

Sisters Helen Weber and Doris Gruber lead Father Norman Tanck in the procession that opened mass at the Motherhouse chapel.



Sisters and guests from Penn Yan, Waterloo and Seneca Falls joined in the presentation of the offertory gifts.



Sister Virginia Hogan directs The Concert Chorale.

The Sisters of St. Joseph

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"Ours is a new day and a time when we must be willing to answer the promptings of the Holy Spirit in a new era," said Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, in a message to the Sisters of St. Joseph for their annual celebration of the founding of their congregation, in France, Oct. 15, 1650, and their observance of National Vocation Awareness Day.

The Bishop commented on the theme, "Founding for the Future," by urging the sisters to continue to work and to pray for vocations. He said, "Today we are called to be people of great faith, hope, and dedicated service as we bear witness to gospel values."

The Eucharistic Celebration Oct. 15 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse on East Avenue culminated a week-long observance of National Vocation Awareness Week. The main celebrant was Father Norman Tanck, CSB, of St. John Fisher College. Invited guests included people from parishes, people with whom the sisters have worked, and others who share concern for Christian vocations.

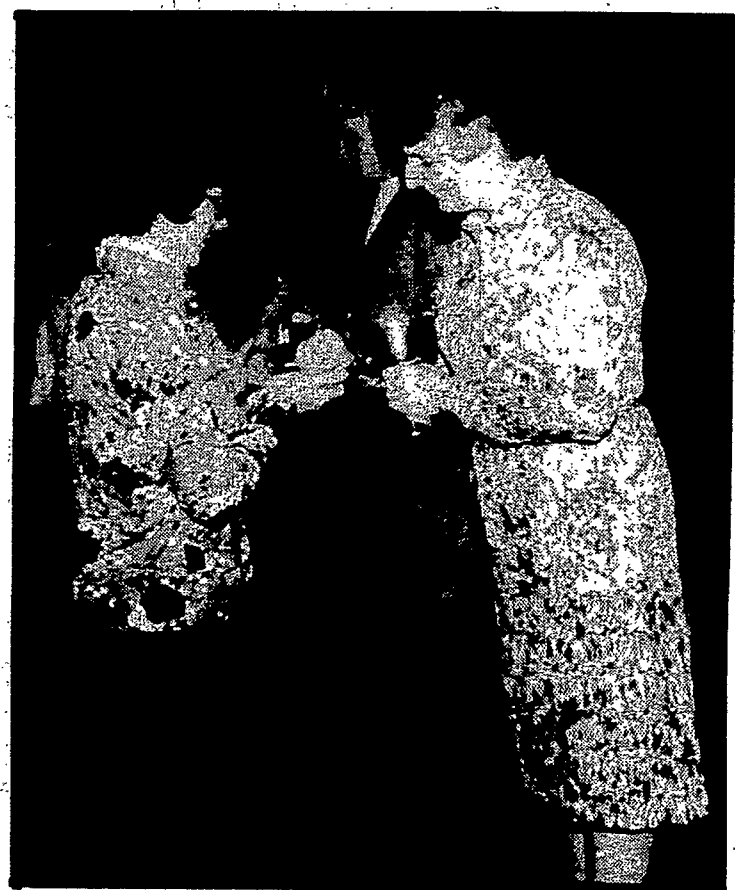
The national program highlighted the need to inform people about the variety and uniqueness of church vocations today in a context which acknowledges and affirms both the individual and common call each person receives from God.

Opportunities for education, prayer, and reflection on church vocations for congregations, families and students were incorporated into the total program.

Nazareth College celebrated this week with special liturgies at both Protestant and Catholic services and at an Ecumenical service in the Shults Center.

Three high schools, Nazareth Academy, St. Agnes, and St. Francis DeSales in Geneva, participated in various Awareness Week activities including special liturgies, speakers, displays and slide-tape presentations. Parish communities ordered materials, posters, lesson plans and liturgy aides from the National Vocation Office for use during the week.

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In their role as Eucharistic Ministers, Sisters Marion Gundell and Julie LeVeque share in Christ with Sister Mary Dorothy.