



FATHER BRENT

### Fr. Brent Voted To State Post

Father Daniel Brent, diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools, has recently been elected to a two-year term as president of the State Council of Catholic School Superintendents.

The council, which operates out of Albany, holds monthly meetings, at which diocesan school superintendents can "share with one another the programs of their dioceses, and discuss strategies for improving the Catholic school system in the state," according to Father Brent.

The council recently released a statement on the recent Supreme Court decisions which struck down the constitutionality of bills which would have provided government assistance to parochial schools. Said the statement: "To limit and negate educational opportunity on the basis of 'aid to religion' is a sad commentary on the Court's understanding of parental rights and responsibilities in providing for the educational needs of their children."

Because of the Supreme Court's rulings, Father Brent said that NYSCSS will now necessarily concentrate more on curriculum ideas within Catholic schools and the "catholic uniqueness of the schools," which have always been Father Brent's own chief area of focus.

## Do Two Programs for Inmates Overlap?

By PAT PETRASKE

The proposed Thresholds program for inmates of the Monroe County jail may become a reality if it can be shown that it does not "conflict or compete" with the existing mental health program.

Although Robert Stanwick, superintendent of the jail, expressed "great interest," he said, "It seems that both programs are trying to reach the same goal. If one program goes at it one way and the other goes another way, the inmate may become confused," he explained.

Thresholds was explained to program volunteers at a recent meeting. Basically, it is a course in decision-making and problem solving, to be taught to county jail inmates by volunteers, with a two-fold purpose: aiding inmates to cope with life after leaving jail and bringing people from the communities into the county jail to meet the inmates and see the conditions under which they live.

Stanwick expressed concern that Thresholds and the mental health program were both trying

to help the inmate in his ability to make decisions with the eventual goal of reducing the rate of recidivism.

The Monroe County Jail has had the services of the Community Mental Health treatment team. Reception of a \$61,454 federal grant will enable the jail to expand their program, to be known as the rehabilitative intervention program for sentenced prisoners.

Services to inmates have been limited to crisis situations where patients are treated for "highly visible and acute psychiatric conditions." Undersheriff Andrew Meloni said. The grant will expand the program to treat those suffering from "less visible but equally handicapping disabilities," he said.

Expanding the mental health program may lead to overlapping, Stanwick noted. However, Bob Bonn, of the Jail Ministry who was conducting the meeting, believes that because of the limited number of people working with the mental health program, the inmates are not adequately covered. He thus sees

no "competing" for inmates. One volunteer added that the mental health program has a "therapeutic approach" while Thresholds is a "transmission of skills."

Bonn described Thresholds as "enabling an inmate to consider all possibilities when making a decision."

A basic premise of sentenced inmates is that they were "victims" of circumstances outside themselves, Bonn maintained, and this attitude does not lead to careful decisions. Thresholds

points out that there are many responses to a situation, not all of them equally desirable.

Thresholds was devised by Milton (Mickey) Burglass, of Correctional Solutions, Inc., a former prisoner.

A formal presentation to be given to Stanwick and other members of the jail staff is being planned by a task force of Thresholds' volunteers. Final approval must be obtained from Stanwick, Meloni and Sheriff Albert Skinner.

### Holy Ghost Parish Plans Summer Festival

Holy Ghost Church at 220 Coldwater Road in Gates will present its 1973 Summer festival Friday and Saturday July 20-21. Rain date is Sunday, July 22.

Games of skill are planned and refreshments will be available.

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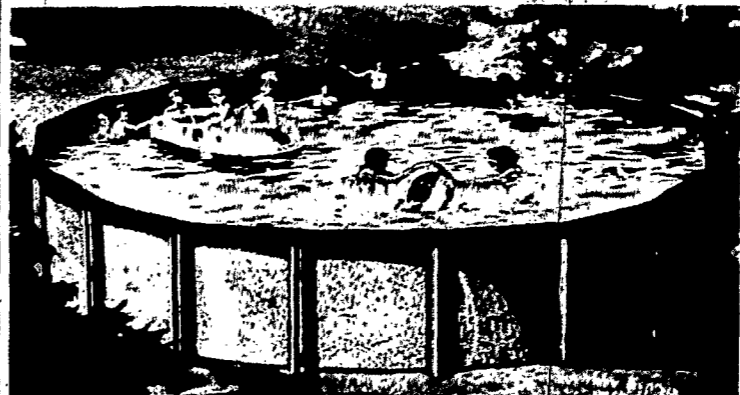
The choir of forty-eight voices will give a concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in the chapel of the St. Joseph Motherhouse, 4095 East Ave. The public is invited. There will be no admission

charge. The choir will sing also at Midtown Mall at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 24.

### NOVENA

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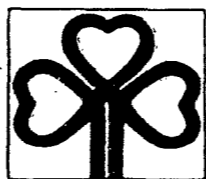
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