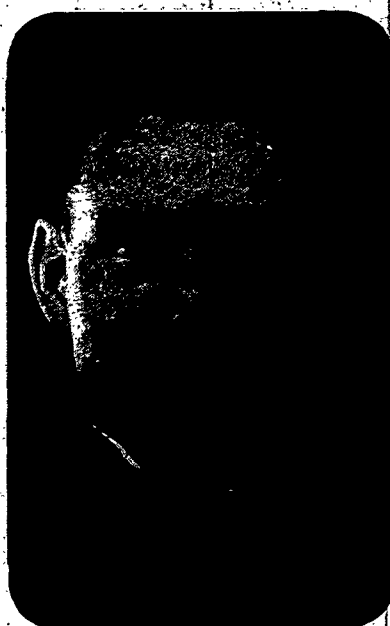
St. Monica's School will open a kindergarten next September and continue its eight grades. Sister Anne Marie, principal, announced last week.

Registration is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 1 and 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and the following Monday and Tuesday evenings, 7-8 p.m.

The school, at 841 Genesee, serves about 350 children "of all backgrounds and all faiths" in its 19th and 3rd ward neighborhood, the principal said. She pointed out that, contrary to a current report, St. Monica's is not involved in consolidation plans and has no prospects of federal aid.

Further information may be obtained from Sister Anne Marie at 235-4140.

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FATHER ROSSE

Sister Oliva Cunane, who has had training in clinical spiritual care, was asked to St. Mary's three months ago to help organize the office.

Sisters have always been on the staff at the hospital. Father Rosse continued, but they always had other jobs. Now there is a specialized, full-time nun to share with the in-depth counseling of both patients and families of the critically ill.

Hospital administration, nurses, doctors, staff and local clergy are involved in planning the ecumenical venture which is growing out of concern for "total care of patients," said Father Rosse in explaining the philosophy behind the program.

The chaplain is enthused about the "unlimited" advantages the department will afford, such as the eventual hiring of a full-time Protestant clergyman, training area clergy in counseling, and involvement of the regions and parish human development committees.

He sees a great opportunity for human development committees in patient followup work, or in helping survivors of deceased. After the funeral his job ends, he explained, and usually that is when survivors need the most care. The clerical assistance the new department would provide could keep parishes informed of needed followup.

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