



Sister Mary Caroline helps Mrs. Anna Peterdy, right, with English pronunciation.

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She makes things in the woodworking shop of the Garson Meyer center



studies oil painting there

...and goes to work at the jail.

Retired Nun Keeps Tight Schedule

After 40 years of teaching school, Sister Mary Caroline Donohue, SSJ, has arranged new work routines for herself. As a volunteer, she keeps a

tight schedule. On Mondays, she is teaching two Hungarian women to cope with

spoken and written English. Tuesdays she spends with an invalid. On Wednesdays and Fridays she is at Monroe County Jail, preparing prisoners for the literature part of the high school equivalency exam. Thursdays are her own: she takes instruction in wood working and oil painting. And when she goes on vacation, it will be a study tour.

That is why Sister Mary Caroline Donohue does not consider herself retired.

Now that she's out of the classroom, she has an opportunity to tailor instruction to each student's need. One of her

language students is a linguist herself, a teacher of French and German, and enjoys the phonetic approach to English, sister says.

She thinks the two literature courses she uses with jail pupils are the hardest part of the work they must cover for the 10-hour equivalency test. There's more to this job than the subject at hand. "They look to us as a new experience in their lives," she says.

At the Garson Meyer Senior Citizens Center downtown, sister is on her second painting and has a third in mind. Meanwhile, she has let herself be lured into the wood

working class, where she has learned for sure that "I don't have ten thumbs, after all."

Toward the end of her formal teaching career, Sister Mary Caroline spent one year at Holy Childhood School and 11 years in the Nazareth Academy reading lab. She lives at the academy convent.

Her vacation will be a literary tour of Ireland, arranged by Georgetown University. So she now is spending her spare time on Irish literature. The people at the Garson Meyer center want her to give a course in Irish literature next Fall. She hasn't decided, because "I want to see first how much I can absorb."



Franciscan Vows

Sister Judith Ann Crosby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Crosby of 371 Walzford Rd. Rochester, will make her perpetual vows Aug. 15 in Syracuse at the Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of the Third Franciscan Order. Sister Judith Ann entered the order Sept. 8, 1968. Currently she is assigned to St. Martha's School in Sarasota, Fla. She received an Associate in Arts degree from Maria Regina College in Syracuse, and has been attending summer school at Marywood College, Scranton, Pa.



Professor Honored

Sister Madeline Therese Kelso, associate professor of education at Nazareth College, has been awarded a Certificate of Merit by the New York State Reading Association (NYSRA). This recognition is given annually for outstanding service in the field of reading education.

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