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NFP Sets Date7

A special conference designed to teach priests and religious about natural family planning methods has been slated for later this month at the Pastoral Center. Speakers at the event will explain the workings of the Sympto-Thermal method of family planning, a method which was hailed by Pope Paul VI.

'Trouble' Seen18

A canon lawyer, one of the few women working in the field, sees trouble ahead over the part consultation plays in the contemporary U.S. Church. Sister Judith Barnhiser said in a recent interview that to consult with people on issues does not mean that the consultants' advice has to be taken. That point, she said, hasn't always been made clear.

Debate Heats Up17

The debate between pro-lifers and those who promote abortion is heating up in many quarters, to the extent that there may be something sacrificed for the sake of polemics. In a Courier-Journal feature this week, characteristics of that debate are examined.

Union Makes Impact . . .12

In 1969, the Nazareth Academy Black Student Union was formed. In those 10 years, it has made a positive impact on student communications, relationships and education. Members of the union are not only active in school events like Ethnic Week but also sponsor special activities such as Black History Week. Sister Maria Elena Mariana, co-moderator for the union, sees the organization promoting responsibility and creative leadership.

New Record6

A new record has been issued which features the life of Kateri Tekakwitha, the Indian maiden whose cause for canonization is now being pursued. Her story is told in songs written by Pat Dunning, a teacher at St. Pius X School, and sung by JoAnne Hartman, known throughout the diocese for her liturgical music.

New Ministries16

Retirement after life-long careers in one ministry hasn't stopped the apostolic endeavors of at least two diocesan sisters. They have embarked on programs of visiting the infirm and the elderly. The sisters are Sister Cornelia of the Sisters of Mercy, and Sister Rose Eileen of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Addresses Diplomats . . .5

In a lengthy address to diplomats accredited to the Vatican, Pope John Paul II spoke on the prospects for peace and progress among societies. On the subject of Vatican assistance in matters of peace, the pontiff said, "Diplomacy and negotiations are also for the Holy See a specialized means of trusting in the moral resources of people."

Children's Rights3

The rights of children are the special focus of the International Year of the Child, a U.N. sponsored program which has drawn the attention of churches around the world. The program has been hailed by both Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II. And it all started with the dream of a priest for better treatment of children in all parts of the globe.

Bishop Grateful

Dear friends,

The testimonial dinner on January 28th was a beautiful celebration. I am grateful to those who thought of it and planned it and to those who made the sacrifice to be present. Your kindness to me has been overwhelming. I feel such strength from your support.

May God bless you and keep you always in His gentle care. I shall be ever thanking Him for your friendship.

Gratefully,

Non-Catholic Increase Seen in W. Va. Schools

Charleston, W. Va. (RNS) — The number of non-Catholic students enrolled in Catholic schools has shown a sharp increase in recent years in West Virginia.

About one in every 10 of the 9,000 students in parochial schools is not Catholic, according to Sister Mary Jude Jochum. She is superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, which takes in the entire state.

St. Patrick School Marks 100th Year

Seneca Falls — To begin their 100th year celebration, St. Patrick's School is planning many activities starting with National Catholic School Week February 4 - February 10.

At Charleston Catholic High School, non-Catholic enrollment has from 18 per cent last year to 27 per cent this year, Principal Robert Keller reported.

In an interview with the Charleston Daily Mail, Sister Jochum discounted as a reason for the increase the violent textbook controversy of 1974, which has affected school board elections ever since. Parents are seeking a more disciplined atmosphere and the Christian values that the public schools cannot provide.

Festivities will include: an opening Regional Mass at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4th; a co-ed inter-school volleyball game in the school gym on Monday at 6:30 p.m.; a walk-through open house during the day at school on Tuesday, and a hot soup lunch for those who would like to eat with their children Tuesday 10:45 - 12:30. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, next year's Kindergarten students will have a chance to come to the Kindergarten and stay for a morning or afternoon session. (Parents are asked to call the school at 568-6295 regarding which day the children will come).

On Friday the St. Patrick's Children's Choir will perform at Eastview Mall at 3:00 p.m. Friday evening parents and friends are invited to attend a Tureen Supper at St. Patrick's gym at 6:30 p.m. Individuals from Grades 4 - 8 will provide musical entertainment after the dinner.



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Stella Maris Meeting Today

A meeting originally scheduled for Jan 31, in regard to a gravel hauling controversy reported on last week, was postponed.

the campers and other groups who come to Camp Stella Maris.

Ray Tette, executive director of Camp Stella Maris, said that he and other individuals and groups of the Conesus Lake Area, will meet the county highway committee today at the Geneseo Court House.

Last Thursday representatives from the camp and the Conesus Lake Association met with the Livonia Town Board and expressed their concerns.

The controversy centers on a project, already approved by the Livingston County Board of Supervisors, that would allow the hauling of gravel by large trucks on East Lake Road, Livonia during the summer months. Opponents of the project feel that these trucks could become a serious safety hazard to East Lake Road residents and campers using the Stella Maris facility.

Tette reported that board members were "very gracious" in listening to their problems and are considering the "posting" of East Lake Road. Posting would limit the weight of vehicles traveling on the road thereby halting the gravel hauling project.

It is estimated that the trucks will make from 50 to 150 round trips per day and the approved route goes directly past the camp.

He said the board plans to make a decision "within a week."

Tette hopes today's discussion will lead to an alternative plan for the gravel hauling. He is concerned for the safety of

Tette has also learned that the gravel hauling may begin as early as May. The camp is booked throughout the month, mainly by children from the Foreman Center in Fairport. The center works with mentally and physically handicapped children.

He plans to continue to fight the project and "is looking for as much support as possible from the friends of Stella Maris."

Book Gets Award

A book edited by Sister Mollie Brown, RSM, has been named Book of the Year for 1978 by the American Journal of Nursing.

The book is Readings in Gerontology, second edition. Sister Mollie is an adjunct assistant professor of nursing at Nazareth College and has a private counseling practice.



"Something for Everyone"

Charles Keating, Ph.D., consultant, writer and educator, above, explains a point to the 50 participants, below, who attended the 9th annual Religious Education Workshop at the Notre Dame Retreat House, Jan. 29-31. Other seminar subjects included Faith Dimensions, Confrontation Techniques and Principles of Adult Learning. Father Lewis Brown, director of the Diocesan Religious Ed Department commented, "I was pleased with the program. There was something for everyone."

