

Sex Education Program Described

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said, "We teach children to be proud of their sexuality, of being masculine or feminine. Sex is something we are, not something we do. Our sexual attitudes affect all other people we deal with — our friends, relatives, and peers."

He added, "How parents view sex affects the child's sexual identity. The parent is the epitome to the child of masculinity or femininity. You are always teaching your children sex education, by your every action. So with the program, we don't expect the parent to get off scot-free."

The first true Roman Catholic backing of sex education came in October 1965, when 68 bishops issued a statement calling for "prudent education in Christian sexuality."

An interfaith statement came out in June of the following year. Signed by the National Council

of Churches, the United States Catholic Conference, and the Synagogue Council of America, it advocated sex education in a church and school system.

"Sex education should not be relegated to one individual," Dr. Guerinot said. "It should come from the home, the school, and the Church."

"There has been a lot of talk through the years," he continued, "as to the usurping of parental rights with sex education. But by not offering a program, we are usurping the rights of children."

Sex problems, such as venereal disease and unwanted pregnancy, arise from the "appalling ignorance" of basic facts about sex, he said.

The subject of sex has been too long kept in the dark. "We make it clear," he said, "that sex is sacred, and not secret."

He quoted Father Daniel

Brent, superintendent of Catholic schools, who said, "If sex is secret, then it's the worst kept secret in history."

Parents have no need to fear about the Church's recognition of "Education and Love," he said. It is fully approved, and carries the Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur, which guarantee its freedom from doctrinal errors.

I. C. Housing Seeks Land

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

The people that built 254 units of low and moderate income housing downtown last fall are now gearing up for a repeat performance in Riverton.

I.C. Housing Development Fund Co. Inc. has been negotiating with Riverton Properties Inc. for the purchase of property and construction of about 100 low and moderate income units.

"We have just signed a memorandum of understanding, which is basic for future contacts," James A. Baker, executive director of I.C. Housing said in an interview last week.

IC is the non-profit, ecumenical organization responsible for 254 units of high rise and town-house apartments located on Van Auken St. between Troup and Ford Streets.

The housing development corporation which grew out of the former Catholic Interracial Council, is motivated by the belief that all ethnic groups and the poor should have the opportunity to choose where they shall live.

"Projects such as Riverton will create this opportunity," Baker said in explanation for the construction in the new town located along the Genesee River in Henrietta.

Riverton's developers are committed to 240 rental and 123 sale subsidized housing units, according to Andrew Goldman, of Riverton Properties Inc.

Salary Increase Voted For Diocesan Sisters

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

The Priests' council reluctantly voted the sisters of the diocese a raise in pay last week and increased the annual contribution to their retirement maintenance fund.

The priests were reluctant to act on the proposal brought to them by rep would be coming from parishes already financially hurting, and their accountants, for two reasons.

First they expressed concern for their accountability. The priests did not like voting solely on the basis of a report from the sisters.

Secondly, the Council members did not think theirs was the right forum for this decision. They didn't feel qualified to rule on such a big financial commitment when the money to cover their decision hurting.

They suggested that in the future financial decisions should go to the financial committees of the Priests' and Sisters' Councils in collaboration with the diocesan financial committee.

But all misgivings on accountability were futile in the face of the report that the money requested was "basic necessity," according to the accountants that spoke for the sisters. Father James E. Boyle pointed out that at this time there was no place else for the decision to be made.

So, the sisters' present salary of \$2,450 a year will increase by \$300 and the present retirement maintenance program contribution will increase from \$250 to \$450 this year, to \$550 next year and \$650 in 1976.

Using graphs, accountant Michael Horn of Peat, Marwich, Mitchell and Co., demonstrated why the sisters needed such a raise.

Both congregations of sisters report a decrease in income producing members, an increase in the number of retired sisters, and a rise in the cost per nun.

A new factor entering into the sisters' financial planning for the first time is the possibility of receiving Social Security benefits.

Last October a legislative decision made sisters eligible for Social Security, but it is up to each congregation to decide what to do about it.

To be eligible, each congregation would first have to pay for all active sisters the equivalent of 20 back quarters since they have not paid in to Social Security in the past.

Neither order here has yet decided whether they will use this new right.

The sisters would be eligible for a minimum return of about \$85 a month, which would be supplemental to their own retirement maintenance program. The sisters' retirement maintenance program is not a pension plan, explained Arnold Jerome, chairman of the Sisters of St. Joseph's finance committee. A sister does not receive money personally. The house she resides in receives the money "for her domicile."

Council Urged to 'Lend' Order Priests a Parish

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prehension another council member expressed over a parish staffed by three religious order men when the diocese can only spare two at other parishes.

One of the two representatives of religious orders on the Council, Father Sebastian Falcone, a Capuchin Father, recommended that the suggestion be looked at conceptually, leaving the mechanics, to be worked out later.

The Council members will discuss it again with their constituents.

In other action taken at their March meeting the Council

cil finally resolved a subject that has come up at almost every meeting for more than two years.

They voted to establish a Diocesan Office of Planning with a full-time planner and secretary, and a first year budget of \$25,000.

The function of the Planning Office will be three fold according to the Council's ad hoc committee recommendations.

The planner will be responsible for researching to improve management of established departments: coordination of diocesan offices and evaluation of departments.

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