



Photo by Susan McKinney

**Students Speak Out**

Paul Kuter does his share for social justice as he displays posters made by 6-7-8 graders at Good Shepherd school.



**OUR PARISH COUNCIL**  
Bernard Lyons

The first priorities in organizing a committee (whether it is for liturgy or community concerns) are to establish the need for the committee and then to find the leadership.

By establishing the need, I mean that the reason for the committee to be formed is seen by at least several people.

For example, it would have been difficult to form a liturgy committee before Vatican II and the changes in the worship service. Not only was the Mass in Latin, but lay people generally felt they had no competence to meet and discuss the Mass. If lay people met concerning the worship service, it was with a priest who explained the Mass to them.

Now with the Mass in our own tongue, with participation having been stressed over the past few years, and the options available to local congregations made more clear, any parish should have a number of lay people who will see the need for a liturgy committee.

If you have a number of people who see the need for a particular committee, and understand somewhat how it will function, and what its purposes are, then your concentration should be on leadership.

If you have a person who understands the need and is sufficiently motivated and trained in the area that the committee will concern itself with, then you might ask him or her to assume the leadership of the committee.

If you do not have such a person readily available, then you will have to take the job yourself until you are able to "replace" yourself.

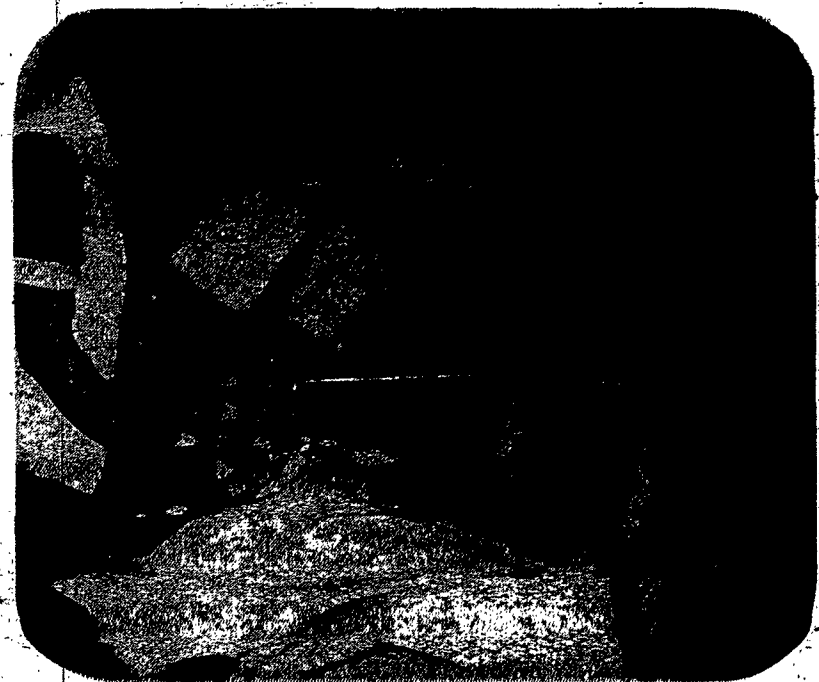
Any community has within itself the potential leadership to

**PILGRIMAGE**

**Newark** — The 23rd annual pilgrimage from Newark to shrines in Canada is set for July 30-Aug. 4. Mrs. Celina De Rycke announced last week. Reservations may be made by writing to her at 108 Elm St., Newark, N.Y. 14513, or calling 315-331-3859.

accomplish its goals. The task is always to articulate, or spell out, the need, and then to furnish the motivation and training.

Too often the person who sees the need feels frustrated when he asks for volunteers to a committee, because he has overlooked the need to demonstrate the reason-why, motivate people to respond to it, and then insure that competent personnel are available or training given.



Mrs. Mary Grace Crerand teaches Theresa Perrin, a seventh grader at St. Louis, the art of needlework.

**'Mini-Courses' Abound At Pittsford School**

Executives from television, radio, retailing, and data processing industries, as well as a physical therapist, newspaper reporter and social worker will be teaching classes at St. Louis School, Pittsford, during the coming weeks. They are just some of the 18 people who have volunteered to participate in the mini-course program from mid-March to mid-April for the students of grades six, seven and eight.

A mini-course is a brief investigation of a subject outside

**Youth Cares**  
**School Projects Help Many Causes**

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Since September, 20 Good Shepherd students have been very busy learning how to be "better citizens when we grow up."

The sixth and seventh grade students belong to a club started by Sister Margie Roney, RSM, called Youth Cares.

Sister Margie, who has taught fifth and sixth grade math, religion and reading at Good Shepherd since 1969, got the idea for the club after taking a Human Development course in social action last summer.

If you can teach adults of social justice issues and how to take action, than you can teach children, the young, enthusiastic nun reasoned.

Sister Margie's philosophy is "a parochial school can teach care and concern for others with a Christian base, connected with Christian responsibility."

"I want to teach them to know and communicate with their political leaders," she said. "It is up to them to decide on issues. My purpose is to get the kids aware, now, of social issues so as they grow up involvement will be natural."

The club has discussed and acted on a variety of issues.

They wrote letters to inmates of Auburn prison, "because it is nice to let people know you care about them," says a sixth grade member, Paul Kuter.

They have also written letters to their legislative representatives on such issues as abortion and amnesty.

In a music demonstration at St. Mary's, Canandaigua, they showed how children can take an active part in liturgy. They are junior members of Good Shepherd's Human Development Committee.

A Christmas-time collection of goods for five Corning families hit

hard by last summer's flood, was the UNICEF collection that raised \$230 and another collection for a kidney machine needed by Monroe County.

In recent conversations, six members who said they joined the club because they "like Sister Margie a lot" and because "we care," agreed their last project was the most effective.

On Saturday, March 31, 16 students, most of them Youth Cares members, stuffed 700 sandbags in attempt to save a Lake Ontario cottage belonging to the family of one of their teachers.

"You can't do anything alone, but if you join together you can do a lot," is the lesson club secretary, Beth Hoak, a seventh grader, learned from the experience.

Sister Carolyn Knipper, principal of Good Shepherd, is very pleased with the new club and says she sees the concern demonstrated by the club spreading to other grades.

She described Youth Cares as "one aspect of education that stresses education for life as it is." She also said the club has not met with wholehearted support from parents.

Letters were sent to the parents in September, said Sister Margie, telling them the club would be discussing controversial issues and hoped for their support. She feels she lost some members with that letter.

The club members agree that divergence of opinion between them and their parents does occur, but it didn't seem to trouble them.



**HER COFFIN: THE GARBAGE CAN**

THE HOLY FATHER'S MISSION AID TO THE ORIENTAL CHURCH

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The Sister was moving among the slums of a city in India. Unbelievably, she heard sobbing coming from a trash barrel. Brushing aside the flies and the vermin, she looked. Beneath the filth and debris was an old lady crying from tearless eyes as her life slowly ebbed away. Tenderly the Sister lifted her, placed her on her shoulders and took her to the Hospice for the Dying. Before she died, the old lady told the Sister, "I'm not crying because I was in the garbage. I'm crying because my son put me there. He had to. There was not enough food for the family."... Tragically, this scene will be replayed many more times. But you can help to lessen it. Will you? Here is how...

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