



Front row: Mary Ann Kosakoski, at left, with her basketball team: left to right, front, Mary Ann Kosakoski, Joanne Kettles, Lisa Wideman, Ann Whitmore; middle row, Nora Shively, Colleen Regan, Susan Luce, Margaret White, Rosemary Kress and Rosalie Rivera; back row, Dina Dasta, Kathy Walsh, Jennifer Swayze and Karen Bayer.



Taking part in a band rehearsal are Jeffrey Koehn, left, and Charles Hanss.

## At Blessed Sacrament

# A Different Kind of School

Blessed Sacrament Junior High School is in a class by itself. It's the only Catholic school in the city exclusively for seventh and eighth graders, for one thing, and it is the product of consolidation of two parish schools. St. John's on Humboldt Street takes the children of both parishes from kindergarten through sixth grade.

The junior high has 140 students, and a rather special

program, according to the principal, Sister Patricia Flass, SSJ. In addition to the ordinary curriculum, there are classes in ninth grade math, French, and instrumental music. There's swimming. There's basketball, with cheerleaders.

There are two Sisters of St. Joseph, two Mercy Sisters and five lay teachers, most of whom have been on the faculty since the consolidation

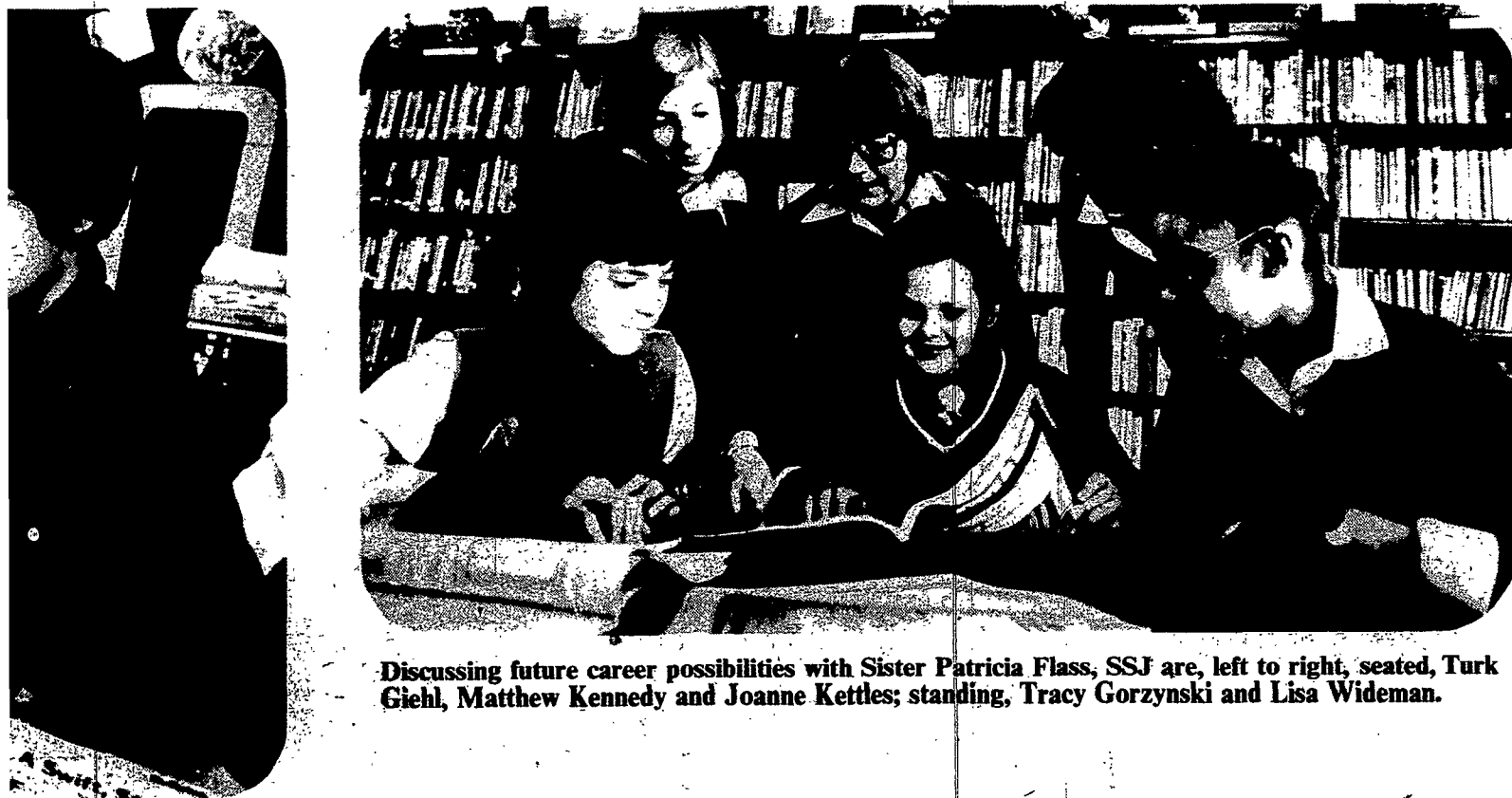
in 1975. Average class size is 25.

The school is on Rutgers Street, at Monroe — definitely an urban area. But it is philosophically inseparable from St. John's, which draws on a suburban area. Therefore, it can be and is the "suburban" end of an urban-suburban exchange program that provides, with federal funds, a part-time teacher for remedial work.



Using a trundle wheel to measure distance in the metric system are from left to right, eighth graders Anne Green, Susan Caswell, Rosalie Rivera and Bonnie Carruba.

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Discussing future career possibilities with Sister Patricia Flass, SSJ are, left to right, seated, Turk Giehl, Matthew Kennedy and Joanne Kettles; standing, Tracy Gorzynski and Lisa Wideman.



Kim McGee talks with a teacher, Mrs. Richard Chapman, who works with children at Blessed Sacrament School as part of the Urban-Suburban program.