

Sr. Mary Lynch Heads Religious Ed Personnel

Sister Mary Lynch, SSI, formerly a religious education resource person at St. Joseph's in Penfield, is expanding her expertise in the field. She has been named consultant for personnel, Diocesan Religious Education Department. Her primary duty will be to interview the people who are interested in working in religious education.

Sister, herself, started in religious ed in 1973 as a coordinator at St. Patrick's parish, Corning. Since then, she has seen this educational area expand from just CCD programs to encompass family, adult and all phases of human development programs. She has also noted the slight swing from informal instruction to a format with more emphasis on content.

"People don't want a shallow religion but one with strong content," she declared adding, "We're trying to respond to that."

Sister acknowledged that a good workable program depended heavily on the volunteers.

"They're the backbone," she said, noting that quality education results from solid teacher training programs.

No sooner had Sister assumed her new responsibilities than she immediately began planning the department's August Workshop to



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be held at the Diocesan Office, Aug. 28-29. Coordinating the project has reinforced her knowledge of the dedication and efficiency of those involved in religious education. At no time, she smiled, did she receive a "no" from anyone she contacted to help with the workshop.

Sister is a graduate of Nazareth Academy, received her BA in Math from Nazareth College and her MS in Math and MA in Theology from Notre Dame University. Her many educational positions include: Religion and Math teacher as well as Theology Department chairman, St. Agnes High

School; registrar and Math teacher, Nazareth College; Religion teacher and Math chairman at Nazareth Academy.

Teachers Receive Grant

Alfred, N. Y. —Through a grant from the National Science Foundation, Sister Jane Frances of Rochester and Timothy Joel McDonnell of Fairport, were two of the 15 teachers chosen to study basic scientific principles of astronomy at Alfred University. The grant was made available to teachers in western New York and northern Pennsylvania.

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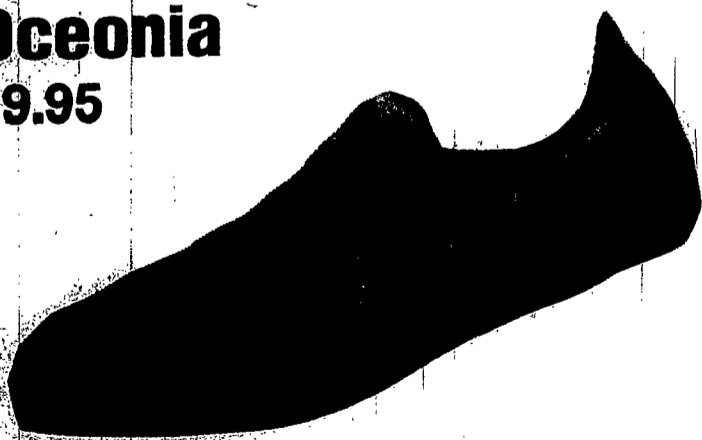
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