



Sister James Margaret discusses Confirmation programs with Sister Elizabeth from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Confirmation Is Theme Of Regional Workshop

Sister James Margaret, assistant director of religious education for the diocese of Worcester, Mass., was the principal speaker at a Confirmation Workshop held Saturday, Nov. 9 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

The workshop was sponsored by the Religious Education Coordinators of the Southeast Region.

Sister James Margaret is the author of *Life in the Spirit*, a Confirmation program.

According to Denise Mack, pastoral office consultant to religious education coordinators, the purpose of the workshop was to give parents and teachers "guidance in rediscovering the Spirit in their own lives so as to prepare young people for Confirmation."

In the course of the workshop, Pope Paul's constitution on the sacrament was praised for clarifying Confirmation as the completion of Baptism, the Church's first initiation rite.

Sister James Margaret said that in Worcester, Confirmation is received only after two years of study in Christology and theology

of the Spirit. She also said the diocese requires that students must have completed ninth grade, but the completion of tenth and eleventh grades is emerging as the norm.

Sister believes that by this age the person is better prepared intellectually, psychologically and spiritually to make a free and mature decision to affirm what was begun at Baptism and publicly acknowledge the need for the Holy Spirit in order to live a full Christian life.

She believes that Confirmation preparation programs should involve the entire parish because it is primarily the adult community whose witness is vital to the development of the faith life of the child. Parents, she said, need to find the meaning of the Spirit in their own lives as their concern indicates to the child the priority the faith holds for them.

NE PILGRIMAGE

In preparation for the Holy Year 1975, the North-Eastern Region will have a Pilgrimage Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Webster, at 7:30 tomorrow night. Refreshments will be served in the school hall after the Mass.



School Play

The comical royal family of Queen Aggravain (Christine Briody), Princess Winnifred (Katherine Winchell), Prince Dauntless (Michael Fay), and King Sextimus (Len Dummer) are the stars of the musical comedy *Once upon a Mattress* which will be produced at St. Agnes High School, Nov. 22-24.

Weedsport Teens Slate Seminar

Weedsport — Christian Teens in Action, an ecumenical study group is sponsoring a unit on human sexuality for all teens in grades 10-12 and for any young adults.

Dr. Arthur Florack, a Catholic gynecologist and his wife Eleanor, a registered nurse, have taught this course to high school students frequently over the past ten years.

They will be at St. Joseph's Church Sunday, Nov. 17, 1974 from 6-9 p.m. Dr. Florack will show a film strip and discuss the

anatomy and physiology of sex; there will also be a film on abortion and one on life in the uterus. As a couple the Floracks stress the beauty of sex in marriage and the reasons for waiting for marriage.

Ample time will be allowed for questions and answers. Teenagers have indicated a need for honest answers on such questions as birth control, permarital sex, abortion, cohabitation, and how to handle sexual drive.

The Floracks will try to deal with these questions in such a way as to help teens handle

realistically the problems and pressures they are facing in today's society.

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