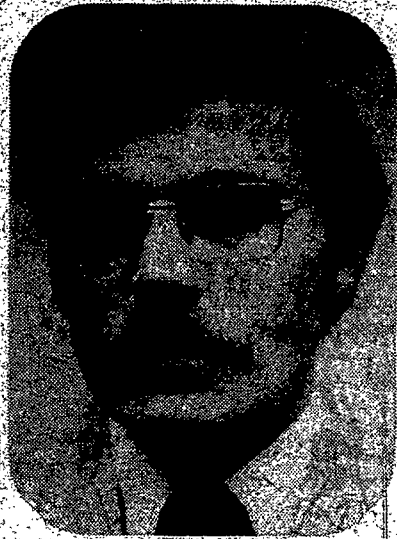


New Staff Members Join Education Office



TIMOTHY LEAHY
Deputy Superintendent of Schools

Taking over as deputy superintendent of the Rochester Diocesan Schools is Timothy Leahy, former principal and teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Brighton.

His responsibilities will include administration, management, and public relations. He will also act as liaison between the elementary schools and the Courier-Journal.

A native of New Jersey, he has a B.A. in Education from St. John Fisher College and a master's degree in Education Academics from Brockport State College.

Leahy, his wife Lois and two boys, Jeffry and David, are

members of Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

Assuming the position of assistant superintendent of the Religious Education Department is Sister Anne Michelle McGill.

Sister, who was principal of Holy Trinity School in Webster for nine years and also of St. Rose School in Lima, has a B.S. in History and a Master's in Education from Nazareth College.

Her new duties will include coordinating religious programs with the schools and assisting them in developing faith communities. She will also direct the sex education program.



SR. ANNE MICHELLE MCGILL
Assistant Superintendent Religious Education

Enrollment Growth Realized by Two Schools

Penn Yan-Ithaca — When the electric impulses set the bells ringing, signaling the start of the 1976-77 school year, students in the communities of Ithaca and Penn Yan enrolled in Immaculate Conception and St. Michael's will be greeted by the Sisters of St. Joseph and the lay teachers. Endeavoring to educate the "whole person", both academically and religiously, instilling lasting values, strengthening their Catholic faith, preparing them for their futures, the classes will be both interesting and informative. Innovations, personal involvement, personal commitments, modern methods, all are evident in the year's activities.

St. Michael's of Penn Yan expects to serve 127 pupils in grades K-6. Former Principal Sister Brian Madigan said, "In 1970 when many parochial schools were faced with a financial crisis, St. Michael's closed its Junior High and added Kindergarten classes. The enrollment at that time was 89 and amazingly has continued to rise. St. Michael's is alive and growing. There is still time and space for additional students this year." Sister Madigan observed that graduates from the school are reputed to do outstanding work at the academy and

many successfully go on to a higher education.

The Immaculate Conception school in Ithaca anticipates an enrollment of approximately 243 pupils in grades K-8. Students from Immaculate Conception have a strong sense of loyalty and devotion to their alma mater. An active alumni association aids the system.

Sister Raymond Mary, principal, works closely with the ministerial staff from the parish church in Ithaca.

Many teachers of Religious Education in the surrounding areas take advantage of the up-to-date audio-visual aids that the school possesses. They look to the school's staff for enrichment ideas for their own released time classes. The physical building, attractive and conveniently located, is utilized by the parish for many events and activities, classes for young people and adults.

Graduates of Immaculate Conception School frequently excel in high school and they go on to institutions of higher learning, truly a living testimony to the love and devotion to the foundations they received in their formative years.

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New Principals Assume Duties

The diocesan Education Department has announced 12 administrative changes in 11 elementary schools and one high school.

The principals who will be assuming their new positions are Sister Mary Bonaventure, RSM, Our Lady of Mercy High School; Sister Patricia Austin, SSND, Holy Family; Sister Rosemary St. Peter, SSJ, Holy Trinity, Webster; Sister Elizabeth Stryder, SSJ, Our Lady of Lourdes/Our Lady Queen of Peace; Sister Patricia Pullman, SSJ, St. Agnes, Avon; Sister Ann Collins, SSJ, St. Ambrose; Sister Carol Cimino, SSJ, St. Anthony of Padua; Sister Alice Marie Kurtz, SSJ, St. Casimir, Elmira; Sister Maria Hoffman, SSJ,

St. James, Waverly; Sister Barbara Bowman, SSJ, St. John the Evangelist, Rochester; Sister Mary Agnes Zimmer, RSM, St. Mary's, Bath; Sister Ann Maura Morris, SSJ, St. Michael's, Penn Yan.

Upward Trend In Enrollment

Waterloo — A recently initiated endowment fund heads the list of hopes for the future independence of St. Mary's School in Waterloo. The eventual goal is \$250,000 to be subscribed in bequests of \$1,000. This is the latest plan initiated by Father Albert Shamon, pastor, to make the school financially independent.

St. Mary's graduated its first eighth grade class since 1973, in June and shows an enrollment this fall of approximately 240 students in preschool through grade eight. This is an increase of 4 per cent over last year's enrollment.

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