

Blessed Trinity to Pilot State Education Program

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — Blessed Trinity School has been selected as one of five schools in New York State to be a "pilot" school for a State Education Department experimental project ICEIT, (Improving Cost Effectiveness in Instruction Through Technology), according to Sister Walter Anne, principal.

Blessed Trinity is the only Catholic school chosen for the multi-million dollar project prepared by the education department to help educators efficiently use tools of technology.

Sister Walter Anne indicated Blessed Trinity was selected because of "above average" scores in the Pupil Evaluation Performance examination given by the state in reading and mathematics in October of 1973.

Sister Walter Anne said Blessed Trinity was advised of this decision by Richard Carlson and James Anderson, members of the SED Division of Research and Educational Communication.

A letter from the principal to parents explained that ICEIT attempts to design a mechanism

to serve students through television and teacher aides. SED hopes by means of ICEIT to offset rising costs, improve instruction, more efficiently utilize a teaching staff, and demonstrate the effectiveness of properly employed technology.

A television-managed learning system is being developed as a self-contained fourth grade curriculum in social studies, science, ecology, consumerism, cultural heritage, music, art, and health education.

The fourth grade level was chosen for this experiment because of the openness of children at this age, and because it's a natural follow-up to, and reinforcement of Sesame Street and The Electric Company. Both are educational television programs.

Two fourth grades at Blessed Trinity will be taught by the ICEIT programming for a period of 20 half-days, from March 27 to April 10, and from April 22 to May 3. One grade will have the ICEIT programming in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

A third fourth grade class will act as a control group. They will

be taught according to traditional methods by their own teacher.

ICEIT is not a passive experience for the students but a complete involvement, the principal reported. During the two-hour, television-managed portion of the instructional day the students actually watch the screen for only one hour, and this is in segments varying from 10 seconds to 20 minutes in length throughout the two-hour period. The rest of the time the students are actively involved in using specially designed materials.

Inquiry and creativity are encouraged through the use of open-ended projects. Some activities are designed for followup by the classroom teacher the next day, which guarantees qualified supervision for certain discussion activities and helps unify the student's instruction.

Sister Walter Anne assured parents that the students involved in ICEIT will continue to receive instruction in Religion, mathematics, reading, and language arts from their own teachers.



Post Office Holy Name

Post Office Holy Name Society president Dan Bertolone [right] and incoming president Al Voellinger [left] go over plans for the group's Family Communion breakfast, to be held March 17 at St. Joseph's Church and 111 East Avenue Hotel, with William E. Finn, Rochester Postmaster. Father Robert E. Weiss will be the speaker.

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Montagu's lecture on "Love and Education" will begin at 8 p.m. in the Nazareth Arts Center Auditorium.

Chairman and professor of anthropology at Rutgers University, Montagu studied at the Universities of London and Florence before earning a doctor of philosophy degree in anthropology at Columbia University, where his dissertation concerned Australian aborigines.

Before joining Rutgers Montagu taught at Harvard and the University of Delaware. He also has served as family affairs and anthropological adviser to the National Broadcasting Company.

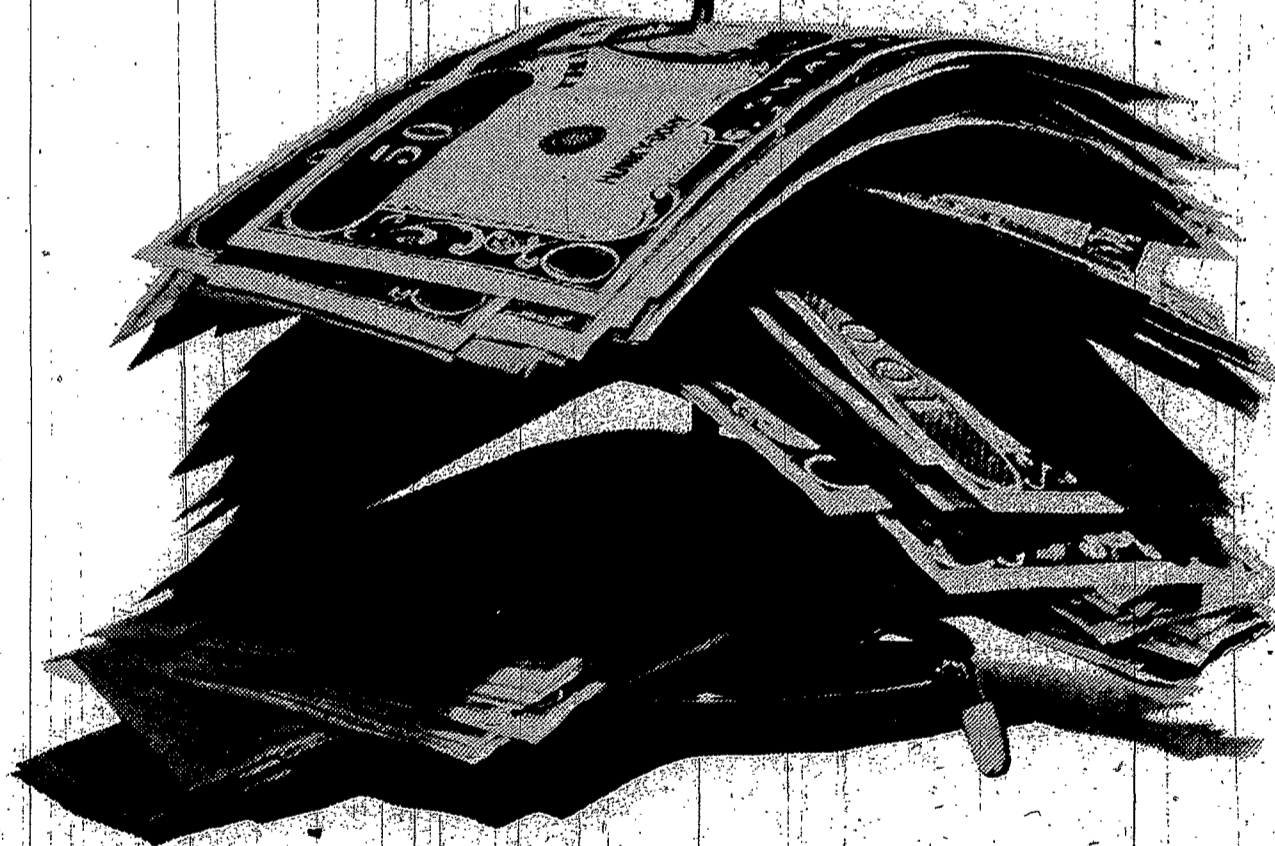
He is an associate and advisory editor of Isis, the Journal of the History of Science, Gemmologia, the study of twins and twinning, and Child Family Digest.

Montagu is the author of 18 books, the best known of which are "The Natural Superiority of Women," "On Being Human," and "Man: His First Million Years."

Sponsored by the Nazareth Lecture Committee, Montagu's talk is open to the public.

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