



74 Years of Teaching

Two teachers with 74 years combined experience are retiring this year from St. Hyacinth's School, Auburn. Sister Lázaria, FSSJ, and Mrs. Helen Malek were honored at a dinner on June 20. Sister Lázaria, a native of Port Byron, has spent the last four years at St. Hyacinth and will now be stationed at the Immaculate Conception Convent in Hamburg. Mrs. Malek, a lifelong resident of Auburn, retires after 27 years of teaching. From left to right: Mrs. Ella Borski, PTO president, Sister Lázaria, Mrs. Helen Malek and Sister Conrad Marie, FSSJ, principal.

Task Force Urges Ordination of Women

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — A special task force on women's concerns to advise the U.S. Catholic bishops has recommended that steps be taken to admit women to the priesthood.

"Concrete steps should be set in motion to insure the admission of women to all forms of ministry in the Church, including the diaconate and ordained priesthood," the task force recommended to the bishops.

The two lay women and four women religious who made up the task force stated that "active support for women moving into new ministries and the full recognition of the women already in pastoral and liturgical ministries are necessary."

Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe of Jefferson City, Mo., chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Women in Society and the Church, sent to his fellow bishops the report prepared by the task force headed by Sister Margaret Brennan, former superior general of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The report made public by the U.S. Catholic Conference, calls for special attention to social issues which affect the status of women, speaks of a need for a renewed educational effort to remove sexual stereotyping in Church materials and liturgy, emphasizes the sisterhood of women, and seeks re-examination of the condition of single women.

Besides Sister Brennan, of Monroe, Michigan, other members of the task force were Elizabeth Schussler Fiorenza of Notre Dame University; Arlene Swidler, Journal of Ecumenical Studies, Temple University, Philadelphia; Sister

SUPERIOR ELECTED

Father William Ribando, CSC, former chairman of the King's College theology department, recently was elected provincial superior of the Holy Cross Fathers Eastern Province, based in Bridgeport, Conn. The 10-state province includes the Holy Cross Brothers at Cardinal Mooney High School.

Mary Ann Flanagan, IHM, Cincinnati; Sister Mary Daniel Turner, SND, executive director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious; and Sister Lora Ann Quinonez, Helotes, Texas.

In a letter to the bishops, Bishop McAuliffe said the task force had identified five major areas deserving high priority — changes in the processes of theologizing; broadening current images of women; re-examination of traditional classification of females in the Church; examination and reformation of Church processes and structures; and attention to social issues affecting the status of women.

"Traditionally the doing of theology has been reserved to males in the Church," the report stated. "Today theologizing and re-theologizing must be undertaken by the whole Church; it must take into account feminist analyses."

The report called on theological faculties and departments to "learn to take feminist issues seriously."

It also complained that roles traditionally ascribed to women limit them greatly in church and society. It said more attention must be paid to sex stereotyping, and called for a critique of educational materials used by the Church.

"Women should play significant roles in seminary administration, counseling and spiritual direction services and faculties. Not only nuns but also married and single women should occupy such positions," the task force recommended.

The report called for examination of current policies, practices and structures for evidence of discrimination against women, inclusion of women in the formulation of codes of law, and development of plans for participation of women at all levels of the Church.

It was at this point that the task force recommended "concrete steps, accompanied by on-going reflection of all segments of the Church, including the diaconate and ordained priesthood. In addition, active support of women moving into new ministries and the full recognition of the women already in pastoral and liturgical ministries are necessary."

Works Committee Snubs Pure Waters Task Force

By MARTIN TOOMBS

Churches and other tax exempt institutions will receive no relief from high Pure Waters charges from the recommendation made by the Monroe County Public Works Committee June 24.

Citing problems with the proposal presented by the Pure Waters Task Force, the committee recommended an administration plan to the full legislature that would not significantly change costs to tax exempt institutions, residents or businesses.

Under the plan, operation and maintenance expenses would be charged against water usage. Capital expenses would be paid according to assessed valuation in the Rochester district and per dwelling in the suburban districts.

The Public Works Committee had met June 22 to hear the proposals explained.

The Pure Waters Task Force commissioned by the legislature explained its proposal to change the rate base in the city from assessed valuation to square footage of the property. Dr. Richard Kenyon, task force chairman, said the group agreed that the charge based on assessment was "indeed inequitable" and that the assessment of a property had no correlation with the use or benefits from the pure waters program.

The county administration committee that wrote the second proposal aired at the meeting was critical of the task force proposal, questioning the cost and pointing out instances where commercial property would be paying less under the plan, while some residential owners would pay more.

The administration proposal would change the computation of the charges to insure their legality. The plan would separate capital charges from operation and maintenance expenses when determining the rates. The charges then would be legally defensible, according to the committee's report, without significantly changing the cost to property owners.

The committee also proposed that the charge be removed from water bills, and instead be billed once a year with the county tax bill.

The groups studying the pure

CENSUS

Ithaca — St. Catherine of Siena Parish will conduct a parish census in October. Father John S. Maloney, pastor, and the steering committee have made a plea for 25 area coordinators and helpers for the census. Parishioners are asked to call Father Maloney at 257-2493 or Sue Wagner at 257-1047.

DROWNPROOFING

CYO Learn-to-Swim classes for Tiny Tots are scheduled to begin Tuesday, July 6, in outdoor pools in many sections of the city and county. The Junior Life-Saving classes will be taught from July 20 through August 12 in the Gates-Chili area. For further information, contact the CYO, 454-2030.

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waters charges are trying to implement an improved rate schedule for 1977, before a July 1 target date.

Charges based on assessed valuation to tax exempt institutions have become a significant factor in the reconsideration of the rate schedule.

The Monroe County Pure Waters Agency was formed in 1967 to construct new water treatment plants and interceptor sewers connecting other collection systems to the plants. Five county districts were established, and in 1970 Rochester became the sixth. Extensive renovations are being made to both sanitary and storm sewers in the city.

The agency receives 75 per cent of its funds from the federal government, and 12 1/2 per cent from the state. The local 12 1/2 per cent is collected through the pure waters charges.

The agency currently has an operating budget of \$35 million a year, more than \$14 million is for operating costs and debt service attributed to the Rochester district.

Residents of the five suburban districts pay a per dwelling charge, which varies according to services rendered from \$31 a year in the Irondequoit Bay district to \$126 in the Gates-Chili-Ogden district.

City land owners pay \$.533 per thousand gallons of water used, and

\$9.20 per thousand of assessed valuation.

City churches and institutions have been hit hard by the charges, paying an average of \$2,500 per year. Those with schools pay more. Blessed Sacrament's bill is nearly \$4,800 per year. The charge for St. Bernard's Seminary is more than \$4,600, and Aquinas pays \$6,820.

The YMCA has started legal proceedings against the agency, challenging the equity of the high charges to tax exempt institutions.

Father John Norris, pastor of Blessed Sacrament, is a member of an ecumenical group of clergymen who are working for a change in the rate structure. He and Father Charles Bennett, a member of the Pure Waters Task Force, say that true equity depends on a merger of the six districts, with a single rate structure.

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