



Msgr. George A. Cocuzzi, right, pay visit to Michael's co-pastor.



Bishop Hogan leads junior high social studies class in pledge to flag at Blessed Sacrament.

. A Hopeful Postscript

Mt. Carmel and 58 children from St. Michael's attend 27 Catholic schools. This represents 49 per cent of the children from schools closed in the inner city.

Inter-parish sponsoring of the Catholic school ministry — a possibility which can either fall on its face or work to strengthen the school ministry in a parish coalition, is being talked about in the city. Four parishes on the West Side of the city have been discussing the complex questions of inter-parish sponsorship of the school ministry with the diocesan Education Department since Spring. A careful process of investigation is going on among St. Augustine, St. Monica, Our Lady of Good Counsel and Immaculate Conception.

There are many ministries in the Church; it's effectiveness in serving the Kingdom of God requires this plurality. The Catholic school educational ministry — which is not an alternative to the public school but must be a profound religious experience for the young of the Church — is one of the vehicles for achieving God's purposes. And, it's alive, kicking, and creative.



Blessed Sacrament teacher Sister Marilyn Ward chats with Bishop Hogan.

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Danny Powderly, Blessed Sacrament 3rd grader, grins as Bishop Hogan discusses elephant ears and listening in school.



Sister Barbara Fox, SSJ, occupies the new post of Advocate for the Education of Minorities. Former principal of Immaculate Conception School, Sister Barbara will work with the urban and suburban schools in which children from the inner city are receiving their education. Her special concerns will be the academic and social adjustment of these transfer students, and ministry to children, parents and school staffs. Sister Barbara received her master's degree in Urban Education from the University of Rochester and is a candidate for a master's in Urban Affairs at Boston University. She will work out of Immaculate Conception.