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### It's Shocking

Above, Ed Kauffman leans over to examine a motor while [l-r.] Don Taylor, Mike Sawyer, Carey Magee, Mark Hasenauer and Edward Cook look on. Mike Sawyer and Don Taylor, right, look over a class project. Cook, a retired DuPont Electrical foreman, conducts an electricity class for six eighth graders at Holy Rosary School. Cook has been holding the course in his basement and plans to continue the class as long as interest continues. As Cook says, "I have all kinds of material. If the kids are willing I'm willing."

## Principal Is Named For New Junior High

The new principal of the recently created inner city junior high school will be returning to familiar territory.

Sister Mary Wintish, RSM, was hired last week by the Council of Inner City Parishes to be principal of St. Michael's Junior High School, 343 Clifford Ave.

Sister Mary is familiar with Rochester's inner city and with the administrative position of school principal.

Before beginning her present teaching position at Elmira's Notre Dame High School in 1968, Sister Mary was principal of Our Lady of Mount Carmel after two years of teaching there.

At Notre Dame she has taught English, math and reading. She has also taught junior high school, and has had experience with innovative scheduling procedures.

Of her new job, Sister Mary said, "I am not only delighted



SISTER MARY WINTISH

with the opportunity to work with teachers dedicated to service in the inner city but am privileged to serve the children I so firmly believe in."

"Together we can meet the challenging endeavor of creating an atmosphere where learning is enjoyable," continued the educator who also worked at the Boys' Workshop on Joseph Ave., run by the Sisters of Mercy.

## Jail Ministry On the Move

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, Inc., now boasts 60 participating clergy who visit, counsel and serve as troubleshooters for county jail inmates and their families or lawyers.

Working from a past filled with general non-commitment on the part of clergy and resistance from jail administrators, Jail Ministry directors and others involved with the effort since it began in 1970, have come a long way.

Robert Bonn, director of the Jail Ministry program since 1971, is the man responsible for the organization. In a recent interview, Bonn spoke of jail ministry past, present and future, amid many interruptions.

The phone rang steadily with calls from people wanting the help of Jail Ministry, Inc., or Rochester Bail Fund, which share the fourth floor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Fitzhugh Street.

Jail Ministry past consisted of four part-time chaplains whose work was limited, by time, to sacramental ministry.

But a survey conducted by Colgate Rochester and St. Bernard's seminarians in 1969 showed there was a need for a ministry to persons involved in the judicial process.

The seminarians strongly recommended a formal ministry coordinated by a specially qualified clergyman and staffed by seminarians and laymen to serve the needs of defendants, prisoners and probationers.

And in 1970, the Rochester Area Ministers group called area

clergymen together to discuss the inner city tensions centering on law enforcement.

One result of that conference was the Task Force on Courts, for which Church Women United took responsibility. Meanwhile the clergy, who have the right to go into jails, decided to use that privilege and give direct ministry to persons involved in the process of criminal justice.

"We saw early that since there were so many in jail we needed a highly organized jail ministry headed up by a full-time coordinator," explained Bonn.

With a grant of \$10,000 from the Margaret Woodbury Strong Fund of the Episcopal Diocese in January 1971, Bonn was hired as executive director and organizational efforts began.

The young native of Baltimore, Md., and former Colgate Rochester Divinity School student, ran into three procedural problems: lack of cooperation from the sheriff's department, lack of interest from area clergy and organizational problems.

Many sessions with jail administrators helped clear the way for cooperation there. A membership drive last summer expanded the Jail Ministry to "a little more than 60," including 26 priests, "who visit on an average 90 persons a month."

Every morning Bonn's office gets a release, and received list of those incarcerated the day before and he calls the clergy on his list from the neighborhood the jailed man or woman is from.

The jail ministers see their role as more than direct ministry to the immediate needs of the

jailed, says Bonn. They hope to be catalyst for change in the jail and other areas of judicial process, as well as educating the public through their churches, to the criminal justice system.

Bonn is now busy scheduling jail ministry training sessions for clergy, working for more involvement of seminarians through field work programs of the seminaries, as well as awaiting the result of an appeal for validation from Genesee Ecumenical Ministries which would mean interfaith long-range funding.

His plans now include getting lay people and nuns involved. "That is the thrust of the educational effort, to engender interest in jail ministry, counseling, rehabilitation," explained Bonn.

### Music Professor Organizing Band

A community band, planned for the pleasure of the musicians, is being organized by Dr. Michael D. Sandgarten, an assistant professor of music at Brockport College.

Anyone who is more than 12 years old and able to play a band instrument may join any time, the director said. Family groups will be especially welcome. Music will be selected to suit the skill of the players.

Dr. Sandgarten said he was looking forward to old-fashioned summertime "concerts in the park." He may be reached through the college music department.

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