



Concentration on coordination, above, and the use of tactile aids to overcome learning disabilities, below, are some of the techniques used by Sister Mary Roger. In the new instructional center, learning to communicate, below right, will help students.

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St. Charles Offers Special Ed

A new instructional center for children with learning disabilities will open in September, at St. Charles Borromeo School. It is the first of its kind in Greece and in parochial schools of the diocese of Rochester.

According to Sister Mary Roger, teacher at the center, its pupils will usually have average or above-average intelligence, but their learning processes have been disrupted because of impaired perceptual, conceptual, language or memory skill development.

Pupils will go to regular classes

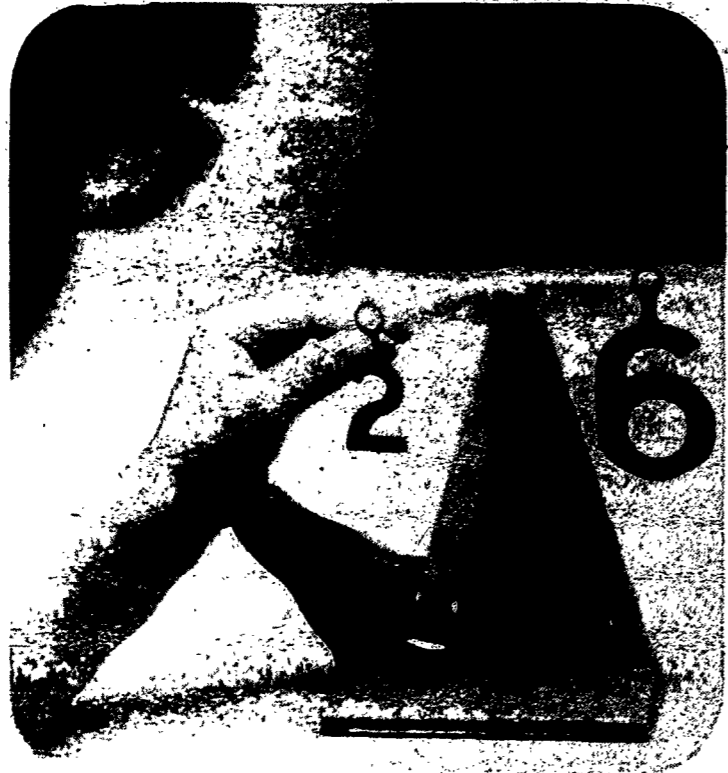
at St. Charles, but will receive specialized assistance from the instructional center staff. The amount of time each pupil will spend in the instructional center will be determined by the instructional center teacher, depending upon severity of the disability.

During the pilot year 1973-74 the center will serve children enrolled in St. Charles' primary and intermediate level. It will expand to serve the needs of other parochial schools in the future.

Sister Mary Roger has 20 years

teaching experience and this year will complete her M.A. in elementary education. She has attended numerous in-service courses and workshops concerned with learning disabilities and has worked with children having these difficulties in the regular classroom for several years.

She will be assisted by mother volunteers acting as teacher aides. At least one of these volunteers will receive special training this fall in the Greece BOCES training sessions for aides in learning disabilities classrooms.



War Vets Hit O'Hare Drive

Madeline Murry O'Hare has run afoul of the Catholic War Veterans of Monroe County.

Mrs. O'Hare, an atheist and a champion of the legal separation of church and state, brought the suit that outlawed prayer in public schools; she is now planning to present the National Aeronautics and Space Administration with 27,000 letters protesting a Christmas, 1968, Bible reading by astronauts circling the moon.

Catholic War Veterans across the state have taken up her challenge, says Monroe County commander Michael Terrigino.

At the June 7-9 State convention of the New York Catholic War Veterans held in Rochester,

said Terrigino, it was decided to join a movement to address a million signed letters to the Manned Spacecraft Center, Astronaut Office in Houston, Texas, asking that the astronauts not be censured.

The letters support "the right of every human being to express

their faith in God and the Bible publicly without fear of censure."

Terrigino, who resides at 238 Thorncliffe Drive, Rochester 14617, said that it was his aim to collect as many of the letters as possible himself, and to join other CWV commanders in presenting them to NASA.

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