

# ALL IN THE FAMILY

By the time this is in print school will be under way once again.

Happily the only reluctant one around this house is me. The two older kids think the classroom routine is a treat instead of a treatment, thanks to the school they attend. And the nursery school girl has talked about last year's teachers throughout vacation ad nauseam.

Part of my problem I suppose is that down not so deep I envy them. There they are leaving the house early in the morning, fresh and crisp, lunch and books in hand looking forward to a day spent with friends, teachers who will challenge them and an occasional new experience.

Then there's me wearing yesterday's shorts and top hastily thrown on, facing dirty cocoa cups, cereal underfoot and the inevitable mountain of laundry. (I wish someone could explain to me just once how a family of five can use 23 towels a day).

Upstairs they have made their beds and if I do not look carefully I can almost ignore the lump the sweatshirt makes under the sheets and the bedspread which touches the floor on one side and rises to expose the box springs on the other.

But these are all minor an-

## Alcoholism Agency Relocates Offices

The Finger Lakes Alcoholism Counseling and Referral Agency head quarters have moved from the Medical Arts Building in Geneva to Maxwell Hall, Clifton Springs, N.Y., according to Norman E. Wright, executive director and four county coordinator for the agency.

Wright, who has directed the non-profit organization since its formation in May 1973, said the new headquarters location places it closer to the geographical and population centers of the four counties it serves, Ontario, Wayne, Seneca and Yates.

Another advantage, he noted, is the closer proximity to alcoholism treatment facilities at Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic and the Veterans' Administration Hospital at Canandaigua.

He said a satellite counseling office will also be retained in the Geneva General Hospital complex on the second floor of the building at 34 Mason St. directly across the street from the previous headquarters. The Geneva office, as well as the Seneca County operations, will be staffed by Donald W. Moriarty, full-time counselor with the agency.

The 24 hour Geneva telephone referral service will use the same telephone number, 789-7547, and a similar 24 hour "hot line" will be established in Clifton Springs at 462-9466, Wright said.

The relocation of the administrative headquarters will have no effect on the operation of the agency's Wayne County satellite center in Newark, which is located in St. Mark's Parish

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noyances. What is really bothering me is there is no more ignoring the sign that Summer is ended. The mini vacations are over, the haphazard, lovely, lazy structure of the days is over for another year.

The silver maples and the neighboring poplars, always the first to shed their leaves, are showing distinct signs of yellowing. There is no more planting, only harvesting. The drier air is welcome. So are the cool nights. But a friend looking ahead predicts we're in for another of our savage winters. We've had two mild ones in a row, she points out. A third one is unthinkable.

There is, of course, the other side to the coin. There has been few cups of coffee exchanged with neighbors. It's hard to talk over the noise of as many as eight kids. A lot of problems get worked out during those coffee klatches and it will be good to get together again.

And there's a wedding coming up in October. A bachelor brother whom a lot of people thought would never take the step has set a date and our kids are practicing saying Aunt Mary.

So I suppose I'd better stop dragging my feet and welcome fall. It's on its way whether I like it or not.

House, 400 South Main St. Plans for outreach operations in Seneca and Yates Counties remain unaffected also, Wright added.

The Finger Lakes area alcoholism agency was established under a federal grant provided for by the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 and is administered by the Division of Alcoholism of the State of New York Department of Mental Hygiene.

Creation of the agency followed identification of alcoholism as a priority emotional illness seriously affecting the lives of thousands of persons in the four counties.

Among the sponsoring and coordinating agencies involved in extensive research and planning during the past year were the Finger Lakes Mental Health and Retardation Council, the Genesee Region Health Planning Council Inc., mental health boards and comprehensive health planning agencies in the four counties, along with local government officials and concerned citizen groups.



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## For Religious Educators

# Diocese Holds Seminars

By PAT PETRASKE

Every parish function depends on its volunteers. The vital question of how to recruit and sustain these volunteers was answered last week by the religious education coordinators of Guardian Angels Parish, Cathy Torma and Gini Gradl.

The session was one of nine informational seminars held for the new religious education coordinators of the diocese at the Cenacle Retreat House, Aug. 26-29. Sponsored by the diocesan religious education staff, the annual workshop touched on topics from practical ideas on presenting the sacraments to an overview of the diocese's educational services.

Highlighting the week was a picnic supper and a discussion of parts played by religious education coordinators, parish staff and pastors. "It gave us an idea of the accountability, interaction and support within each parish," explained Sister Michael Lappetito, director of religious education.

A fundamental tool for the new employe is his resources and Mrs. Torma and Mrs. Gradl distributed a packet that contained devices for communications, job descriptions, policies, lesson plans, hiring and interview procedures, and even a certificate of achievement to congratulate the teachers on the religious education staff.

Mrs. Gradl outlined the long range planning that covers the months of January to April. She emphasized that parish teaching requirements must be clearly defined. For example, at Guardian Angels all teachers must go through a training program.

One participant reported that some of her teachers become very "defensive," at the suggestion.

"They say, 'You can't tell me anything is wrong with the

## New Rector Named For Rome College

Washington, D.C. [RNS] Msgr. Harold P. Darcy, rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N.J., has been named rector of the 115-year-old North American College seminary in Rome; it was announced here.

The appointment, which is effective immediately, was made public by Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), who said the nomination of Msgr. Darcy "was the result of a very thorough search" by an NCCB committee concerned with the college.

Msgr. Darcy, 45, has been rector of the Newark, N.J., archdiocesan major seminary at Darlington for two years. From 1961 to 1971, he served with the Apostolic Delegation in Washington, D.C.

Baltimore Catechism."

The coordinators also take a firm stand on the number of children in each classroom. "Not more than 20 kids are permitted in each class," said Mrs. Gradl who admitted that a waiting list exists for several grades.

To recruit new volunteers Guardian Angels has a four week "plan of attack." First, communications such as a newsletter, a message from the pulpit, and sign up sheets are given out. During the second week, the responses to the recruitment sheets are collected. A get-acquainted coffee hour marks the third week and the last week hosts a thank you hour.

The short range planning focuses on hiring procedures, lesson plans and the fostering of a community spirit by "preparing, learning, praying and playing together," Mrs. Torma said. During the planning process it is important to determine why parishioners do or do not volunteer. The religious education coordinators listed positive attitudes towards volunteering including a feeling of duty and means to support the Church, desire to spread the Christian message and love of children.

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The women found that many people had a fear of the classroom, a misunderstanding of the job, a feeling of not being needed and an inability to grasp the importance of the program. Overcoming these problems are important for the success of religious education, they said.

Each parish budget should allow for "an expression of appreciation," Mrs. Torma maintained. At Guardian Angels, special days of recognition of the contributions made by volunteers are held.



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