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Zeal for Missions12

Mission Day, sponsored by the Catholic Students Mission Crusade, is a big event over at Our Lady of Mercy. It is slated this year for March 23-24. Well in advance of the event, CSMC members began to motivate themselves for action. They held a retreat to prepare themselves spiritually for the task. According to officers, coordinating the retreat not only gave them ample practice for directing Mission Day but gave them an insight into the enthusiasm and cooperation of their fellow CSMC members.

All for One16

The Elmira parishes of St. Anthony, St. Patrick and St. Casimir have banded together to form a Tri-Parish Youth Ministry Board. Its initial task will be to hire a youth minister for the three parishes. The parishes have each made a \$1,000 commitment to the project for this year.

Migrant Plight Voiced . . .3

A number of church and social service groups have joined together to remind people in the area of the problems faced by migrant farm workers. To this end, the Rochester Farmworker's Rights Organization is sponsoring a lecture by Serita Rios, an organizer of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC), on the current plight of farm workers striking in Ohio against two major tomato producers.

90 Helped16

A request for volunteers made at weekend Masses at the Cornell Catholic Community resulted in more than 90 persons signing up for painting duties at the Reconstruction Home, a facility for the elderly infirm in Ithaca. Not only was a needed paint job getting done, but the volunteers said they were enjoying themselves.

Zahn to Speak15

Gordon Zahn, well known author and pacifist, will address himself to the topic of Pacifism and the Right-to-Life in a public lecture at St. John Fisher College.

A New Pioneer16

Alcohol and tobacco education is now a requisite of schools' health curricula. An educator at Corning Free Academy Middle School has responded to the need by garnering grants to write and pioneer an alcohol and tobacco education program in grades 4 through 6 in the Corning system. Jamie Rattray, the program's designer, hopes to expand the curriculum to the entire school system within the next two years.

Learning Justice17

Pupils at St. Rita's School in Webster recently toured three courtrooms and the County Sheriff Office, learning first hand how the judicial system works. Three judges and two police officers took time out of their schedules to talk to the eighth graders and showed them the different departments connected with the courts and police agencies.

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agency is even taking this on their agenda. It is a moral problem, not a health problem."

George G. Berg of Rochester was the lone supporter of the Planned Parenthood curriculum. He said the problem was that people were defining differently morals and values. He said there were two meanings of moral: one set by religions, and one by society. "Common morality" is the only one that can be taught in public schools, he said. "We can't have a sectarian model" to teach morals, he said.

The board first discussed the substitution suggested by the Northern Subarea Council. It sought to replace the debated sentence with "All materials available to assist in the development of a curriculum dealing with human sexuality and family planning for use in school programs should be examined as a possible model for promotion."

Dr. Robert Berg of Rochester moved that "non-sectarian" be placed before the word "materials," in the statement, and his amendment was approved.

Pablo Rivera, a Monroe County consumer, then moved that the recommendation of the Southern Tier Subarea Council be used instead.

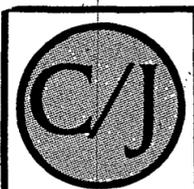
It read: "A variety of curriculum guides should be developed and examined for possible use in the schools. Such curricula should reflect the ethical diversity of the community."

A board member noted that Rivera's motion would force inclusion of sectarian concerns, rather than remove them, and spoke for its defeat. Rivera stated that he favored the motion for that reason.

Rivera's motion was defeated in a voice vote.

Several minutes after discussion moved to other items, John Walsh, a Wayne County consumer, moved that the entire section which included the disputed statement be stricken. After several minutes of parliamentary maneuvering, his motion was defeated.

Therefore the approved HSP includes no mention of a specific plan, stating that "all non-sectarian materials" on human sexuality should be considered.



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Churches Said Divided Over IRS Revision

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — The Internal Revenue Service has proposed revised guidelines governing tax exemption of private and religion-related elementary and secondary schools on the basis of racial non-discrimination.

But while a Roman Catholic official called it "a substantial improvement" over the initial proposal announced in August, a Baptist executive said it fails to "resolve a fundamental First Amendment issue."

The proposed revised Internal Revenue procedure, released here Feb. 9, "after considering public comments" to the initial proposal, "gives greater weight to each school's particular circumstances than did the earlier proposal in determining whether a school is racially discriminatory" in student enrollment, an IRS spokesman said.

"Under the new proposal," he said, "a school formed or substantially expanded at the time of public school desegregation will be classified as 'reviewable' if it has an insignificant minority enrollment and its formation or expansion is related in fact to public school desegregation in the community . . ."

"A school classified as 'reviewable' will be considered racially discriminatory unless it has undertaken actions and programs reasonably designed to attract minority students on a continuing basis."

George Reed, general counsel for the U.S. Catholic Conference, in asserting the proposed revised procedure is "a substantial improvement" over the initial proposal,

said it "demonstrates a degree of flexibility."

"The improvement reflects the input from the field," he said, "and suggests that whenever the Internal Revenue Service contemplates the issuance of a ruling adversely affecting the tax exempt status of a 501 (C) (3) (private, non-profit) organization, it should, as a matter of policy, provide the field with the opportunity for comment."

Task Force

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Wobus of Catholic Family Center.

The Education Committee "will direct its efforts toward those in the professional community who are concerned with human sexuality in services and education. Secondly, it hopes to further implement the existing syllabus for Catholic schools and to develop a program for those not attending Catholic secondary schools," Dacey explained.

The chairman of the group is Dr. Guerinot and includes Father Walter Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fischer, Father

Joseph Jankowiak, the Drs. Lawrence, Sister Anne Michelle McGill, Sister Roberta Tierney, Mrs. Bernadine Trombetta, Sister Nancy Whitley and Mrs. James Williams.

The Long Range Social Policy Committee "will discuss and research matters of significant social-ethical import and make its findings known to those who face moral decisions in these matters. Their initial consideration will have to deal with life sustaining questions, prenatal diagnosis, definition of life and extra-uterine pregnancy," Dacey said.

Persons on the committee, co-chaired by the Lawrences, will be selected in the near future.



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