



Looking every bit the old-fashioned young lady, Jennifer Wegman works out a math equation on her slate. Nostalgia always has a way of making the past look good but back then, there was a famous motto rigidly followed by the teaching masters, "Spare the rod and spoil the child."

## Good Old School Days

Recently, the first graders at St. Lawrence School enjoyed a unique learning experience. As part of the school's Social Studies curriculum, the students studied modern schools as well as those of yesteryear. They compared building designs and structures of each era, drew maps of their own school and discussed the old ones. But the fun really came when they decided to re-enact an old time school.

The youngsters dressed in

the fashions of the late 1800's, forwent some modern conveniences like not utilizing the water fountain but instead using a pail of water with a ladle. They did their school work on slate boards and even had a corner reserved for a dunce.

Festivities came to a close with an old-fashioned square dance and according to sources no one wanted to end that particular school day.

## Mrs. Carlson Cenacle Speaker

Mrs. Chester Carlson will be the guest speaker at the Cenacle, 693 East Ave., at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 29. Her talk, "The Crossroads of Evolution," will focus on man's place in the structure

of the world and the values he represents.

Mrs. Carlson was engaged in the Christian movement in New York City for 20 years. Her interest in spiritual groups led to study in ecumenical approaches to major religions, both East and West. A lecturer and seminar leader in world religions in many state colleges, she received an honorary doctor of humane letters from Rosary Hill in 1970.

Her talk, arranged by Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, will be open to the public for a nominal fee. Further information will be available from Mrs. Eugene Cloutier, 381-4791.

## Casa Italiana Fund Drive Over the Top

Rochester's Italian-American community went well over the top in its Casa Italiana fund drive. Joseph LoCurto, chairman, announced last week that of \$174,000 pledged, \$160,000 had been collected. Originally, the goal was \$150,000.

The Casa Italiana is under construction on the Nazareth College campus, in the neighborhood of the other foreign language centers, La Maison Francaise and Casa Hispana. The major fund drive is ended, LoCurto said, but he pointed out that continuing support would be needed for academic, cultural and social programs designed to foster appreciation of this city's rich Italian heritage. Nazareth President Robert A. Kidera predicted "a new renaissance of Italian culture in our community."

Locurto noted that many groups other than the Italian-Americans subscribed to the campaign. The largest single gift, he said, was \$10,000 from some prominent members of the Jewish community.

Joseph Mancini was cochairman of the drive, Joseph Anzalone was coordinator and Angelo Costanza served as honorary chairman.

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# Pastoral Ministry Begins New Role in Diocese

Early this year Bishop Joseph L. Hogan announced the formulation of five new divisions in the general administration of the diocese. He stated at that time that the divisions, which include nearly all diocesan departments, were designed to more readily serve the growing needs of the diocese.

The consultative bodies (Diocesan Pastoral Council, Priests Council, Sisters Council), regional coordinators and parish councils were not included in the restructuring; however Bishop Hogan felt that since these groups and the new divisions performed such important tasks in the diocese a need existed to coordinate their efforts.

As a result the bishop charged the Office of Pastoral Ministry, headed by Father Douglas Hoffman, with the responsibility of making certain "appropriate and effective participation of the parish councils, regions and consultative bodies in developing with the bishop and division directors unified pastoral directions and policies at the local and diocesan level."

He also directed Father Hoffman to serve as "liaison among the formally constituted consultative bodies to assure not only a smooth flow of communication but also a coherent and pastoral response to needs within the diocese."

Father Hoffman reported that in addition to these new duties the Office of Pastoral Ministry will continue to carry out its responsibilities for leadership, development and direction for parish councils, executive support and supervision for regional coordinators, executive support for the pastoral council and management for the diocesan newsletter, Impact.

He added that performing these tasks would be impossible without the expertise and advice of the Pastoral Ministry staff.

In explaining his new role, Father Hoffman said that much of the work done by diocesan leadership is done in "isolation" from other groups. Although that isolation has resulted in much "creative work" it

also has caused some misunderstanding among various governing offices.

"We all share a common ministry, the service to the Gospel. I want to help enable leadership groups to be more in touch with each other on the level of faith and ministry," he said.

To accomplish his goal, Father Hoffman will chair the weekly diocesan director meetings, attend all consultative body meetings as well as communicate regularly with the regional coordinators. He plans to "highlight" actions and concerns of the different groups so that other diocesan leaders may learn what one another are doing.

He hopes these actions will "generate a greater sense of unity among all of the groups involved."

Father Hoffman reported that so far everyone has "been very receptive to the plan." The liaison process is already under way. He has attended the priests, sisters and pastoral council meetings this month and reported four times to the directors.

He added that he will report to the consultative groups on actions of the directors. "We plan to make the communication between the groups a two way process" he said.

A release from the bishop's office described the hopes for the expanded pastoral ministry duties. "At every level of leadership in the Church today, we are responsible for giving impetus, direction and active coordination of the wonderful gifts and ministries that the Spirit of God has

lavished on the people of God. This charge by Bishop Hogan is another sign of his continuing desire to foster the Spirit's gifts in whatever way it is possible in the Diocese of Rochester."

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