



## ALL IN THE FAMILY Sarah Child

Have you ever thought that the world you read about in the newspapers or see on television and the world you live in are sometimes so far apart you wonder if you and the media representatives are inhabiting the same planet?

I do, at times in spite of the fact that I have spent all of my life working on newspapers.

We were on our way home from Mass yesterday morning when I wondered aloud where it was that the Catholic Church was declining.

In our large suburban parish which has a huge capacity it is difficult to get a seat if you are not early. Oh, maybe not at the 7:30 or 8:30 Masses, but at the 9, 10, 11 and Saturday night Masses you'd better not lallygag if you want to sit down.

And to this practiced eye the Communion lines are overwhelming.

A usually reliable source, as newspaper people are found quoting, says that the situation is

### Teachers to Meet

The annual Diocesan Teacher's Conference will be held Monday, Sept. 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Bishop Kearney High School, 125 Kings Highway S.

Mary Reed Newland, coordinator of adult education for the Albany Diocese, will be the main speaker. Her topic will be "Catholic Education: Commitment to Service."

### CHURCH WOMEN TO MEET

Auburn — Church Women United will meet Thursday evening, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Alphonsus School Cafeteria. There will be a panel presentation by the League of Women Voters on the 10 amendments and one proposition that will appear on the November ballot. The session is open to all churchwomen in Cayuga County.

not unique in our parish. Membership is on the up in churches throughout our diocese.

Is this a true picture of the current state of the Catholic Church? Or should I believe the likes of Gary Wills and his depressing views which seem as if they should be given more credence since they are splashed over the entire front page of the New York Times Sunday Book Review, and mine are phrased to my husband as we are turning out of the church parking lot?

I thought also of the discrepancies between what we read and what we observe for ourselves the other night when some friends invited us over for some Italian sausage cooked on the grill.

The conversation got around to adoption as they told us of friends of theirs who had just received a child from Korea.

"There are no babies to adopt in this country since the abortion law," said our host.

"So many people want them," I interspersed, "And, the babies are murdered," he finished bitterly.

Murder was his word not mine. A Catholic speaking? No, a WASP, if you will, who is a member of the Baptist Church.

And, yet, if you read secular newspapers you might get the idea that it is only Catholics who use emotional words like murder in connection with our super efficient abortion laws.

There are other examples but these two come in close chronological sequence and come readily to mind.

So what is the answer? Believe nothing we read, only what we see? In this, the age of communications, that is not likely to be the problem. Conversely, we might learn to trust our own impressions, the information that comes to us other than in a packaged form to balance what we read or see on TV if we are to come close to the whole truth.

# REACH Again Aids Migrants

By PEG PEASE

Cohocton — Project REACH is once again helping migrants to the area. Under the direction of a new acting director, Gary Hanson, and his job counselor, Charles Rola, much attention will be given to both migrants and their families.

Driving through Steuben county, one sees fields of potatoes ready to be harvested, and migrant workers are now arriving in the area to provide a labor force for the harvest.

REACH is involved in providing and helping others provide services needed by these farm workers while they are here.

Included in these services is a family health clinic which will operate free twice a week at the Cohocton Area Medical Center.

Medical services will be extended to specialty referrals made to area doctors, to Tri-County Family Medicine day practice, and inpatient care referral to Dansville Hospital.

A dental clinic will operate on Monday and Wednesday evenings in Perkinsville. Day care services will be provided so that mothers of small children may work. Operated through the local communities, the centers are funded by Agriculture and Markets.

An after school tutoring program will operate in the Avoca, Wayland, and Cohocton schools three afternoons a week under the direction of local teachers. This program is designed for migrant children

and is funded by Migrant Education Bureau through Steuben County BOCES.

REACH also offers a referral service for placement in jobs and training programs.

In cooperation with the North Carolina Council of Churches, REACH provides Emergency Food funds to migrant families during periods of unemployment. Vouchers are made out to an ROSARY SOCIETY

Cohocton — The Rosary and Altar Society has resumed meetings at St. Pius V. All the women of the parish are invited to join.

individual and are redeemable for food. Used clothing and some blankets will be provided by the Wayland Service Center at very low prices again this year.

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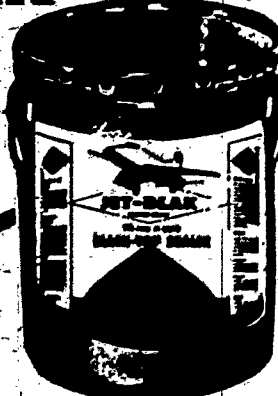
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