

Some of the reading material used in Sister Ann Habershaw's Bible Study class.



Christine Bochen explores the development and current direction of theological thought in her course, Catholic Focus 1974.

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It's no run-of-the-mill adult education program at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

There's nothing stuffy about it, nor is it necessarily academic or highly structured, according to Ted Lum, registration chairman.

A parish conference three years ago on "cradle to grave" education was followed by a pilot study on philosophical readings that gradually produced two separate living room Bible sessions.

In the Spring of 1973, the two groups went to work on a broader education packet, and a curriculum was developed to include formal course offerings. Three courses now are available per semester, each with a "religious purpose behind it, but not limited to Scripture study," chairman Joe Shannon explained.

He is taking one of the courses, The Cultural and Political Background of the First Christian Century, to "relearn what I've forgotten." The teacher is Msgr. Richard Quinn, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and part-time instructor in church history at St. Bernard's Seminary.

"Through the courses you can up-date yourself; you're never too old to learn," Shannon said. The

eight-session course is looking into the New Testament, Roman mastery of the Mediterranean, Hellenism and early Christianity.

The focus is on Catholicism in 1974 in the course offered by Christine Bochen, a faculty member at Nazareth College. Her class is attempting to answer basic questions — what is the Church; what does it mean to be involved in the community called the Church?

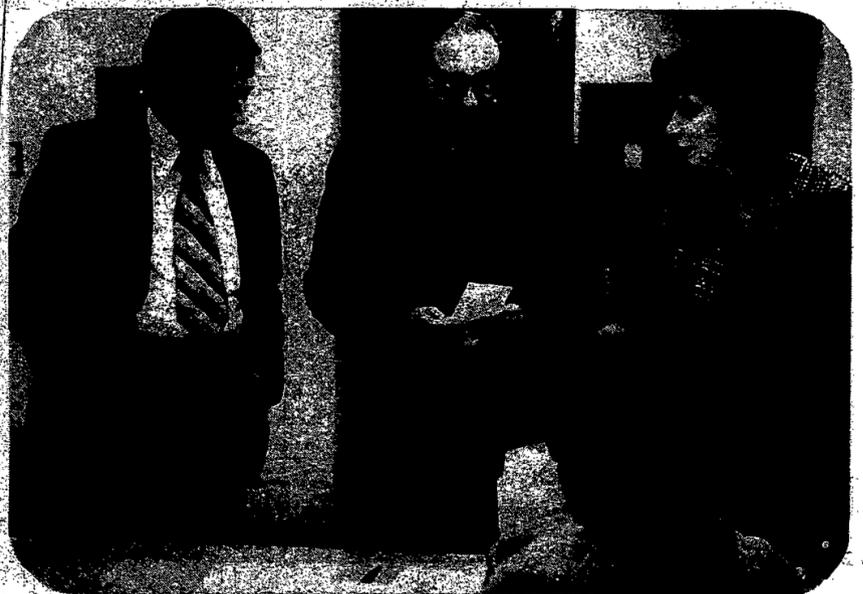
Moral sensitivity and modern society are scrutinized through the lens of a camera in Sister Margaret Brennan's course, "Exploring the Reel World." She is a Nazareth Academy teacher. Through short films and discussions, the course offers the cinema as "modern man's morality play," considering themes of absurdity, alienation and search for community.

A special daytime program is given at the convent by Sister Ann Habershaw, religious education coordinator for the parish. This is Bible study for the ordinary person, Sister Ann said. Fifteen women meet each Thursday afternoon to work on the readings for the coming Sunday.

Sacred Heart's adult education program is sponsored by the school board to insure continuity. Now in its third semester, the program has dealt with family communications, parent and child relationships and death and dying, as well as scripture.



Class discussion holds Marlene Beghini's attention.



Bishop John E. McCafferty joins Bill and Sandy Campbell at the registration desk.