



### Elderhostel

Fifteen colleges in New York State provided "working vacations" this summer for men and women who had passed college age 40 or 50 years ago. The group above sampled campus life at Nazareth College, taking a full day of classes for a week. Some of them already had visited Skidmore, SUNY Plattsburgh and Clarkson. Nazareth, the only local college in the Elderhostel project, offered two one-week programs that ended Aug. 5.

## IFCA Sets Convention

The 64th anniversary convention of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae opens today at the Continental Plaza Hotel in Chicago, and will end Sunday, Aug. 27. Its work will center on "updating the Federation's solidarity in Catholic education and community services geared to the needs of the Church," according to an announcement from Miss Emilie Prose, IFCA president.

Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rochester Circle members are contributing in memory of Bishop James E. Kearney. "Gifts offered in his memory will be a fitting tribute to a man who gave himself so generously to the Church," Bishop Joseph L. Hogan wrote in his endorsement of the project.

for the Rochester record, to Miss Durnin at 1100 East Avenue, Rochester 14607.

### IFCA Mass

Members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae and their friends are invited to attend the First Saturday Mass at Corpus Christi Church at 12:05 p.m. Sept. 2. The Mass will be offered in memory of Mrs. Agnes Stauffer, an alumna of Nazareth Academy and Mount St. Vincent College who was regent of Rochester Circle, IFCA, in 1956 and 1957.

Everyone is welcome to take part in the memorial, Miss Helen Durnin said. Explanatory brochures may be obtained by calling 473-7565. Checks should be made payable to "IFCA, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Chair of Education, CUA," and sent,

The federation will renew its commitment to the IFCA Chair of Catholic Education at Catholic University of America, in honor of St.

### Archbishop Quinn:

## 'Don't Ignore Lebanon'

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) has made an impassioned plea that the current crisis in Lebanon not be ignored in the search for peace in the Middle East.

just and lasting settlement in the Middle East.

They were:

"I call upon Catholics and others to be fair and balanced in their judgments and to support policies designed to preserve the freedom, integrity and independence of Lebanon," the prelate said.

—"Restoration and preservation of...an atmosphere free from the kind of daily violence which renders civilized existence impossible;

"I invite all to pray for peace and justice in Lebanon and all of the Middle East," he added.

—"Respect for the territorial integrity and political independence of Lebanon by all parties;

The statement by Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco had special significance, coming as it did just three weeks before the scheduled Sept. 5 meeting of President Sadat Carter with Premier Begin of Israel at Camp David.

Archbishop Quinn explained that the NCCB statement was motivated by recent events which "make it imperative for the Church in the United States to reaffirm our concern for all the people of Lebanon, to express the solidarity of the American bishops with our brother bishops in Lebanon, and to bring the crisis of Lebanon more vividly before the American public."

—"Recognition by all of the unique witness of religious and political pluralism which Lebanon offers in the Middle East; and

"Not least among the threatening characteristics of the present situation," Archbishop Quinn said, "is the possibility that the plight of Lebanon will be ignored for a broader Middle East settlement.

—"Responsible political collaboration among key actors in the international community and a willingness to contribute materially to the rehabilitation of Lebanese society."

"A regional settlement is a necessary condition for a stable and peaceful Lebanon, but the internal problems for Lebanon today require direct and immediate attention," the NCCB president declared.

The archbishop described the recent violence in Lebanon as "intolerable," ranging from "fratricidal and familial conflict to the indiscriminate shelling of civilian areas."

"The tragedy of the crisis in Lebanon is not confined to that tiny devastated nation," Archbishop Quinn said. "Lebanon has significance for all who are moved by the sufferings of others, who pray for peace and who hope for a

The statement advocated that "the strongest possible moral and political influence should be exerted to preclude any repetition of this violence."

The NCCB document discussed what Archbishop Quinn said were some of the requirements for just and effective settlement in Lebanon.

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### 'Choice' Weekend Coming

A program designed to help young adults choose the roles they can play in Church life was tried out last month for the first time in this diocese and will be repeated at the end of September. It is called Choice, and is an offshoot of Marriage Encounter, Father Robert L. Collins explained,

Fifteen young men and women spent a weekend at Divine Word Seminary, Hemlock Lake, in discussions led by Father Collins, of Campus Ministry, and Dick and Mary Knapp of St. Monica's.

"The weekend is designed to help single young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 to see their importance and worth in our church today," according to the Knapps. "It's about honesty and sharing and discovering more about the capacity we have to love and to be loved."

The next Choice weekend is scheduled for Sept. 29-Oct. 1. The cost is \$25. Additional information may be obtained from Father Collins at 473-0249 or the Knapps, 328-4466.

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