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Auburn Maryknollers Home for Christmas

Auburn Maryknoll ... ister Agnes Donovan is aking an end-of-term reak from her teaching ob in Guatemala, and Varyknoll Sister Esther Donovan also will be home for Christmas, according to word from the order's headquarters. Their relatives here are two prothers, Joseph and Harry, and a sister, Mrs. Ethel Cain. At a Maryknoll school in econdary Guatemala City; Sister Agnes teaches child psychology and gives vocational guidance in a teacher training program.

Newark - The small

group of students and their

teachers joined hands in a

rough circle and shared

They prayed for Bishop

Joseph L. Hogan, for their

families, for "the victims of Jonestown," "for the two men who were murdered

in that city in California."

And they prayed for "the

men who caused those

They prayed for friends.

The prayers were

simple, child-like - and

They prayed for snow.

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Sister Agnes Donovan stops for a chat with some of her students.

It All Comes Down to Faith

teachers. The others are

Regina Krolak, Kathy

DeCann and Kathy

Seminarian Paul

It's entirely a volunteer

Hurley, who is doing field

work in the parish, is a

frequent visitor.

program.

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The occasion was the

weekly class in religious

education offered for the

retarded at St. Michael's

"I think it's just fan-

tastic," is how one teacher

It's the first time in

memory that a program of

religious education for the

mentally retarded has been

It has the support and

encouragement of the

parish's education com-

mittee, a branch of the

parish council, and of the

parish's religious education

offered in the parish.

assessed the program.

Parish here.

Some of her students spend their summers teaching reading and writing and religion to Indians of the rural mountain areas. Graduates of the school are qualified as elementary school teachers, but some go into law, medicine, social work or secondary education.

The aim of the school, in Sister Agnes's words, is to "form truly Christian leaders whose lives are based on Gospel values, and who will use their education in the service of others, and in the defense of human rights and dignity."

Christmas in Newark — Nobody Has to Dine Alone

Newark - Nobody in this area has to feel left out of Christmas. Everyone is invited to dinner, and for those who can't come, there is delivery service.

This is the fifth season for the community dinner initiated by Mrs. Regina Krolak. She expects about 100 people to assemble Christmas Day in the dining room of First United Methodist Church, South Main Street. They will be people of all ages and income levels, she predicts. Dinner will be served at l p.m.

Several churches, civic organizations and individuals are sponsoring the event. The committee suggests that families dining at home may participate by inviting some institutionalized or elderly person to join them, or by contributing food, money or other gifts. Sponsors also intend to deliver dinners to shut-ins, and ask that names be reported to Mrs. Kroll, 331-5933

Anyone looking for a guest

The program follows what Mrs. O'Brien calls "a very relaxed curriculum." It consists of an evening of shared prayer, singing, and group projects. A text, entitled, "Journey with Jesus," is available for use.

parish The acknowledged prime mover behind the program is Regina Krolak, herself

can find one through the Newark Center for Service to the Handicapped, 331-8886; nursing homes, or the volunteer office at Newark Developmental Center. Anyone who needs transportation to the dinner may call Paul Murphy, 331-3255. Offers of food or of assistance in preparation and serving are being received by Helen Arend, 331-4698. Cash donations can be sent to Charles Stott at Columbia Bank.

Working with Mrs. Krolak are Jacqueline O'Brien, William Verbridge, Patricia Buckley, Mary Thompson, Helen Arend and Joanne Stevens.

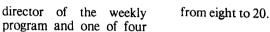
Their publicity release says, For married couples whose children have grown up and moved away, for newcomers who want to meet people, for widows and widowers, for single people, for people with no kitchen facilities, and for people who just want to share their Christmas with others, the message is: Don't spend your Christmas dinner alone.'

the mother of eight children, one of them severely retarded.

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For 15 years she helped teach in a religious education program for the retarded at the Developmental Center. Three years ago she began promoting the idea of a similar program for the parish community.





"More people are hearing about it," one teacher said.

More students also may They get help from teenagers Karen Clark, enroll from St. Mark's Episcopal Church, which is Marcia Santelli, Peter just across the street. DeCann and Tom O'Brien.

> Most of the students live with families under the state-subsidized Home Care Program, administered locally by the Newark State Developmental Center.

It's an experimental program, but one whose future seems assured. "I have a good feeling about it," said Mrs. O'Brien.





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