

Pat Lawlor Is A Busy Lady

By PAT PETRASKE

Can a college senior juggle a full course load and a parttime job, and teach each week in two parishes? Pat Lawlor, the first student to participate in Nazareth College's new independent study program for religious education, manages to find time for all three.

Miss Lawlor began her field experience at St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester, in January by teaching on the second grade level. She also teaches CCD to second graders at St. Louis Parish in Pittsford. To help meet college expenses, she works 10 hours a week as a dental assistant at the Jordan Health Center.

Nazareth College is offering two courses this year in field experience and religious education ministry, the latter to be offered this summer. "Religious Ministry to Growth" will emphasize religious education methods and curriculum and will be taught by Sister Kay Heverin, religious coordinator at Holy Spirit Church, Sister Michael Lappetto, director of diocesan religious education, and Rosalie Reinhardt, consultant to parish coordinators.

Both courses are offered as electives open to any student and are worth three credit hours towards a degree.

One of six religious education majors at Nazareth, Miss Lawlor entered the field because "I saw the type of education I had gotten in grammar school and high school and I didn't like it very much. I had to find out where I was as far as religion goes and then I decided I wanted to educate other people."

This exploration of religion began when she was in the army, where she received her dental training. After graduation she hopes to become a religious education coordinator and decided to take the independent study course to "find out what parish life is really like."

Sister Kate Vaeth, together with Mrs. Reinhardt and Sister Kay, was instrumental in outlining the course proposals and presented them to the religious education department. Final approval was given by Msgr. William Shannon, chairman of the religious education department, and the Nazareth administration.



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Sister Kate believes the focus of the program at Nazareth College had been on theology rather than field experience and education methods. Because of declining numbers of religious in the field of religious education she feels a practical course will encourage more lay people.

"Once you have a religious education background and you get out into the world, you may find you do not like the field," said Sister Kate who compares the practice to student teaching undertaken by education majors.

Course requirements for the independent study program include a written evaluative report to be submitted after completion of the semester, and work in two parishes to observe two different approaches to religious education.

Pope Stresses Advantages Of Austerity

Vatican City. [RNS] — Reflecting on what he called today's "general economic uncertainty," Pope Paul urged Christians to "put brakes" on unnecessary consumption, and try to understand "the moral and civil advantages of austerity."

In his customary Sunday address to people in St. Peter's Square, the Pope also exhorted Christians "who are better off" to be more than ever mindful of the plight of "less favored" peoples and nations.

He said that persons who "draw inspiration" from "Christian wisdom" should be concerned not merely with their own private interests, but with the demands of "charity" towards other persons, especially the poor and the suffering.

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Nancy Murphy

Mrs. Nancy Murphy is a graduate of the University of Delaware. She was active in the formation of pro-life groups in the Fort Wayne-South Bend area of Indiana before moving to Rochester. She presently edits the newsletter of the Rochester Area Right to Life.

The rate of American pharmaceutical advancement, once it is motivated, can make a layman's head swim.

While most of us were barely able to grasp the rudiments of surgical abortion, the pharmaceutical industry was ready to market a new class of compounds, some designed to destroy the three to six month human fetus sans scalpel: Prostaglandins.

The U.S. Agency for International Development in a 1972 report saw the new compounds as a replacement for surgical abortions within a few years.

Prostaglandins are known to possess the ability to cause uterine contractions, though in some cases the uterus fails to evacuate completely. This plus a high incidence of side effects casts doubt upon the administration of these compounds.

Science discovered the family of natural compounds in 1930 but no use was seen until 1970 when a Swedish hospital team began using prostaglandins as abortifacients. The University of North Carolina with the Upjohn Company, supplying the prostaglandins then began similar experiments. Since mid-July 1971 the U.S. Agency for International Development has supplied funds for further prostaglandin research according to a 1972 Health Report.

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A Time to Vacation With the Grandchildren

By CHARLES RANDISI

For a third of a century, Mrs. Muriel Croft has been a foster mother to 37 girls. Now, finally, she wants some time to herself.

She recently retired, and a luncheon was held in her honor Monday, Feb. 25, by her friends at the Catholic Family Center, which has assigned girls to her care over the years.

She and her husband, Alfred Croft, who died in 1966, took in their first three foster children in 1941.

"We never had children of our own," she recounts. "We were thinking of adopting, when Father Thomas Connors (founding pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish) suggested we go to the Catholic Family Center."

After the first girls came, "we decided we liked having them with us so we kept on doing it."

Most of the girls were in their teens when they arrived at the Croft house but some were only five years old. Some, like Mrs. Elizabeth Puff, who attended the luncheon, stayed on until they were 21.

A few ran away, but that didn't discourage the Crofts. "They gave us lots of pleasure," Mrs. Croft says. "There's been some happiness with all of them."

Times have changed for Mrs. Croft, however, and so have the attitudes of the young. That's one of the reasons she gives for her retirement. "Years ago they wanted a home," she says. "Today most of them just want a place to sleep and that's it."



Mrs. Muriel Croft and foster daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Puff.

She's been indispensable to the Catholic Family Center. Says Miss Bernadette Slater, supervisor of the CFC home-finding operation, "She taught me all I need to know about foster children."

Miss Patricia Ragonese, who finds homes for foster children, says, "Whenever we got a child that was hard to place, we'd say, 'This is one Mrs. Croft can take.' I don't know what we'll do without her."

Mrs. Croft's philosophy of dealing with the children is simple but profound. "You have to realize that it's just as hard for them to get used to you as it is for you to get used to them."

Now she's looking forward to her first vacation in 33 years. "I'll find lots of things to do," she says. "Betty (Mrs. Puff) has her family, and I want to visit my grandchildren."

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